

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE (AD INTERIM) CLOSURE OF
MOORE'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Lickville Road, Pelzer, SC 29669
ANDERSON DISTRICT
GCFA # 958762**

Whereas Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church located in the Anderson District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized. Worship has not happened at the site for at least five years, remaining members have worshipped with other churches during that time, the church is unable to pay the pastor, and the church has not maintained insurance for several years. The District Superintendent certifies that the procedures as set forth in Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (2016) have been complied with.

Whereas there are exigent circumstances present to support the (ad interim) closure of this church pursuant to section 2549 (3)(b) of *The Book of Discipline*. These include the need to preserve and protect the building and to preserve the limited and existing funds of the church. The church does not have the means to maintain or insure this property and services are no longer being held at this location.

All property of Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and the District Superintendent of the Anderson District and/or any two members of the Conference Board of Trustees are authorized to execute any documents to include any deeds or other legal documents to effectuate this transfer.

Resolved, pursuant to the authority granted to authorize (ad interim) closure of a church under section 2549 (3)(b) of *The Book of Discipline*, the majority of the District Superintendents agree and consent to the closure of this property.

Adopted and approved this 19th day of January 2024.

Rev. Fran Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet of the South Carolina
Conference of the United Methodist Church

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.
Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Resident Bishop
South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE AD INTERIM CLOSURE OF
CLAFLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
927 Claflin Road, Branchville, SC 29432
ORANGEBURG DISTRICT
GCFA #956318**

Whereas Claflin United Methodist Church located in the Orangeburg District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; the local church is no longer financially sustainable by its members, is no longer in a position to foresee such long-term sustainability as well as the ability to be active in the life of the community, declining membership, and inability to sustain a vibrant faith community. The District Superintendent certifies that the procedures as set forth in Section 2549 of *The Book*

of *Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (2016) have been complied with.

Whereas there are exigent circumstances present to support the *ad interim* closure of this church pursuant to section 2549 (3)(b) of *The Book of Discipline*. These include the need to preserve and protect the land and to preserve the limited and existing funds of the church. The church does not have the means to maintain or insure this property and services are no longer be held at this location.

Whereas the Orangeburg District Committee on Church Location & Building voted on February 1, 2024, and the Bishop and the majority of the District Superintendents voted on February 9, 2024 to concur with a recommendation for ad interim closure.

All property of Claflin United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and the District Superintendent of the Orangeburg District and/or any two members of the Conference Board of Trustees are authorized to execute any documents to include any deeds or other legal documents to effectuate this transfer.

Resolved, pursuant to the authority granted to authorize (ad interim) closure of a church under section 2549 (3)(b) of *The Book of Discipline*, the majority of the District Superintendents agree and consent to the closure of this property.

Adopted and approved this 9th day of February 2024.

Rev. Fran Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet of the South Carolina
Conference of the United Methodist Church

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.
Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Resident Bishop
South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CLOSURE OF
ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3039 Kellybridge Road, Bishopville, SC 29010
HARTSVILLE DISTRICT
GCFA #280108**

Whereas Ashland United Methodist Church, located in the Hartsville District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized. Ashland has no active members, and its two sister churches have separated from the denomination. There are no financial resources to satisfy operating expenses. The District Superintendent has confirmed that all procedures outlined in Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church (2016) have been followed.

Whereas, there are exigent circumstances present to support the ad-interim closure of this church, pursuant to Section 2549(3)(b) of *The Book of Discipline*. These include the need to preserve and protect the building on behalf of the denomination. The church lacks the resources to maintain or insure the property, resulting in the cessation of services at this location.

All property of Ashland United Methodist Church shall be transferred to the Trustees of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and the District Superintendent of the Hartsville District, and/or any two members of the Conference Board of Trustees, are authorized to execute any documents to

include any deeds or other legal documents to effectuate this transfer.

Resolved, pursuant to the authority granted to authorize ad interim closure of a church under Section 2549(3)(b) of *The Book of Discipline*, the majority of the District Superintendents agree and consent to the closure of this property.

Adopted and approved on this 10th day of April, 2024

Rev. Kenneth L. Nelson, Acting Secretary of the Cabinet
The South Carolina Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

I have approved this resolution and I consent.
Bishop L. Jonathan Holston, Resident Bishop
The South Carolina Annual Conference of
The United Methodist Church