

**A RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE  
BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Anderson County (Williamston), South Carolina  
Anderson District, South Carolina Conference**

Whereas, Bethel United Methodist Church ("Bethel UMC"), located in Anderson County, South Carolina, at or near the Town of Williamston, currently has approximately five active members, and the Church Conference has voted to discontinue the church; and

Whereas, The Reverend Dr. Robert E. Stillwell, District Superintendent of the Anderson District, South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church ("South Carolina Conference"), has recommended that Bethel UMC be discontinued; and

Whereas, The Church Council of New Golden Grove United Methodist Church, Piedmont, South Carolina, has agreed to minister to the members of Bethel UMC; and

Whereas, The Anderson District Board of Church Location and Building has consented to the discontinuance of Bethel UMC; and

Whereas, The Presiding Bishop of the South Carolina Conference and a majority of the District Superintendents thereof have consented to the discontinuance of Bethel UMC; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the South Carolina Conference does hereby discontinue Bethel UMC pursuant to paragraph 2548.2, *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (2008)*; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the South Carolina Conference expresses thanksgiving to God for the Christian ministry rendered across the years by the members and pastors of Bethel UMC; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the membership of Bethel UMC shall be transferred to New Golden Grove UMC in Piedmont, South Carolina; and be it further

*Resolved*, That all funds of Bethel UMC remaining after the payment of any outstanding expenses or expenses associated with the discontinuance of the church be transferred to New Golden Grove UMC; and be it further

*Resolved*, That all of the remaining real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Bethel UMC shall be conveyed and transferred to New Golden Grove UMC; and be it further

*Resolved*, That, as part of the winding up of the affairs of the discontinued local church, any two officers of the Board of Trustees of Bethel UMC are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the conveyance and transfer of the aforementioned funds to New Golden Grove UMC and the remaining real and personal property of Bethel UMC to New Golden Grove UMC; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the District Superintendent of the Anderson District shall oversee the transfer of membership; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the District Superintendent of the Anderson District shall ensure that all deeds, records, and other official and legal papers, including the contents of the cornerstone of the discontinued church are collected and deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History of the South Carolina Conference.