

**Resolution to Close Byrdstown United Methodist Church
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
Caney Fork River District**

WHEREAS, the worshipping community known as Byrdstown United Methodist Church, located at 1249 Livingston Hwy, Byrdstown, TN 38549 in the Caney Fork River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served the Byrdstown community; and

WHEREAS, the congregation in recent years declined to the point that the congregation could no longer continue to fulfill its mission; and

WHEREAS, the remaining members in consultation with the District Superintendent, on May 21, 2023 consented to close effective Sunday, June 28, 2023 and a closing worship service was held on that date for this purpose;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 19-21, 2023, at Renasant Center, Memphis, TN will recognize the ministry of Byrdstown United Methodist Church and declare the church closed; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that remaining members of Byrdstown United Methodist Church move their membership to another United Methodist Church of their choice and that the disposition of the real property be determined by the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees in their normal process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Donna Parramore
Caney Fork River District Superintendent

**Resolution to Close Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church (Wilson County)
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
Cumberland River District**

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in the Cumberland River District, in Wilson County, Mt Juliet, TN, has had a long and proud history and has served God faithfully through the United Methodist Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the congregation has experienced a decline in membership such that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational as a church; 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 Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church be closed effective June 25, 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Conference Trustees be authorized to take possession of the property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the kingdom of God. If it is determined by the Trustees that it is best that the property be sold, that they be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as directed by the Conference Trustees, consistent with the provisions of The Book of Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jerry Wallace
Cumberland River District Superintendent

**Resolution to Close Slater's Chapel United Methodist Church
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
Cumberland River District**

WHEREAS, the Slater's Chapel United Methodist Church in the Cumberland River District, in Sumner County, Millersville, TN, has had a long and proud history and has served God faithfully through the United Methodist Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the congregation has experienced a decline in membership such that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational as a church; 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 Slater's Chapel United Methodist Church be closed effective October 22, 2022;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Conference Trustees be authorized to take possession of the property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the kingdom of God. If it is determined by the Trustees that it is best that the property be sold, that they be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as directed by the Conference Trustees, consistent with the provisions of The Book of Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jerry Wallace
Cumberland River District Superintendent

**Resolution to Close Bethel United Methodist Church (Giles County)
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
Harpeth River District**

WHEREAS, the Bethel United Methodist Church, 824 Turner Road, Prospect, Tennessee, Giles County, has had a long and proud history and has served God faithfully through the United Methodist Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the congregation has experienced a decline in membership such that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational as a church; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bethel United Methodist Church be closed effective May 23, 2023, with the last worship service having been held on Dec 25, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Conference Trustees be authorized to take possession of the property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the kingdom of God. If it is determined by the Trustees that it is best that the property be sold, that they be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as directed by the Conference Trustees, consistent with the provisions of *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Vona Wilson

Harpeth River District Superintendent

**Resolution to Close Santa Fe United Methodist Church (Maury County)
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
Harpeth River District**

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe United Methodist Church, 2720 Fly Road, Santa Fe, TN, Maury County, has had a long and proud history and has served God faithfully through the United Methodist Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the congregation has experienced a decline in membership such that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational as a church; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Fe United Methodist Church be closed effective June 19, 2023..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Conference Trustees be authorized to take possession of the property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the kingdom of God. If it is determined by the Trustees that it is best that the property be sold, that they be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as directed by the Conference Trustees, consistent with the provisions of *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Vona Wilson

Harpeth River District Superintendent

**Resolution to Close Cunningham United Methodist Church (Lake County)
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
Mississippi River District**

WHEREAS, the Cunningham United Methodist Church located in Lake County, TN has a rich history of providing service to members and non-members throughout the area of Lake County and beyond and has been active in mission particularly relating to Reelfoot Rural Ministries and Life Beat Pregnancy Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the congregation has declined in membership to the point it is no longer feasible to continue to support itself and do active ministry; and

WHEREAS, the remaining members met for a final service on March 26, 2023 and at a Church Conference on April 24, 2023, officially voted to close with the remaining members being transferred to Crockett's Chapel United Methodist Church;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cunningham United Methodist Church be closed under paragraph 2549 effective, June 30, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property be transferred to the TWK Conference Trustees who will handle the sale of the property to an adjoining landowner who has a long-standing agreement with the church to purchase the property if a decision was made to close the church. The Conference Trustees will be authorized to handle the sale of both real and personal property with the proceeds to be used as directed by the Conference Trustees in compliance with The Book of Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Nancy Johnston Varden
Purchase District Superintendent
Interim District Superintendent for Lake, Obion, and Weakley Counties in MS River District

**Resolution to Close Follis Chapel United Methodist Church (Gibson County)
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
Mississippi River District**

