

Resolution #2 Long Pine Closing - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Long Pine United Methodist Church located in Long Pine, Nebraska was founded in 1882 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Long Pine United Methodist Church voted on August 18, 2019 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Lance Clay, District Superintendent of the Prairie Rivers/Elkhorn Valley Districts, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Elkhorn Valley District Board of Church Location, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Long Pine United Methodist Church in Brown County, Nebraska, is hereby declared closed as of August 18, 2019, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Long Pine United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Johnstown United Methodist Church.
3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Long Pine United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference be hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.
4. That the official records and papers of the Long Pine United

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Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #3 Greeley Closing - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Greeley United Methodist Church located in Greeley, Kansas, has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Greeley United Methodist Church voted on October 27, 2019 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. David E. Watson, District Superintendent of the Five Rivers District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Five Rivers District Board of Church Location and Building, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Greeley United Methodist Church in Anderson County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of May 30, 2020, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Greeley United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Garnett United Methodist Church.
3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Greeley United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference be hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.

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4. That the official records and papers of the Greeley United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #4 Iola Calvary Closing - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Calvary United Methodist Church located in Iola, Kansas, has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Calvary United Methodist Church voted on October 20, 2019 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. David E. Watson, District Superintendent of the Five Rivers District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Five Rivers District Board of Church Location and Building, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Calvary United Methodist Church in Allen County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of May 30, 2020, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Calvary United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Iola: Wesley United Methodist Church.
3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Calvary United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference be hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any

reasonable expenses in connection therewith.

4. That the official records and papers of the Calvary United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #5 McGraw Closing - APPROVED

WHEREAS, McGraw United Methodist Church, located in Hoxie, Kansas in Hays District of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, was founded on May 14, 1906 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, at a church conference duly called, notice of which was properly given, and duly held on July 21, 2019, consultation and discussion was had and a vote was properly taken regarding the closing of the McGraw United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Hays Church Board of Location voted on July 26, 2019 and the Great Plains Conference cabinet voted on August 1, 2020 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Don Hasty, the District Superintendent of the Hays District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Hays District Board of Church Location, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the McGraw United Methodist Church in Sheridan county, Kansas is hereby declared closed as of June 30, 2020, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.

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2. That the membership of the McGraw United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closure, and that any memberships not so designated by transferred to the Hoxie United Methodist Church in Hoxie, Kansas.

3. That title to the real property and other assets held by McGraw United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference is hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.

4. That the official records and papers of the McGraw United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #6 Carneiro Closing - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Methodist Church located at Carneiro, Kansas, was founded in 1894, and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community;

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Methodist Church at Carneiro voted on April 5, 2020 to close the church;

WHEREAS, the Rev. Dennis H. Livingston, District Superintendent of the Hutchinson district, has recommended that the church be closed;

WHEREAS, The consent of the Hutchinson district board of church location, the cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. has been granted; and

WHEREAS, All proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Methodist Church at Carneiro in Ellsworth County,

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Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of June 30, 2020, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.

2. That the membership of the Methodist Church at Carneiro be transferred as determined by each member prior to closure, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Ellsworth United Methodist Church in Ellsworth, Kansas.

3. That title to the real property held by The Methodist Church at Carneiro be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference is hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.

4. That the official records and papers of the Methodist Church at Carneiro be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #7 St. Peter's Closing - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the St. Peter's United Methodist Church located in Topeka, Kansas, was founded in July 1980 and has had a faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the St. Peter's United Methodist Church voted on June 30, 2019, to close the church; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Kay Scarbrough, District Superintendent of the Topeka District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Topeka District Board of Church Location, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual

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Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the St. Peter's United Methodist Church in Shawnee County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of October 31, 2019, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the St. Peter's United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in Topeka, Kansas.
3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by St. Peter's United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference be hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.
4. That the official records and papers of the St. Peter's United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #8 Brookside Closing - APPROVED

WHEREAS, Brookside Methodist Church, commonly known as Brookside United Methodist Church, located in Wichita, Kansas in the Wichita East District of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, was founded in 1957 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Brookside United Methodist Church voted on August 29, 2019 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Dr. Mitch Reece, District Superintendent of the Wichita East District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

