VII. Resolutions and Petitions

PETITIONS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

1. PETITION FOR EXPANSION OF CLERGY DELEGATE QUALIFICATIONS

PETITION TO THE 2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Discipline Paragraph: ¶35. Article IV.
General Church Budget Implications: None
Global Implications: Yes
Submitted by: Caleb Wheat

Amend ¶35. Article IV to read:

The clergy delegates to the General Conference and to the jurisdictional or central conference shall be elected from and by the clergy members of the annual conference or provisional conference who are deacons and elders in full connection, associate members, and those provisional members who have completed all of their educational requirements and local pastors who have completed course of study or an M. Div. degree and have served a minimum of two consecutive years under appointment immediately preceding the election.

Pursuant to ¶507.2, additional paragraphs would require amendments as described below.

Amend ¶321.2:

Associate members may serve on any board, commission, or committee of an annual conference.

Amend ¶327.3:

Provisional members may serve on any board, commission, or committee of the annual conference except the Board of Ordained Ministry (¶ 635.1).

Rationale:
In discussing the ministry of the ordained, The Book of Discipline acknowledges the role of ordination and “other offices of pastoral leadership,” in the continuation of Christ’s ministry (¶303). It continues to say the ministry of the church is less effective without the use of the diverse gifts of the entire body of Christ. As United Methodists, we celebrate our adherence to these truths by providing the means for persons to answer God’s call to vocational ministry in a variety of ways. Unfortunately, the constitution disenfranchises many of these persons who have faithfully answered God’s call from participating fully in the denomination’s work. As associate members, provisional members, and licensed pastors, these persons are committed to this denomination and should be given the right to contribute to its voice. This amendment provides that right while still acknowledging reasonable restrictions to serving the Annual Conference as a clergy delegate.

ACTION: PETITION WAS NOT APPROVED TO SEND TO GENERALCONFERENCE
2. DEFINITION OF A PART-TIME LOCAL PASTOR

PETITION TO 2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Discipline Paragraph: ¶318.2
General Church Budget Implications: None
Global Implications: Yes
Submitted by: Richard Nollmann

Amend ¶ No. 318.2 Part-Time Local Pastors - Those eligible to be appointed as part-time local pastors are persons (a) who have met the provisions of 315; (b) who do not devote their entire time to the charge to which they are appointed; (c) who, unless they have completed the Course of Study or other approved theological education, shall (i) complete two courses per year in a Course of Study school, or (ii) have made progress in the correspondence curriculum prescribed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, or (iii) be enrolled as a pre-theological or theological student in a college, university, or school of theology approved by the University Senate.

Rationale:
An incorrect understanding of ¶ 318.2 is often used to establish a maximum pay for part-time local pastors. It suffices to say that these pastors “do not devote their entire time to the charge.” This would create an accurate definition without the need for a monetary description.

Full-Time Clergy are protected by Minimum Base Compensations by the Annual Conference. While many congregations impose maximums on Part-Time clergy by an incorrect understanding of ¶ 318.2 of the Discipline. With Part-Time pastors often serving multi-point charges, imposing maximums, whether a correct understanding or not, is not fair to anyone. Part-Time clergy of our denomination are serving growing vital congregations and deserve to be treated fairly and not penalized.

ACTION: PETITION WAS NOT APPROVED TO SEND TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

3. COUNCIL OF BISHOPS ANNUAL VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

PETITON TO 2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Discipline ¶ 401
General Church Budget Implications: None
Global Implications: Yes
Submitted by: Ken Berggren

Content of Petition Text

Then amend ¶ 401 by adding “and requires the approval of the whole church expressed in an annual trial by the Council of Bishops. The trial will consist of a statement from each bishop requesting to hold the office and then a vote of confidence from the council. In years when bishops are elected, these trials shall be conducted after the last Jurisdictional Conference and before new bishops are consecrated. The trial may be conducted electronically through e-mail or other modes of instant communication without the physical presence of all bishops. A three-fourths majority of active bishops on the council will be required to retain the office of bishop. The vote may be immediately appealed verbally or in writing by email or other mode
of instant communication by the bishop in question. After the statement of appeal is considered by the active bishops, a second vote of confidence with the same requirements is final.” after “the system of an itinerant ministry”

