

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY
OF THE DISCONTINUED SPRING BRANCH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Marion County, South Carolina
Marion District, South Carolina Conference**

Whereas, In 2003, the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, a religious nonprofit corporation ("South Carolina Conference"), acting as the annual conference of South Carolina and functioning pursuant to *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (2000 ed.) (the "*Discipline*"), adopted a resolution (the "Resolution") discontinuing Spring Branch United Methodist Church ("Spring Branch UMC") of the Marion District, located in Marion County, South Carolina, as a local church; and

Whereas, Spring Branch UMC was discontinued under the *Discipline* because it no longer served the purpose for which it was organized (paragraph 2548.2, the *Discipline*); and

Whereas, The Resolution discontinued Spring Branch UMC but made no express direction concerning the disposition of the property of the discontinued church (the "Property") but evinced an intention to transfer the Property of Spring Branch UMC to Tranquil United Methodist Church ("Tranquil UMC") of the Marion District; and

Whereas, The Board of Trustees of Tranquil UMC cared for the Property but declined to accept the conveyance and transfer of the Property in 2006; and

Whereas, The *Discipline* directs that the property of a discontinued local church be treated as abandoned church property under the *Discipline* when a resolution discontinuing a local church makes no direction for the disposition of the property (paragraph 2548.2(b), the *Discipline*); and

Whereas, Under the *Discipline*, the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Conference (the "Conference Board") may assume control of the Property (paragraph 2548.3, the *Discipline*); and

Whereas, The Conference Board assumed control of the Property; and

Whereas, the Conference Board recommends that the Property be sold or transferred; and

Whereas, The sale or other transfer of the Property is deemed to be in the best interest of the South Carolina Conference; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the South Carolina Conference approves and authorizes the Conference Board to sell or otherwise dispose of the Property; and be it further

Resolved, That the South Carolina Conference hereby authorizes any two officers of the Conference Board, or any other two members of the Conference Board, to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the sale or other disposition of the Property; and be it further

Resolved, That the South Carolina Conference and the Conference Board shall be reimbursed for any expenses associated with the disposition of the Property from any funds received from the sale of the Property; and be it further

Resolved, That the Conference Board shall make recommendations to the Annual Conference about the use of any remaining funds from the sale of the Property.