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WHEREAS, the consent of the Wichita East District Board of Church Location, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Brookside United Methodist Church in Sedgwick County, Kansas is hereby declared closed as of May 29, 2020, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Brookside United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closure, and that any memberships not so designated by transferred to the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas.
3. That title to the real property and other assets held by Brookside United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference is hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.
4. That the official records and papers of the Brookside United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #9 Burns Closing - APPROVED

WHEREAS, Burns United Methodist Church, located in Burns, Kansas in the Wichita East District of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, was founded in 1885 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

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WHEREAS, the Wichita East Church Board of Location and the Great Plains Conference cabinet voted on February 26, 2020 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, the Rev. Dr. Mitch Reece, District Superintendent of the Wichita East District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Wichita East District Board of Church Location, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Burns United Methodist Church in Marion county, Kansas is hereby declared closed as of May 29, 2020, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Burns United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closure, and that any memberships not so designated by transferred to the First United Methodist Church in El Dorado, Kansas.
3. That title to the real property and other assets held by Burns United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference is hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.
4. That the official records and papers of the Burns United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #10 Cassoday Closing - APPROVED

WHEREAS, Cassoday United Methodist Church, located in Cassoday, Kansas in the Wichita East District of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita East Church Board of Location and the Great Plains Conference cabinet voted on February 26, 2020 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Mitch Reece, the District Superintendent of the Wichita East District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Wichita East District Board of Church Location, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Cassoday United Methodist Church in Butler, Kansas is hereby declared closed as of May 29, 2020, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Cassoday United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closure, and that any memberships not so designated by transferred to the El Dorado First United Methodist Church in El Dorado, Kansas.
3. That title to the real property and other assets held by Cassoday United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference is hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.

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4. That the official records and papers of the Cassoday United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #11 Dawson Closing - APPROVED

WHEREAS, Dawson Methodist Church, commonly known as Hicks Chapel United Methodist Church, located in Wichita, Kansas in the Wichita West District of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, was founded in 1954 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Dawson United Methodist Church voted on February 23, 2020 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Mitch Reece, the District Superintendent of the Wichita West District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Wichita West District Board of Church Location, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Dawson United Methodist Church in Sedgwick County, Kansas is hereby declared closed as of June 14, 2020, with a appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Dawson United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closure, and that any memberships not so designated by transferred to the East Heights United Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas.
3. That title to the real property and other assets held by

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Dawson United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference is hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.

4. That the official records and papers of the Dawson United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #12 Metropolitan Avenue Closing - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church located in Kansas City, Kansas, has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church voted on May 11, 2020 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, Anne Gatobu, the District Superintendent of the Kansas City District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Kansas City District Board of Church Location and Building, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church in Wyandotte County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of June 30, 2020, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.

2. That the membership of the Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each

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member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Bristol Hill United Methodist Church.

3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference be hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.

4. That the official records and papers of the Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #13 Consenting to the sale of Camp Comeca APPROVED

WHEREAS, Camp Comeca, located at Cozad, Nebraska, was founded in 1955, and has been an important and inspirational ministry of the Nebraska Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and has served a vital role in the spiritual growth and development of generations of Methodists and United Methodists in Nebraska, and in making disciples of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Camp Comeca was previously owned by Nebraska United Methodist Camps, Inc. and is presently owned by Great Plains United Methodist Camps, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Camp Comeca struggled financially in recent years, and experienced declining levels of participation by United Methodist campers; and

WHEREAS, Camp Comeca ceased operation as a United Methodist camp on March 31, 2020;
And

WHEREAS, Cozad Camping Ministry, a Nebraska nonprofit corporation, has leased some of the Camp Comeca property from

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Great Plains United Methodist Camps, Inc. since April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cozad Camping Ministry wishes to purchase Camp Comeca and all of the real and personal property located thereon, except for approximately 174.71 acres of land located in the East One-half of Section 33, Township 10 North, Range 24 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Dawson County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Great Plains United Methodist Camps, Inc., has made the decision to sell Camp Comeca to Cozad Camping Ministry, except for said tract of approximately 174.71 acres as to which Cozad Camping Ministry shall have a right of first refusal; and

WHEREAS the Articles of Incorporation of Great Plains United Methodist Camps, Inc. provide that all of its assets, including all real and personal property, "shall be held in trust, that the assets and premises be kept, maintained and disposed of for the benefit of The United Methodist Church and subject to the usages and the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church"; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 2516 of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church provides that any sale of camps, conference grounds, and retreat centers held in trust by an incorporated board or agency of an annual conference requires the consent of the annual conference to which such body is related;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference, that the Great Plains Annual Conference hereby consents to the agreed-upon sale of Camp Comeca by Great Plains United Methodist Camps, Inc. to Cozad Camping Ministry, including the right of first refusal granted to Cozad Camping Ministry by Great Plains United Methodist Camps, Inc., regarding the additional tract of approximately 174.71 acres.