Amend ¶ 401. Task—The task of superintending in The United Methodist Church resides in the office of bishop and extends to the district superintendent, with each possessing distinct and collegial responsibilities. The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (see Part IV, Section I). From apostolic times, certain ordained persons have been entrusted with the particular tasks of superintending. The purpose of superintending is to equip the Church in its disciple making ministry. Those who superintend carry primary responsibility for ordering the life of the Church. It is their task to enable the gathered Church to worship and to evangelize faithfully. It is also their task to facilitate the initiation of structures and strategies for the equipping of Christian people for service in the Church and in the world in the name of Jesus Christ and to help extend the service in mission. It is their task, as well, to see that all matters, temporal and spiritual, are administered in a manner that acknowledges the ways and the insights of the world critically and with understanding while remaining cognizant of and faithful to the mandate of the Church. The formal leadership in The United Methodist Church, located in these superintending offices, is an integral part of the system of an itinerant ministry and requires the approval of the whole church expressed in an annual trial by the Council of Bishops. The trial will consist of a request from each bishop to hold the office and then a vote of confidence from the council. In years when bishops are elected, these trials shall be conducted after the last Jurisdictional Conference and before new bishops are consecrated. The trial may be conducted electronically through e-mail or other modes of instant communication without the physical presence of all bishops. A three-fourths majority of active bishops on the council will be required to retain the office of bishop. The vote may be immediately appealed verbally or in writing by email or other mode of instant communication by the bishop in question. After the statement of appeal is considered by the active bishops, a second vote of confidence with the same requirements is final.

Rationale:
Article VI ¶ 50 allows the General Conference to establish accountability methods for bishops. This change adds to the qualifications of a bishop, the support of the whole church expressed by their colleagues. If a bishop loses support of a significant portion of the church, removal is warranted.

ACTION: PETITION WAS NOT APPROVED TO SEND TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

4. GENERAL CONFERENCE ADOPTS ADMINISTRATIVE POWER

PETITION TO 2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE

 Discipline ¶ 501
General Church Budget Implications: Yes
Global Implications: Yes
Submitted by: Ken Berggren

Content of Petition Text

Amend ¶ 501; remove “or” after “no executive power” and replace with “but some” Then add “When the General Conference brings a complaint against a bishop, Jurisdiction, Annual Conference or other United Methodist entity, it will also specify a venue for seeking a just resolution by trial or other process in a neutral annual conference within the Central Conferences. The expense of the process shall be borne by the General Conference, though the process expense should be reduced by using instant communications like video conferencing.” after “administrative power.”
Amend ¶ 501. Definition of Powers—The General Conference has full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional (see ¶ 16, Division Two, Section II, Article IV, The Constitution). It has no executive but some administrative power. When the General Conference brings a complaint against a bishop, Jurisdiction, Annual Conference or other United Methodist entity, it will also specify a venue for seeking a just resolution by trial or other process in a neutral annual conference within the Central Conferences. The expense of the process shall be borne by the General Conference, though the process expense may be reduced by using instant communications like video conferencing.

Rationale:
This allows the General Conference to hold accountable those UM entities that express defiance to the Discipline. Since we cannot get along in the United States, then it is time to seek the help of wiser brothers and sisters in the Central Conferences which are vibrant.

ACTION: PETITION WAS NOT APPROVED TO SEND TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

5. JURISDICTION TO CENTRAL CONFERENCE PARTNERSHIPS

PETITION TO 2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Discipline ¶ 49

General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: Yes

Submitted by: Ken Berggren

Content of Petition Text
Amend ¶ 49; add new sub-paragraph after “Article V.--”; The Jurisdictions and Central Conferences shall form partnerships each quadrennium. These partnerships rotate according to a schedule: 2020) West-Congo, North Central-Germany, Northeast-West Africa, Southeast-Philippines, South Central-Central and South Europe, Africa-North Europe and Eurasia 2024) West-North Europe and Eurasia, North Central-Congo, Northeast-Germany, Southeast-West Africa, South Central-Philippines, Central and South Europe-Africa 2028) West-Africa, North Central-North Europe and Eurasia, Northeast-Congo, Southeast-Germany, South Central-West Africa, Philippines-Central and South Europe 2032) West-Central and South Europe, North Central-Africa, Northeast-North Europe and Eurasia, Southeast-Congo, South Central-Germany, West Africa-Philippines 2036) West-Philippines, North Central-Central and South Europe, Northeast-Africa, Southeast-North Europe and Eurasia, South Central-Congo, Germany-West Africa 2040) West-West Africa, North Central-Philippines, Northeast-Central and South Europe, Southeast-Africa, South Central-North Europe and Eurasia, Congo-Germany 2044) West-Germany, North Central-West Africa, Northeast-Philippines, Southeast-Central and South Europe, South Central-Africa, North Europe and Eurasia-Congo Bishops elected in a Jurisdictional Conference shall be sent to their Central Conference partner and bishops elected in the Central Conference shall be sent to their Jurisdictional partner unless they are not aligned with a Jurisdiction that quadrennium. Central Conferences without a Jurisdictional partner may partner with the other non-aligned Conference, or they may elect their own bishops. The Jurisdictional Conferences shall meet at the same time as their partnered Central Conference maintaining connections through emails and other forms of instant communication such as video conferencing through the internet. The Jurisdiction will carry the burden of the cost of these electronic connections.

