

Joint Report of the Legacy Boards of Trustees for the Tennessee and Memphis Annual Conferences

In praise and thanksgiving, we gladly report that the Boards of Trustees of the two legacy conferences have worked together to accomplish the legal mechanism for the union of our two Conferences. Under Tennessee state law, the Boards of Trustees serve as the corporate “Board of Directors” for the incorporated entities. In that capacity, they have accomplished the following work now submit to this body for affirmation.

Both Boards of Trustees affirmed a corporate Agreement and Plan of Merger, which incorporates by reference the Plan of Union approved by both Annual Conferences at their June 2021 Meetings. Both Boards of Trustees also approved Articles of Merger which will be filed with the Secretary of State prior to the January 1, 2022 “launch” date for the new Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference.

The Memphis Board of Trustees further approved Articles of Termination and Articles of Dissolution for the Memphis Conference. The effective date of these documents will be January 1, 2022, after all of the following have occurred: (1) the organizational meeting of the two Conferences, (2) the name change of the Tennessee Conference to the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference, (3) the approval of the corporate merger by the Tennessee Attorney General (which approval was received on October 29, 2021), and (4) all necessary steps to wrap up the business of the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church and transition to the new Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference.

The Agreement and Plan of Merger, Articles of Merger, Articles of Termination and Articles of Dissolution were approved by the Trustees pursuant to authority delegated by the legacy Conferences in their adoption of the Plan of Union.

The Tennessee Conference Board of Trustees approved an Amended and Restated Charter and Bylaws for the new Conference, which are to be effective on January 1, 2022. Because those documents effectuate the name change to Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church, they are appended herewith and the Trustees request that they be affirmed by this body as part of the acceptance of the Trustees report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Memphis Conference Trustees

Paul Gardner, Chairperson
Tennessee Conference Trustees