

### **2026 Caney Fork River District - Charge Line Changes**

The Peeled Chestnut/Wesley Chapel Charge be dissolved, and the Peeled Chestnut Charge, and the Wesley Chapel Charge be created.

### **2026 Metro District – Charge Line Changes**

The Macedonia/Temple Charge be dissolved, and with the closure of Temple UMC, Macedonia UMC will become a stand alone church.

The Faith and New Bethel Charge be dissolved and the New Bethel Charge and the Faith Charge will be created.

### **2026 Mississippi District – Charge Line Changes**

The Providence/Grace Charge be dissolved, and Providence UMC become a stand alone church.

The Humboldt Charge be dissolved and the Humboldt-Grace Charge be created.

### **2026 Purchase District – Charge Line Changes**

The Reidland UMC Charge and Oakland UMC Charge be dissolved, and the Reidland-Oakland UMC Charge be created.

With Church Grove UMC (Marshall County, KY) closing, Church Grove-Maple Spring-Union Ridge UMC Charge be dissolved, and the Maple Spring-Union Ridge UMC Charge be created.

### **2026 Red River District - Charge Line Changes**

The White Bluff and Burns Charge be dissolved, and both churches become stand alone churches.

The Yellow Creek Charge (Tennessee City and Edgewood) be dissolved, and with the closure of Tennessee City UMC, Edgewood UMC will become a stand alone church.

### **2026 Stones River District – Charge Line Changes**

The Berlin/Caney Spring Charge be dissolved, and the Caney Spring Charge be created.

### **2026 Tennessee River District – Charge Line Changes**

With the closure of the Oak Hill UMC (Henry Co), the Shiloh (Henry Co) – Manley – Oak Hill Charge will become the Shiloh (Henry Co) – Manley Charge.

The Malesus and Bemis Charge be dissolved, and both churches become stand alone churches.

The New Hope-Lebanon-Stantonville Charge (consisting of New Hope UMC, Lebanon UMC, and Stantonville UMC) be dissolved and the New Hope Charge be created, and the Lebanon-Stantonville Charge be created.

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

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as Cummingsville United Methodist Church, located at 360 Cummings Chapel Road, Van Buren County, Tennessee, in the Caney Fork River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

**WHEREAS**, a final service of worship was/will be held on June 28, 2026, and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 7-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Cummingsville United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Rickey Wade, DS  
The Caney Fork River District, TWK

**Resolution to Close Donelson Heights United Methodist Church  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference  
Cumberland River District**

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as Donelson Heights United Methodist Church, located at 84 Fairway Dr. Nashville, TN 37214, Davidson County, Tennessee, in the Cumberland River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

**WHEREAS**, a final service of worship was/will be held on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026, and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 7-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Donelson Heights United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Jerry K. Wallace

Cumberland River District

Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference

**Resolution to Close Port Royal United Methodist Church  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference  
Cumberland River District**

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as Port Royal United Methodist Church, located at, 2947 Highway 76 Adams, Tennessee 37010, Montgomery County, Tennessee, in the Cumberland River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

**WHEREAS**, a final service of worship will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2026 and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 7-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Port Royal United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Jerry K. Wallace

Cumberland River District

Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference

**Resolution to Close Mason United Methodist Church  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Metro District**

WHEREAS, the worshipping community known as Mason United Methodist Church, located at 230 TN-59, Mason, Tennessee, in the Metro District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, a final service of worship was held on June 26, 2025, and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 7-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Mason United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with The Book of Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Deborah Smith

Metro District Superintendent

**Resolution to Close Temple United Methodist Church  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Metro District**

WHEREAS, the worshipping community known as Temple United Methodist Church, located at 4404 Sykes Rd, Millington, Tennessee, in the Metro District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

WHEREAS, a final service of worship will be held on June 14, 2026, and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 7-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Temple United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Deborah B. Smith

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

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as Christ United Methodist Church, located at 1322 West Broadway, Mayfield, Kentucky 42066, Graves County in the Purchase District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

**WHEREAS**, a final service of worship was held on Sunday, May 24, 2026, and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 7-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Christ United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Nancy E. Johnston Varden  
Purchase District Superintendent

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

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as Church Grove United Methodist Church, located at 2656 Main Street, Benton, Kentucky 42025, Marshall County in the Purchase District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

**WHEREAS**, a final service of worship was held on Sunday, May 31, 2026, and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 7-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Church Grove United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Nancy E. Johnston Varden  
Purchase District Superintendent

**Resolution to Close Sycamore United Methodist Church  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference  
Red River District**

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as Sycamore United Methodist Church, located at 502 Sycamore Rd, Dickson TN. 37055, Dickson County, Tennessee, in the Red River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 7-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Sycamore United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Pat Freudenthal