Then add “or to which they are sent” after “...in which they are elected”
then add “or received” after “…jurisdiction that elected”
then add “or received” after “…in another jurisdiction than that which elected”
Amend ¶ 49. Article V.—The Jurisdictions and Central Conferences shall form partnerships each quadrennium. These partnerships rotate according to a schedule:

2020) West-Congo, North Central-Germany, Northeast-West Africa, Southeast-Philippines, South Central-Central and South Europe, Africa-North Europe and Eurasia 2024) West-North Europe and Eurasia, North Central-Congo, Northeast-Germany, Southeast-West Africa, South Central-Philippines, Central and South Europe-Africa 2028) West-Africa, North Central-North Europe and Eurasia, Northeast-Congo, Southeast-Germany, South Central-West Africa, Philippines-Central and South Europe 2032) West-Central and South Europe, North Central-Africa, Northeast-North Europe and Eurasia, Southeast-Congo, South Central-Germany, West Africa-Philippines 2036) West-Philippines, North Central-Central and South Europe, Northeast-Africa, Southeast-North Europe and Eurasia, South Central-Congo, Germany-West Africa 2040) West-West Africa, North Central-Philippines, Northeast-Central and South Europe, Southeast-Africa, Central-North Europe and Eurasia, Congo-Germany 2044) West-Germany, North Central-West Africa, Northeast-Philippines, Southeast-Central and South Europe, South Central-Africa, North Europe and Eurasia-Congo Bishops elected in a Jurisdictional Conference shall be sent to their Central Conference partner and bishops elected in the Central Conference will be sent to their Jurisdictional partner unless they are not partnered with a Jurisdiction. Central Conferences without a Jurisdictional partner may partner with the other non-aligned Conference, or they may elect their own bishops.

The Jurisdictional Conferences shall meet at the same time as their partnered Central Conference maintaining connections through emails and other forms of instant communication such as video conferencing through the internet. The Jurisdiction will carry the burden of the cost of these electronic connections.

The bishops shall have residential and presidential supervision in the jurisdictional or central conferences in which they are elected or to which they are sent or to which they are transferred. Bishops may be transferred from one jurisdiction to another jurisdiction for presidential and residential supervision under the following conditions: (1) The transfer of bishops may be on either of two bases: (a) a jurisdiction that receives a bishop by transfer from another jurisdiction may transfer to that jurisdiction or to a third jurisdiction one of its own bishops eligible for transfer, so that the number transferred in by each jurisdiction shall be balanced by the number transferred out; or (b) a jurisdiction may receive a bishop from another jurisdiction and not transfer out a member of its own College of Bishops. (2) No bishop shall be transferred unless that bishop shall have specifically consented. (3) No bishop shall be eligible for transfer unless the bishop shall have served one quadrennium in the jurisdiction that elected or received the bishop to the episcopacy. (4) All such transfers shall require the approval by a majority vote of the members present and voting of the jurisdictional committees on episcopacy of the jurisdictions that are involved. After the above procedures have been followed, the transferring bishop shall become a member of the receiving College of Bishops and shall be subject to residential assignment by that jurisdictional conference.

A bishop may be assigned by the Council of Bishops for presidential service or other temporary service in another jurisdiction than that which elected or received the bishop, provided that the request is made by a majority of the bishops in the jurisdiction of the proposed service.

In the case of an emergency in any jurisdiction or central conference through the death or disability of a bishop or other cause, the Council of Bishops may assign a bishop from another jurisdiction or central conference to the work of the said jurisdiction or central conference, with the consent of a majority of the bishops of that jurisdiction or central conference.
Rationale:
Partnerships strengthen connections within the global church. Bishops would be missionaries, apostles, cross-cultural ministers. A process similar to COWF would result as conservatives learn to deal with progressive leadership and progressives engage thoughtful, passionate traditionalists. We say unity is valuable. These partnerships prove we mean it.

ACTION: PETITION WAS NOT APPROVED TO SEND TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

6. ADD NICENE CREED TO DOCTRINAL STANDARDS

PETITION TO THE 2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Discipline No. 3

General Church Budget Implications: None
Global Implications: Yes
Submitted by: Teddy Ray and Charlie Shoemaker

Amend ¶3 accordingly:
¶ 3. Article III. —Articles of Religion, and the Confession of Faith, and the Nicene Creed—The Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith of The United Methodist Church are those held by The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church, respectively, at the time of their uniting.3 The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed that is part of the Church’s doctrinal standards is the version that is printed under the heading, “The Nicene Creed,” in the 1989 edition of The United Methodist Hymnal.

