

Resolution Approving Disaffiliation of Local Churches

Coastal District

WHEREAS, Bethesda United Methodist Church located in Effingham County in the Coastal District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Folkston United Methodist Church located in Charlton County in the Coastal District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Gateway Community United Methodist Church located in Chatham County in the Coastal District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Kingsland United Methodist Church located in Camden County in the Coastal District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church located in Liberty County in the Coastal District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Odum United Methodist Church located in Wayne County in the Coastal District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Screven United Methodist Church located in Wayne County in the Coastal District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, The Chapel, a United Methodist Church Congregation located in Glynn County in the Coastal District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

North Central District

WHEREAS, Andrew United Methodist Church located in Houston County in the North Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Bonaire United Methodist Church located in Houston County in the North Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Dexter United Methodist Church located in Laurens County in the North Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Dudley United Methodist Church located in Laurens County in the North Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Forest Hills United Methodist Church located in Bibb County in the North Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Haddock United Methodist Church located in Jones County in the North Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Harvest United Methodist Church located in Houston County in the North Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine United Methodist Church located in Jones County in the North Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

Northeast District

WHEREAS, Adrian United Methodist Church located in Emanuel County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Alston United Methodist Church located in Montgomery County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte United Methodist Church located in Montgomery County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ellis Chapel United Methodist Church located in Burke County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Glennville United Methodist Church located in Tatnall County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Grace United Methodist Church located in Toombs County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Harmony United Methodist Church located in Tatnall County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell United Methodist Church located in Tatnall County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Kea's United Methodist Church located in Emanuel County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Nevils United Methodist Church located in Bulloch County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Oak Grove United Methodist Church located in Screven County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Poplar Springs United Methodist Church located in Johnson County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Sardis United Methodist Church located in Burke County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Shiloh United Methodist Church located in Wheeler County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Smyrna United Methodist Church located in Toombs County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Springhill United Methodist Church located in Wheeler County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Union United Methodist Church located in Evans County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Uvalda United Methodist Church located in Montgomery County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Vidalia First United Methodist Church located in Toombs County in the Northeast District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

Northwest District

WHEREAS, Bethel United Methodist Church located in Crawford County in the Northwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Dixon United Methodist Church located in Crawford County in the Northwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Roberta United Methodist Church located in Crawford County in the Northwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Shellman United Methodist Church located in Randolph County in the Northwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Trinity United Methodist Church located in Randolph County in the Northwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Union United Methodist Church located in Marion County in the Northwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

South Central District

WHEREAS, Adel United Methodist Church located in Cook County in the South Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Alapaha United Methodist Church located in Berrien County in the South Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Beulah United Methodist Church located in Atkinson County in the South Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Brookfield United Methodist Church located in Tift County in the South Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Enigma United Methodist Church located in Berrien County in the South Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Lone Hill United Methodist Church located in Coffee County in the South Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Pearson United Methodist Church located in Atkinson County in the South Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Sparks United Methodist Church located in Cook County in the South Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, St. John's United Methodist Church located in Pierce County in the South Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Willacoochee United Methodist Church located in Atkinson County in the South Central District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

Southwest District

WHEREAS, Calvary United Methodist Church located in Grady County in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Centennial United Methodist Church located in Grady County in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Christ United Methodist Church located in Dougherty County in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Doerun United Methodist Church located in Colquitt County in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ebenezer United Methodist Church located in Thomas County in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Hatley United Methodist Church located in Crisp County in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Metcalfe United Methodist Church located in Thomas County in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mt Zion (Campground) United Methodist Church located in Brooks County in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Peavy United Methodist Church located in Crisp County in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Weeks Chapel United Methodist Church located in Colquitt County in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Whigham United Methodist Church located in Grady County in the Southwest District of the South Georgia Conference has had a long and proud history as a United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, each of these churches has held a church conference, in compliance with ¶¶ 246.8, 248, and 2553.2-.3 of *The Discipline*, at which at least two-thirds (2/3) of the professing members present at the church conference voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church “for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of *the Book of Discipline* related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ¶ 2501.1 of *The Discipline*, each of these churches holds its real and personal, tangible and intangible property “in trust for The United Methodist Church and subject to the provisions of its Discipline”; and

WHEREAS, ¶ 2553 of *The Discipline* provides a specific circumstance in which property subject to ¶ 2501.1 can be released from the trust imposed by that paragraph; and

WHEREAS, each of these churches has entered into a disaffiliation agreement with the Annual Conference agreeing to pay all sums and to take all actions required by ¶ 2553 of *The Discipline* and the Disaffiliation Policy of the South Georgia Annual Conference adopted at its 2019 Annual Conference session as amended at its 2022 Annual Conference session; and

WHEREAS, these disaffiliation agreements must be ratified by the Annual Conference to be effective.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Georgia Annual Conference meeting virtually on August 20, 2022, does hereby celebrate the ministries of these congregations through the years by giving all glory to God,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the South Georgia Annual Conference concur with and ratify the decision of these churches to disaffiliate with an affirmative vote.

Rev. Paula Lewis
Dean of the Cabinet
August 20, 2022