Red River District Superintendent

**Resolution to Close Tennessee City United Methodist Church  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference  
Red River District**

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as Tennessee City United Methodist Church, located at 420 Lane Road, Dickson TN. 37055, Dickson County, Tennessee, in the Red River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

**WHEREAS**, a final service of worship was/will be held on December 28, 2025, and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 7-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Tennessee City United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Pat Freudenthal

Red River District Superintendent

**Resolution to Close Berlin United Methodist Church  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference  
Stones River District**

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as Berlin United Methodist Church, located at 1660 Old Berlin Road, Marshall County, Tennessee, in the Stones River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

**WHEREAS**, a final service of worship was/will be held on June 28, 2026, and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 7-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Berlin United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Rickey Wade, DS  
The Stones River District, TWK

**Resolution to Close Clay Hill United Methodist Church  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference  
Stones River District**

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as Clay Hill United Methodist Church, located at 3164 Warner Road, Marshall County, Tennessee, in the Stones River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

**WHEREAS**, a final service of worship was/will be held on April 5, 2026, and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 7-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Clay Hill United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Rickey Wade, DS  
The Stones River District,  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference

**Resolution to Close Hickory Flat United Methodist Church  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference  
Tennessee River District**

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as Hickory Flat United Methodist Church, located at 4020 Highway 70 E, Cedar Grove 38321 in Carroll County, Tennessee, in the Tennessee River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

**WHEREAS**, a final service of worship will be held on June 21, 2026 and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 8-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Hickory Flat United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Nancy Varden

Tennessee River District Superintendent

**Resolution to Close Lebanon United Methodist Church  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference  
Tennessee River District**

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as Lebanon United Methodist Church, located at 631 Tige Hopper Rd, Jackson 38305 in Madison County, Tennessee, in the Tennessee River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

**WHEREAS**, a final service of worship will be held on June 28, 2026 and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 8-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Lebanon United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and make the determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God. If the Trustees determine that it is best that the property be sold, that they may be authorized to sell the property, both real and personal, with proceeds to be used as direct by the Conference Trustees, consistent with *The Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Nancy Varden

Tennessee River District Superintendent

**Resolution to Close McKenzie First United Methodist Church  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference  
Tennessee River District**

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as McKenzie United Methodist Church, located at 16 N. McTyeire Street, McKenzie, Tennessee, Carroll County, in the Tennessee River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference has ceased to function as a United Methodist congregation and has acted in a manner inconsistent with continued viability for a United Methodist congregation; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation has failed to cooperate with the District Superintendent of the Tennessee River District to evaluate the ministry and mission of said church, but based upon the information available to the District Superintendent, it appears that the church no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized and is no longer used, kept or maintained as a place of divine worship of The United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, either no members of the congregation have expressed a desire to remain United Methodist or an insufficient number of members to sustain a congregation have expressed such a desire;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 8-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize the ministry of McKenzie First United Methodist Church and declare the church closed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that should any congregation member express a desire to remain United Methodist, the District Superintendent will assist those individuals in transfer of their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline*; the future use or disposition of all such property to be determined by the Trustees in their ordinary process.

**Resolution to Close Oak Hill United Methodist Church  
Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference  
Tennessee River District**

**WHEREAS**, the worshipping community known as Oak Hill United Methodist Church, located at 2120 Highway 69 N, Paris TN 38242, Henry County, Tennessee, in the Tennessee River District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference was formed as a union church in 1884, has faithfully served its community as a United Methodist Church in union with Baptist and Cumberland Presbyterian members of the union church; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation in recent years has declined in membership and/or resources, and after a discernment process undertaken by the District Superintendent and the local church, the conclusion has been reached that it is no longer feasible to keep the church operational for the purposes for which it was organized; and

**WHEREAS**, a final service of worship was/will be held on June 28, 2026, and the Church should be closed as a local church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Baptist and Cumberland Presbyterian membership of the union church wishes to continue in worship and ministry on the property of Oak Hill UMC; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Superintendent is committed to helping existing members transfer their membership to a United Methodist congregation of their choosing should they desire to do so;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference in session June 7-10, 2026, at Murfreesboro First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN will recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Oak Hill United Methodist Church and declare the church closed as of the close of the 2026 Annual Conference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent will assist those individuals who seek to transfer their membership to another United Methodist local church; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of the local church be vested in the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference Trustees as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, and that the Trustees shall be authorized to take possession of such property and take appropriate steps to transfer the real property to the remaining membership of the Baptist and Cumberland Presbyterian membership of the union church, so that it may continue to be used as a place of divine worship by the remaining congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Pat Freudenthal

District Superintendent, Red River District, TN River (Benton and Henry Counties)