Rationale:
The Doctrinal Standards affirm the Nicene Creed. Including the creed further strengthens ecumenical conversation, giving a theological framework for dialogue and discernment within United Methodism. Also, it professes our theological connection and heritage with the greater Church of Jesus Christ.

ACTION: PETITION WAS APPROVED TO SEND TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

7. ADD NICENE CREED TO DOCTRINAL STANDARDS

PETITION TO THE 2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Discipline No. 17

General Church Budget Implications: None
Global Implications: Yes
Submitted by: Teddy Ray and Charlie Shoemaker

Amend ¶17 accordingly:
¶ 17. Article I. —The General Conference shall not revoke, alter, or change our Articles of Religion or establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine, except to affirm the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, as printed under the heading, “The Nicene Creed,” in the 1989 edition of The United Methodist Hymnal, as a part of our doctrinal standards.40
Rationale:
The Doctrinal Standards affirm the Nicene Creed. Including the creed further strengthens ecumenical conversation, giving a theological framework for dialogue and discernment within United Methodism. Also, it professes our theological connection and heritage with the greater Church of Jesus Christ.

ACTION: PETITION WAS APPROVED TO SEND TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

8. ADD NICENE CREED TO DOCTRINAL STANDARDS

PETITION TO THE 2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Discipline ¶ 104
General Church Budget Implications: None
Global Implications: Yes
Submitted by: Teddy Ray and Charlie Shoemaker

In order to implement the Constitutional amendments in similarly titled petitions, amend ¶104 accordingly:

¶ 104. SECTION 3—OUR DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND GENERAL RULES
THE ARTICLES OF RELIGION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH3
. . .
THE CONFESSION OF FAITH OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH6
. . .
THE STANDARD SERMONS OF WESLEY
. . .
THE EXPLANATORY NOTES UPON THE NEW TESTAMENT
. . .
THE GENERAL RULES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH7
. . .
THE NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son*, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen
Rationale:
Implementing legislation for amendments to ¶¶ 3 and 17. The Doctrinal Standards affirm the Nicene Creed. Including the creed further strengthens ecumenical conversation, giving a theological framework for dialogue and discernment within United Methodism. Also, it professes our theological connection and heritage with the greater Church of Jesus Christ.

ACTION: PETITION WAS APPROVED TO SEND TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

PETITION TO KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE*
SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF GODDARD AND SHILOH UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

Whereas: Most of the present language in the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, calling the self-anowled practice of homosexuality is incompatible to Christian teaching, begin in the Kentucky Annual Conference, and

Whereas: The prohibition of this practice is supported by the Holy Scriptures, and the Wesleyan teaching of holiness both spiritually and socially, and

Whereas: The Commission on a Way Forward formed by the Council of Bishops set forth three sketches to be presented to the Council of Bishops, and

Whereas: The Council of Bishops having met to consider the report of the Commission on a Way Forward voted to recommend The One Church Plan to the Special Session of the General Conference in February 2019, but will also present the Traditionalist Plan and the Connectional Plan, and

Whereas: The Gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to love persons with unconditional love that leads to repentance of our sins and receive God’s grace and forgiveness due to the transforming power of God, and not offer “cheap grace”, as described by Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book, The Cost of Discipleship, and

Whereas: The Traditionalist Plan fulfills the calling in the United Methodist Church to that message of holiness, and hope for a lost world, and

Whereas: The members of Goddard and Shiloh United Methodist Churches in Fleming County KY strongly support the Traditionalist Plan

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved:
That the Kentucky Annual Conference instruct the Kentucky Delegation to the Special Called Session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church to vote for the Traditionalist Plan.

ACTION: THIS PETITION WAS NOT APPROVED

*This petition was considered at Annual Conference 2018 and should have been included in the 2018 Journal of the Kentucky Annual Conference.
RESOLUTION TO BE A CHURCH OF OPEN MINDS, OPEN HEARTS AND OPEN DOORS
KENTUCKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Whereas the Kentucky Annual Conference is a diverse conference made up of United Methodist Christians who love Jesus Christ and want to reach out and serve others in his name who celebrate the diversity with which God has created us, and we also recognize there are some basic guiding principles by which we all want to minister. For example, we long to be passionate followers of Jesus Christ, committed to a Wesleyan vision of Christianity, anchored in scripture and informed by tradition, experience and reason as we live a life of personal piety and social holiness.

And, whereas in our baptismal covenants we committed to resist evil, injustice and oppression in all forms and toward all people and to build a church which affirms the participation, loves and reaches out to persons of all ages, nations, races, classes, cultures, gender identities, sexual orientations, and abilities.