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Resolution # 14 Beemer Closing APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Beemer United Methodist Church located in Beemer, Nebraska was founded in 1887 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Beemer United Methodist Church voted on June 29, 2019 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, Chad Anglemyer a District Superintendent of the Elkhorn Valley District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Elkhorn Valley District Board of Church Location, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Beemer United Methodist Church in Cuming County, Nebraska, is hereby declared closed as of June 29, 2019, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Beemer United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Wisner United Methodist Church.
3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Beemer United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference is hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.
4. That the official records and papers of the Beemer United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with

the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #15 Pomona Closing APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Pomona United Methodist Church located in Pomona, Kansas, has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Pomona United Methodist Church voted on May 19, 2020 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, David E. Watson, the District Superintendent of the Five Rivers District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Five Rivers District Board of Church Location and Building, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Pomona United Methodist Church in Franklin County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of May 30, 2020, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Pomona United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Vassar United Methodist Church.
3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Pomona United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference be hereby authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.

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4. That the official records and papers of the Pomona United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

**Resolution #16 Walnut United Closing -
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WHEREAS, the Walnut United Methodist Church located in Walnut, Kansas, has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Walnut United Methodist Church voted on November 20, 2019 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, David E. Watson, the District Superintendent of the Parsons District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Parsons District Board of Church Location and Building, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Walnut United Methodist Church in Crawford County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of May 30, 2020, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Walnut United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Stark United Methodist Church.
3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Walnut United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference be hereby authorized

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and directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.

4. That the official records and papers of the Walnut United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

Resolution #17 Disaffiliation of Abilene Emmanuel - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church located in Abilene, Kansas (“the church”) has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of The Book of Discipline (as approved at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Delores Williamston, District Superintendent of the Salina District, has certified that Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation 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 which followed ; and

WHEREAS, the Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the Great Plains Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶ 2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual

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Conference of The United Methodist Church:

1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the Great Plains Annual Conference and the Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas, regarding said church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.

2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the Conference Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to release the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church, which currently applies to all real property and assets held by Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church, and that said property and assets shall be retained by the congregation; PROVIDED that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement, including any unpaid Mission Shares for the twelve months prior to disaffiliation, an additional twelve months of Mission Shares, the church's pro-rata share of the any aggregate unfunded pension obligations as determined by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider, and any other debts, loans, and liabilities owed to the Great Plains Annual Conference, and PROVIDED further that the church shall also comply with all other remaining terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.

3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶12553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.

4. That copies of the official records and papers of the Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

Resolution #18 Disaffiliation of Aulne - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Aulne United Methodist Church located in Aulne, Kansas (“the church”) has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of The Book of Discipline (as approved at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Aulne United Methodist Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Livingston, District Superintendent of the Hutchinson District, has certified that Aulne United Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation 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 which followed ; and

WHEREAS, the Aulne United Methodist Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the Great Plains Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:

1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the Great Plains Annual Conference and the Aulne United Methodist Church in Aulne, Marion County, Kansas, regarding said church’s disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and ap-

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proved.

2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the Conference Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to release the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church, which currently applies to all real property and assets held by Aulne United Methodist Church, and that said property and assets shall be retained by the congregation; PROVIDED that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement, including any unpaid Mission Shares for the twelve months prior to disaffiliation, an additional twelve months of Mission Shares, the church's pro-rata share of the any aggregate unfunded pension obligations as determined by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider, and any other debts, loans, and liabilities owed to the Great Plains Annual Conference, and PROVIDED further that the church shall also comply with all other remaining terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.

3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Aulne United Methodist Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶12553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.