WHEREAS, the Follis Chapel United Methodist Church located in Gibson County, TN in the Mississippi River District has a long and distinguished history of mission and ministry; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the congregation has declined in membership to the point it is no longer feasible to continue to support itself and do active ministry; and

WHEREAS, at a Church Conference on Sunday, May 7th, the remaining members voted to discontinue with the final service being May 21, 2023;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Follis Chapel United Methodist Church be closed under paragraph 2549 effective June 30, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the remaining membership (those consenting) be transferred to Trenton United Methodist Church or a church of their choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property be transferred to the TWK Conference Trustees. If a legal Cemetery Association is formed with a 501.c, the Conference Trustees will duly consider a transfer of this church property to the bona fide Cemetery Association. The Trustees may also make the determination to sell the property and, if so, they will be authorized to handle the sale of both real and personal property with the proceeds to be used as directed by the Conference Trustees in compliance with The Book of Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James Dan Camp
Tennessee River District Superintendent

Resolution for Discontinuance of Antioch Union Church (Obion County)
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
Mississippi River District

Whereas, the worshipping community known as Antioch Union Church- Cumberland Presbyterian and United Methodist at 486 West Newman Glover Rd., Obion Union City, TN, in the Mississippi River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference has faithfully served rural Northwest Obion County since 1869.

And Whereas, the congregation in recent years has only been served by pastoral leadership from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church;

And Whereas, the 9 remaining UM members in consultation with the District Superintendent, on May 17, 2023 consented to discontinuance effective June 30, 2023;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 19-21, 2023, at the Renasant Convention Center in Memphis, TN will recognize the ministry of Antioch United Methodist Church and declare the United Methodist status discontinued;

And, be it further resolved, that remaining members of Antioch United Methodist Church move their membership to another United Methodist Church of their choice and that the disposition of the real property be transferred to the Trustees of Antioch Cumberland Presbyterian Church by the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Nancy Johnston Varden

Purchase District Superintendent

Interim District Superintendent for Lake, Obion, and Weakley Counties in the Mississippi River District

**Resolution to Close Barlow United Methodist Church
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
Purchase District**

Whereas, the worshipping community known as Barlow United Methodist Church at 198 South 5th Street, Ballard County, Barlow, Kentucky in the Purchase District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference has faithfully served the Barlow community since 1855;

And Whereas, the congregation in recent years declined to the point that the congregation could no longer continue to fulfill its mission;

And Whereas, the remaining members in consultation with the District Superintendent, on Sunday, June 12, 2022, consented to close effective Sunday, July 10, 2022 and a closing worship service was held on that date for this purpose;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 19-21, 2023, at Renasant Convention Center in Memphis, Tennessee will recognize the legacy of Barlow United Methodist Church and declare the church closed;

And, be it further resolved, that remaining members of Barlow United Methodist Church move their membership to another United Methodist Church of their choice and that the disposition of the real property be determined by the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees in their normal process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Nancy Johnston Varden
Purchase District Superintendent

Resolution to Close Palestine United Methodist Church (Calloway County, KY)
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
Purchase District

Whereas, the worshipping community known as Palestine United Methodist Church at 2356 Palestine Church Road, Calloway County, Murray, Kentucky in the Purchase District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference has faithfully served their rural community since 1835;

And Whereas, the congregation in recent years declined to the point that the congregation could no longer continue to fulfill its mission;

And Whereas, the remaining members in consultation with the District Superintendent, on Monday, September 19, 2022 consented to close effective Sunday, January 22, 2023 and a closing service was held on that date for this purpose;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 19-21, 2023, at Renasant Center in Memphis, Tennessee will recognize the ministry of Palestine United Methodist Church and declare the church closed;

And, be it further resolved, that remaining members of Palestine United Methodist Church move their membership to another United Methodist Church of their choice and that the disposition of the real property be transferred by the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees to the Palestine Cemetery Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Nancy Johnston Varden
Purchase District Superintendent

**Resolution to Close Scott's Hill United Methodist Church (Decatur County)
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference
Tennessee River District**

WHEREAS, the Scott's Hill United Methodist Church in the TN River District, in Decatur County, Scott's Hill, Tennessee, has had a long and proud history and has served God faithfully through the United Methodist Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the congregation has experienced a decline in membership such that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational as a church; and

WHEREAS, A Church Conference was duly called and executed according to the terms and provisions of paragraph 2549 of the 2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline on January 22, 2023 and the membership voted in majority for closure; and,

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent is committed to helping existing members transfer their membership to another United Methodist congregation of their choosing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scott's Hill United Methodist Church be closed effective June 30, 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Conference Trustees be authorized to take possession of the property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the kingdom of God. If it is determined by the Trustees that it is best that the property be sold, that they be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as directed by the Conference Trustees, consistent with the provisions of The Book of Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James Dan Camp
Tennessee River District Superintendent