Therefore, be it resolved that we the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church affirm that all persons are persons of sacred worth, created in the image of God. All persons need the ministry of the Church in their struggle for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship that enables reconciling relationships with God, with others and with self. We affirm that Grace is available to all.

And be it resolved that we will seek to live together in Christian community, welcoming, forgiving and loving one another as Christ has loved us and accepted us. We will implore families and churches not to reject or condemn lesbian or gay members and friends. We will seek intentional ways to welcome and include LGBTQ persons into the life of our church. We commit ourselves to be in ministry with and for all persons.

And, be it further resolved that, we will continue to live faithfully under the Book of Discipline.

ACTION: THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED AS AMEMENDED

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSURE

1. SUGAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT*

Resolution for Closure
Property Address: Allen Creek Road at Hwy. 3140, Burkesville, KY

WHEREAS, the Sugar Grove United Methodist Church (Sugar Grove UMC) of Cumberland County, Kentucky, in the South Central District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, there are no longer active members of Sugar Grove UMC

WHEREAS, the District Building and Locations Committee consents to the closure; and

WHEREAS, the South Central, Todd B. Love, District Superintendent, recommends the closure of Sugar Grove UMC.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED this 17th day of January, 2018:
1. Exigency circumstances exist that require the immediate protection of the local church’s property for the benefit of the denomination in that Sugar Grove UMC no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized.

2. Title for all real and personal property, tangible and intangible, currently held in trust by Sugar Grove UMC is vested in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. (“Kentucky Annual Conference”); pursuant to the provisions of (paragraph) 2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016 Edition.

3. The Kentucky Annual Conference’s Board of Trustees may hold or dispose of the property in its sole discretion, or as directed herein by the distributed pursuant to (paragraph) 2549 and Standing Rule 21.

4. The Bishop and District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference concur with the recommendation to close Sugar Grove UMC of the South Central district as indicated by their signatures below.

5. Any remaining members of the Sugar Grove UMC may select to transfer their membership to the United Methodist church of their choice, pursuant to Paragraph 229 of the Discipline.

Leonard Fairley, Resident Bishop
Paul Fryman, Bluegrass District
Gary Gibson, Heartland District
Terry Reffett, Kentucky East District
James Williams, Lexington District

Susan Jinnett- Sack, NKY District
Mark Gibbons, Owensboro District
William Moore, Pennyrile District
Todd Love, South Central District
Karen Stigall, South East District

*This was included in the Business of the Annual Conference in 2018 but omitted from the Resolution chapter

2. SHILOH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PENNYRILE DISTRICT*

Resolution for Closure
Property Address: Highway 68 West, Hopkinsville KY 42240
WHEREAS, the Shiloh United Methodist Church (Shiloh UMC) of Christian County, Kentucky, in the Pennyrile District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and
WHEREAS, the District Building and Locations Committee consents to the closure; and
WHEREAS, William H. Moore, Jr., District Superintendent, Pennyrile UMC recommends the closure of Shiloh UMC.
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED this twelfth day of December, 2017:

1. Exigency circumstances exist that require the immediate protection of the local church’s property for the benefit of the denomination in that Shiloh UMC no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized.

2. Title for all real and personal property, tangible and intangible, currently held in trust by Shiloh UMC is vested in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. (“Kentucky Annual Conference”); pursuant to the provisions of (paragraph) 2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016 Edition.

3. The Kentucky Annual Conference’s Board of Trustees may hold or dispose of the property in its sole discretion, or as directed herein by the distributed pursuant to (paragraph) 2549 and Standing Rule 21.

4. The Bishop and District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference concur with the recommendation to close Shiloh UMC of the Pennyrile district as indicated by their signatures below.

5. Any remaining members of the Shiloh UMC may select to transfer their membership to the United Methodist church of their choice, pursuant to Paragraph 229 of the Discipline.
Leonard Fairley, Resident Bishop  Susan Jinnett-Sack, NKY District
Paul Fryman, Bluegrass District  Mark Gibbons, Owensboro District
Gary Gibson, Heartland District  William Moore, Pennyrile District
Terry Reffett, Kentucky East District  Todd Love, South Central District
James Williams, Lexington District  Karen Stigall, South East District

*This was included in the Business of the Annual Conference in 2018 but omitted from the Resolution chapter

3. STONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, KENTUCKY EAST DISTRICT

Resolution for Closure
Property Address: 95 Trout Lane, Stone, KY 41567
WHEREAS, the Stone United Methodist Church (Stone UMC) of Pike County, Kentucky, in the Kentucky East District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and
WHEREAS, there are no longer active members of Stone UMC
WHEREAS, the District Building and Locations Committee consents to the closure; and
WHEREAS, the District Superintendent, Brad Smart, recommends the closure of Stone UMC.
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED this 14th day of August, 2018:
1. Exigency circumstances exist that require the immediate protection of the local church’s property for the benefit of the denomination in that Stone UMC no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized
2. Title for all real and personal property, tangible and intangible, currently held in trust by Stone UMC is vested in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. (“Kentucky Annual Conference”); pursuant to the provisions of (paragraph)2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016 Edition;
3. The Kentucky Annual Conference’s Board of Trustees may hold or dispose of the property in its sole discretion, or as directed herein by the distributed pursuant to (paragraph) 2549 and Standing Rule 21.
4. The Bishop and District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference concur with the recommendation to close Stone UMC of the Kentucky East district as indicated by their signatures below.
5. Any remaining members of the Stone UMC may select to transfer their membership to the United Methodist church of their choice, pursuant to Paragraph 229 of the Discipline.

Leonard Fairley, Resident Bishop  Susan Jinnett-Sack, NKY District
Mark Gibbons, Bluegrass District  Dan Huck, Owensboro District
Gary Gibson, Heartland District  William Moore, Pennyrile District
Brad Smart, Kentucky East District  Mark Dickinson, South Central District
Iosmar Alvarez, Lexington District  Karen Stigall, South East District

4. TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PENNYRILE DISTRICT

Resolution for Closure
Property Address: 1032 West Main Street, Princeton, KY 42445
WHEREAS, the Trinity United Methodist Church (Trinity UMC) of Princeton Kentucky, in the Pennyrile District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and
WHEREAS, there are no longer active members of Trinity UMC
WHEREAS, the District Building and Locations Committee consents to the closure; and
WHEREAS, the District Superintendent, William Moore, recommends the closure of Trinity UMC.
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED this 20th day of September, 2018:

1. Exigency circumstances exist that require the immediate protection of the local church’s property for the benefit of the denomination in that Trinity UMC no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized.

2. Title for all real and personal property, tangible and intangible, currently held in trust by Trinity UMC is vested in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. (“Kentucky Annual Conference”); pursuant to the provisions of (paragraph) 2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016 Edition.

3. The Kentucky Annual Conference’s Board of Trustees may hold or dispose of the property in its sole discretion, or as directed herein by the distributed pursuant to (paragraph) 2549, Standing Rule 21.

4. The Bishop and District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference concur with the recommendation to close Trinity UMC of the Pennyrile district as indicated by their signatures below.

5. Any remaining members of the Trinity UMC may select to transfer their membership to the United Methodist church of their choice, pursuant to Paragraph 229 of the Discipline.

Leonard Fairley, Resident Bishop
Susan Jinnett-Sack, NKY District
Mark Gibbons, Bluegrass District
Dan Huck, Owensboro District
Gary Gibson, Heartland District
William Moore, Pennyrile District
Brad Smart, Kentucky East District
Mark Dickinson, South Central District
Iosmar Alvarez, Lexington District
Karen Stigall, South East District

5. VAUGHNS GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PENNYRILE DISTRICT

Resolution for Closure
Property Address 9012 Butler Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240
WHEREAS, the Vaughns Grove United Methodist Church (Vaughns Grove UMC) of Hopkinsville County, Kentucky, in the Pennyrile District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and
WHEREAS, the District Building and Locations Committee consents to the closure; and
WHEREAS, the District Superintendent, William Moore recommends the closure of Vaughns Grove UMC.
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED this 20th day of September, 2018:

1. Exigency circumstances exist that require the immediate protection of the local church’s property for the benefit of the denomination in that Vaughns Grove UMC no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized.

2. Title for all real and personal property, tangible and intangible, currently held in trust by Vaughns Grove UMC is vested in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. (“Kentucky Annual Conference”); pursuant to the provisions of (paragraph) 2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016 Edition.

3. The Kentucky Annual Conference’s Board of Trustees may hold or dispose of the property in its sole discretion, or as directed herein by the distributed pursuant to (paragraph) 2549, Standing Rule 21.

4. The Bishop and District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference concur with the recommendation to close Vaughns Grove UMC of the Pennyrile district as indicated by their signatures below.

