

**A Resolution to Close Union City UMC  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference  
Mississippi River District**

**WHEREAS**, the leaders of Union City United Methodist church, a church located in the Mississippi River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church, have expressed the congregation's desire to no longer be a congregation of the United Methodist Church, and have ceased to use, keep, or maintain the church property as a place of divine worship of the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the presiding Bishop and a majority of the District Superintendents determined on May 17, 2022 that exigent circumstances as defined in Paragraph 2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2016) existed requiring immediate protection of the local church's property for the benefit of the denomination, and whereas the District Board of Church Building and Location made the same determination on May 18, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, by operation of Church law, title to all real and personal, tangible, and intangible property of the local church vested in the Conference Board of Trustees pursuant to Paragraph 2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2016) at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, the district superintendent is committed to helping existing members transfer their membership to a congregation of their choosing;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference does hereby declare Union City United Methodist church formally closed as a United Methodist Church effective June 15, 2022, and authorizes the Conference Trustees to take appropriate steps with regard to protection and/or disposition of the subject property as outlined in the Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mississippi River District Superintendent