4. That copies of the official records and papers of the Aulne United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

Resolution #19 Disaffiliation of Bartlett - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Bartlett United Methodist Church located in Bartlett, Kansas (“the church”) has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of The Book of Discipline (as approved at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Bartlett United Methodist Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, David Watson, District Superintendent of the Parsons District, has certified that Bartlett United Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation 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 which followed ; and **WHEREAS**, the Bartlett United Methodist Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the Great Plains Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:

1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the Great Plains Annual Conference and the Bartlett United Methodist Church in Bartlett, Labette County, Kansas, regarding said church’s disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.
2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the Conference Board of Trustees is hereby authorized

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to release the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church, which currently applies to all real property and assets held by Bartlett United Methodist Church, and that said property and assets shall be retained by the congregation; PROVIDED that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement, including any unpaid Mission Shares for the twelve months prior to disaffiliation, an additional twelve months of Mission Shares, the church's pro-rata share of the any aggregate unfunded pension obligations as determined by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider, and any other debts, loans, and liabilities owed to the Great Plains Annual Conference, and PROVIDED further that the church shall also comply with all other remaining terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.

3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Bartlett United Methodist Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶12553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.

4. That copies of the official records and papers of the Bartlett United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

Resolution #20 Disaffiliation of Benton - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Benton United Methodist Church located in Benton, Kansas ("the church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of ¶12553 of The Book of Discipline (as approved at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing

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members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Benton United Methodist Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mitch Reece, District Superintendent of the Wichita East District, has certified that Benton United Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation 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 which followed ; and

WHEREAS, the Benton United Methodist Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the Great Plains Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:

1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the Great Plains Annual Conference and the Benton United Methodist Church in Benton, Butler County, Kansas, regarding said church’s disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.

2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the Conference Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to release the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church, which currently applies to all real property and assets held by Benton United Methodist Church, and that said property and assets shall be retained by the congregation; PROVIDED that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement, including any unpaid Mission Shares for the twelve months prior to disaffiliation, an additional twelve months of Mission Shares, the church’s pro-rata share of the any aggregate unfunded pension obligations as determined by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider, and

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any other debts, loans, and liabilities owed to the Great Plains Annual Conference, and PROVIDED further that the church shall also comply with all other remaining terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.

3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Benton United Methodist Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.

4. That copies of the official records and papers of the Benton United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God’s blessing upon its continued ministry.

**Resolution #21 Disaffiliation of Esbon -
APPROVED**

WHEREAS, the Esbon United Methodist Church located in Esbon, Kansas (“the church”) has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of The Book of Discipline (as approved at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Esbon United Methodist Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Delores Williamston, District Superintendent of the Salina District, has certified that Esbon United Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation 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 which followed ; and

WHEREAS, the Esbon United Methodist Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the Great Plains Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶12553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:

1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the Great Plains Annual Conference and the Esbon United Methodist Church in Esbon, Jewell County, Kansas, regarding said church’s disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.

2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the Conference Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to release the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church, which currently applies to all real property and assets held by Esbon United Methodist Church, and that said property and assets shall be retained by the congregation; PROVIDED that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement, including any unpaid Mission Shares for the twelve months prior to disaffiliation, an additional twelve months of Mission Shares, the church’s pro-rata share of the any aggregate unfunded pension obligations as determined by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider, and any other debts, loans, and liabilities owed to the Great Plains Annual Conference, and PROVIDED further that the church shall also comply with all other remaining terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.

3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Esbon United Methodist Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶12553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.

4. That copies of the official records and papers of the Esbon

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United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

Resolution #22 Disaffiliation of Norcatur - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Norcatur United Methodist Church located in Norcatur, Kansas ("the church") has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of The Book of Discipline (as approved at the special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Norcatur United Methodist Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Don Hasty, District Superintendent of the Hays District, has certified that Norcatur United Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation 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 which followed ; and

WHEREAS, the Norcatur United Methodist Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures established by the Great Plains Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶ 2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement");

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church:

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1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the Great Plains Annual Conference and the Norcatour United Methodist Church in Norcatour, Decatur County, Kansas, regarding said church's disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.

2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the Conference Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to release the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church, which currently applies to all real property and assets held by Norcatour United Methodist Church, and that said property and assets shall be retained by the congregation; PROVIDED that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement, including any unpaid Mission Shares for the twelve months prior to disaffiliation, an additional twelve months of Mission Shares, the church's pro-rata share of the any aggregate unfunded pension obligations as determined by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider, and any other debts, loans, and liabilities owed to the Great Plains Annual Conference, and PROVIDED further that the church shall also comply with all other remaining terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.

3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Norcatour United Methodist Church, having voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶12553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor denomination or conference.

4. That copies of the official records and papers of the Norcatour United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.