5. Any remaining members of the Vaughns Grove UMC may select to transfer their membership to the United Methodist church of their choice, pursuant to Paragraph 229 of the Discipline.
6. CENTERPOST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH EAST DISTRICT

Resolution for Closure
Property Address: 469 Highway 3264, Science Hill, KY 42553
WHEREAS, the Centerpost United Methodist Church (Centerpost UMC) of Pulaski County, Kentucky, in the South East District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and
WHEREAS, the remaining members have voted to close Centerpost UMC at a (church) (Charge) Conference held on November 25, 2018, and
WHEREAS, the District Building and Locations Committee consents to the closure; and
WHEREAS, the South East District Superintendent, Karen Stigall, recommends the closure of Centerpost UMC.
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED this 2nd day of December, 2018:
1. Exigency circumstances exist that require the immediate protection of the local church’s property for the benefit of the denomination in that Centerpost UMC no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized.
2. Title for all real and personal property, tangible and intangible, currently held in trust by Centerpost UMC is vested in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. (“Kentucky Annual Conference”); pursuant to the provisions of (paragraph)2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016 Edition;
3. The Kentucky Annual Conference’s Board of Trustees may hold or dispose of the property in its sole discretion, or as directed herein by the distributed pursuant to (paragraph) 2549 and Standing Rule 21.
4. The Bishop and District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference concur with the recommendation to close Centerpost UMC of the South East district as indicated by their signatures below.
5. Any remaining members of Centerpost UMC may select to transfer their membership to the United Methodist church of their choice, pursuant to Paragraph 229 of the Discipline.

Leonard Fairley, Resident Bishop   Susan Jinnett-Sack, NKY District
Mark Gibbons, Bluegrass District   Dan Huck, Owensboro District
Gary Gibson, Heartland District   William Moore, Pennyrile District
Brad Smart, Kentucky East District  Mark Dickinson, South Central District
Iosmar Alvarez, Lexington District  Karen Stigall, South East District

7. ST. LUKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, HEARTLAND DISTRICT

Resolution for Closure
Property Address: 1490 Belmar Drive, Louisville, KY 40213
WHEREAS, the St. Luke United Methodist Church (St. Luke UMC) of Jefferson County, Kentucky, in the Heartland District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and
WHEREAS, the remaining members have voted to close St. Luke UMC at a (church) (Charge) Conference held on December 13, 2018, and
WHEREAS, the District Building and Locations Committee consents to the closure; and
WHEREAS, the Heartland District Superintendent, Gary Gibson, recommends the closure of ST. Luke UMC.
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED this 8th day of January, 2019:

1. Exigency circumstances exist that require the immediate protection of the local church’s property for the benefit of the denomination in that St. Luke UMC no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized.

2. Title for all real and personal property, tangible and intangible, currently held in trust by St. Luke UMC is vested in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. (“Kentucky Annual Conference”); pursuant to the provisions of (paragraph) 2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016 Edition;

3. The Kentucky Annual Conference’s Board of Trustees may hold or dispose of the property in its sole discretion, or as directed herein by the distributed pursuant to (paragraph) 2549 and Standing Rule 21.

4. The Bishop and District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference concur with the recommendation to close St. Luke UMC of the Heartland district as indicated by their signatures below.

5. Any remaining members of the St. Luke UMC may select to transfer their membership to the United Methodist church of their choice, pursuant to Paragraph 229 of the Discipline.

Leonard Fairley, Resident Bishop
Susan Jinnett-Sack, NKY District
Mark Gibbons, Bluegrass District
Dan Huck, Owensboro District
Gary Gibson, Heartland District
William Moore, Pennyrile District
Brad Smart, Kentucky East District
Mark Dickinson, South Central District
Iosmar Alvarez, Lexington District
Karen Stigall, South East District

8. SAVAGE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, KENTUCKY EAST DISTRICT

Resolution for Closure

Property Address: 3 Horseshoe Road, Fallsburg, KY 41230

WHEREAS, the Savage Memorial United Methodist Church (Savage Memorial UMC) of Lawrence County, Kentucky, in the Kentucky East District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, there are no longer active members of Savage Memorial UMC

WHEREAS, the District Building and Locations Committee consents to the closure; and

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent, Brad Smart, recommends the closure of Savage Memorial UMC.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED this 4th day of March, 2019:

1. Exigency circumstances exist that require the immediate protection of the local church’s property for the benefit of the denomination in that Savage Memorial UMC no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized.

2. Title for all real and personal property, tangible and intangible, currently held in trust by Savage Memorial UMC is vested in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. (“Kentucky Annual Conference”); pursuant to the provisions of (paragraph) 2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016 Edition;

3. The Kentucky Annual Conference’s Board of Trustees may hold or dispose of the property in its sole discretion, or as directed herein by the distributed pursuant to (paragraph) 2549 and Standing Rule 21.

4. The Bishop and District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference concur with the recommendation to close Savage Memorial UMC of the Kentucky East district as indicated by their signatures below.

5. Any remaining members of the Savage Memorial UMC may select to transfer their membership to the United Methodist church of their choice, pursuant to Paragraph 229 of the Discipline.
9. DUNDEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, OWENSBORO DISTRICT

Resolution for Closure
Property Address: 11503 Route 69 North, Dundee, KY 42338
WHEREAS, the Dundee United Methodist Church (Dundee UMC) of Ohio County, Kentucky, in the Owensboro District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and
WHEREAS, the remaining members have voted to close Dundee UMC at a (church) (Charge) Conference held on February 5, 2019, and
WHEREAS, the District Building and Locations Committee consents to the closure; and
WHEREAS, the Owensboro District Superintendent, recommends the closure of Dundee UMC.
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED this 4th day of March, 2019:

1. Exigency circumstances exist that require the immediate protection of the local church’s property for the benefit of the denomination in that Dundee UMC no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized

2. Title for all real and personal property, tangible and intangible, currently held in trust by Dundee UMC is vested in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. (“Kentucky Annual Conference”); pursuant to the provisions of (paragraph)2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016 Edition;

3. The Kentucky Annual Conference’s Board of Trustees may hold or dispose of the property in its sole discretion, or as directed herein by the distributed pursuant to (paragraph) 2549 and Standing Rule 21.

4. The Bishop and District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference concur with the recommendation to close Dundee UMC of the Owensboro district as indicated by their signatures below.

5. Any remaining members of the Dundee UMC may select to transfer their membership to the United Methodist church of their choice, pursuant to Paragraph 229 of the Discipline.

Leonard Fairley, Resident Bishop   Susan Jinnett-Sack, NKY District
Mark Gibbons, Bluegrass District   Dan Huck, Owensboro District
Gary Gibson, Heartland District   William Moore, Pennyrile District
Brad Smart, Kentucky East District   Mark Dickinson, South Central District
Iosmar Alvarez, Lexington District   Karen Stigall, South East District

10. MT. PLEASANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, NORTHERN DISTRICT

Resolution for Closure
Property Address: Mt. Pleasant Road, Bedford, Kentucky
WHEREAS, the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church (Mt. Pleasant UMC) of Trimble County, Kentucky, in the Northern Kentucky District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; and
WHEREAS, there are no longer active members of Mt. Pleasant UMC
WHEREAS, the District Building and Locations Committee consents to the closure; and
WHEREAS, the Northern Kentucky District Superintendent, Susan Jinnett Sack, recommends the closure of Mt. Pleasant UMC.
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED this 2nd day of June, 2019:
1. Exigency circumstances exist that require the immediate protection of the local church’s property for the benefit of the denomination in that Mt. Pleasant UMC no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized.

2. Title for all real and personal property, tangible and intangible, currently held in trust by Mt. Pleasant UMC is vested in the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Inc. ("Kentucky Annual Conference"); pursuant to the provisions of (paragraph)2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016 Edition;

3. The Kentucky Annual Conference’s Board of Trustees may hold or dispose of the property in its sole discretion, or as directed herein by the distributed pursuant to (paragraph) 2549 and Standing Rule 21.

4. The Bishop and District Superintendents of the Kentucky Annual Conference concur with the recommendation to close Mt. Pleasant UMC of the Northern KY district as indicated by their signatures below.

5. Any remaining members of the Mt. Pleasant UMC may select to transfer their membership to the United Methodist church of their choice, pursuant to Paragraph 229 of the Discipline.

Leonard Fairley, Resident Bishop
Mark Gibbons, Bluegrass District
Gary Gibson, Heartland District
Brad Smart, Kentucky East District
Iosmar Alvarez, Lexington District

Susan Jinnett-Sack, NKY District
Dan Huck, Owensboro District
William Moore, Pennyrile District
Mark Dickinson, South Central District
Karen Stigall, South East District

Resolution for Merger

Whereas Resurrection UMC (RUMC) located at 16320 Eastwood Cut Off, Louisville, KY 40245, has struggled to maintain adequate financial support for a full-time pastor,

Whereas the Eastwood community is a growing vibrant area of Jefferson County with many opportunities for ministry,

Whereas Middletown UMC (MUMC) located at 11902 Old Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40243, is able and willing to be involved in ministry at RUMC,

Whereas MUMC can provide staff resources for continued worship and creation of ministries in the Eastwood Community,

Let it be resolved that RUMC will merge with MUMC under the name of Middletown United Methodist Church.

Also, let it be resolved that RUMC’s property will become a second campus for MUMC for as long as it is viable.

Also, let it resolved that the effective date of merger will be July 1, 2019.

Leonard Fairley, Resident Bishop
Mark Gibbons, Bluegrass District
Gary Gibson, Heartland District
Brad Smart, Kentucky East District
Iosmar Alvarez, Lexington District

Susan Jinnett-Sack, NKY District
Dan Huck, Owensboro District
William Moore, Pennyrile District
Mark Dickinson, South Central District
Karen Stigall, South East District