

#1 DISCONTINUANCE OF BEELER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - APPROVED

Rev. Donald J. Hasty, Dodge City District Superintendent

WHEREAS, Beeler Methodist Church, commonly known as Beeler United Methodist Church, located in Beeler, Kansas in the Dodge City District of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, was founded in 1907 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Beeler United Methodist Church voted on 21st of March 2021, to close the church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Donald J. Hasty, the District Superintendent of the Dodge City District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Dodge City 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 Beeler United Methodist Church in Ness County, KS is hereby declared closed as of June 30, 2021, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Beeler United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to discontinuance, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Dighton United Methodist Church in Dighton, KS.
3. That title to the real property and other assets held by Beeler 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 Beeler United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

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.

#2 DISCONTINUANCE OF ROZEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - APPROVED

Rev. Donald J. Hasty, Dodge City District Superintendent

WHEREAS, Rozel Methodist Church, commonly known as Rozel United Methodist Church, located in Rozel, Kansas in the Dodge City District of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, was founded in 1906 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Rozel United Methodist Church voted on 18th of April 2021, to close the church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Donald J. Hasty, the District Superintendent of the Dodge City District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Dodge City 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:

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1. That the Rozel United Methodist Church in Pawnee County, KS is hereby declared closed as of June 30, 2021, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Rozel United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to discontinuance, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Burdett United Methodist Church in Burdett, KS.
3. That title to the real property and other assets held by Rozel 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 Rozel United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

#3 DISCONTINUANCE OF CRAIG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - APPROVED

Rev. Chad Anglemyer, Elkhorn Valley District Superintendent

WHEREAS, Craig United Methodist Church, located in Craig, Nebraska, was founded in 1890 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

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

WHEREAS, Rev. Chad Anglemyer, the 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 has been granted; and

WHEREAS, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

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

1. That the Craig United Methodist Church in Burt County, Nebraska is hereby declared closed as of June 30, 2021, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Craig United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to discontinuance, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Dighton United Methodist Church in Alder Grove, Nebraska.
3. That title to the real property and other assets held by Craig 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 her by 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 Craig United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

#4 DISCONTINUANCE OF HIAWATHA TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - APPROVED

Rev. Jenny Collins, Topeka District Superintendent

WHEREAS, the Trinity United Methodist Church located in Hiawatha, Kansas was founded in 1881 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of April 15, 2021, voted to close the church; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Collins, the 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 Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Hiawatha Trinity United Methodist Church in Brown County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of June 30, 2021, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Hiawatha Trinity United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Hiawatha First United Methodist Church.
3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Hiawatha Trinity 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 Hiawatha Trinity United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

#5 DISCONTINUANCE OF ALMENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - APPROVED

Rev. Donald J. Hasty, Hays District Superintendent

WHEREAS, Almena Methodist Church, commonly known as Almena United Methodist Church, located in Almena, Kansas in the Hays District of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, was founded in 1879 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Almena United Methodist Church voted on 8th of August 2020, to close the

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church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Donald J. 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 Almena United Methodist Church in Norton County, KS is hereby declared closed as of June 30, 2021, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Almena United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to discontinuance, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Norton United Methodist Church in Norton, KS.
3. That title to the real property and other assets held by Almena 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 Almena United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

#6 DISCONTINUANCE OF GRINTER CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- APPROVED

Rev. Dr. Anne Gatobu, Kansas City District Superintendent

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

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WHEREAS, the church conference of the Grinter Chapel United Methodist Church voted on March 21, 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 Grinter Chapel United Methodist Church in Wyandotte County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of April 30, 2021, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Grinter Chapel United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to Edwardsville United Methodist Church.
3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Grinter Chapel 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 Grinter Chapel United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safe keeping with the Commission on Archives and History, and other historical records deposited to Grinter Place.

#7 DISCONTINUANCE OF KENNESAW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- APPROVED

Rev. Lance Clay, Prairie Rivers District Superintendent

WHEREAS, Kennesaw Methodist Church, commonly known as Kennesaw United Methodist Church, located in Kennesaw, Nebraska in the Prairie Rivers District of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, was founded in 1872 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Kennesaw United Methodist Church voted on October 18, 2021 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Lance Clay, the District Superintendent of the Prairie Rivers District, has recommended that the church be discontinued; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Prairie Rivers 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 Kennesaw United Methodist Church in Adams County, Nebraska is hereby declared discontinued as of May 29, 2021, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Kennesaw United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to discontinuance, and that any memberships not so designated by transferred to the Juniata United Methodist Church in Juniata, Nebraska.
3. That title to the real property and other assets held by Kennesaw 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

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

**#8 DISCONTINUANCE OF WACO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH- APPROVED**

Rev. Lance Clay, Prairie Rivers District Superintendent

WHEREAS, Waco United Methodist Church, commonly known as Waco United Methodist Church, located in Waco, Nebraska in the Prairie Rivers District of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, was founded in 1879 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Waco United Methodist Church voted on February 18, 2021 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Lance Clay, the District Superintendent of the Prairie Rivers District, has recommended that the church be discontinued; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Prairie Rivers 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 Waco United Methodist Church in York County, Nebraska is hereby declared discontinued as of May 29, 2021, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Waco United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to discontinuance, and that any memberships not so designated

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by transferred to the Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Waco Nebraska.

3. That title to the real property and other assets held by Waco 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 Waco United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

#9 DISCONTINUANCE OF COUNTRYSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, OF CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS- APPROVED

Rev. Dee Williamston, Salina District Superintendent

WHEREAS, the Countryside United Methodist Church located in Clay County, Kansas was founded in _ July 20, 1965 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Countryside United Methodist Church voted on August 2, 2020 in favor of closing the church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dee Williamston, the District Superintendent of the Salina District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

WHEREAS, the consent of the Salina 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 Countryside United Methodist Church in Clay County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of June 30, 2021, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Countryside United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Clay Center United Methodist Church.
3. That title to the real property held by Countryside United Methodist Church is subject to a right of reverter, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to effect the reversion of title to the heir(s) of the donors of the property; and that title to all other assets 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 Countryside United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

#10 DISCONTINUANCE OF AUBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- APPROVED

Rev. Jenny Collins, Topeka District Superintendent

WHEREAS, the Auburn United Methodist Church located in Auburn, Kansas was founded in 1854 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of June 24, 2020, to close the church; and **WHEREAS**, Jennifer Collins, the District Superintendent of the Topeka District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

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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 Conference of the United Methodist Church:

1. That the Auburn United Methodist Church in Shawnee County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of August 15, 2020, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Auburn United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church.
3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Auburn 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 Auburn United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

#11 ZIMBABWE CHABADZA COVENANT CHANGE - APPROVED

Financial Implications: **Yes**

Rationale: After seven years of Chabadza partnership between the Zimbabwe East and Great Plains Annual Conferences, it is time to update our covenant to reflect the current challenges and opportunities for our relationship.

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WHEREAS, the mission of The United Methodist Church is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,” and

WHEREAS, the Great Plains Conference is called “to equip and resource congregations to be in mission locally and globally,” and

WHEREAS, the Zimbabwe East Annual Conference continues to raise faithful and fruitful young disciples and leaders for the church and the world, and

WHEREAS, Jesus sent his disciples out in mission “two by two” (Luke 10:1-2, NIV), and

WHEREAS, The United Methodist is a connectional church both with partners locally and globally,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Plains Conference and the Zimbabwe East Annual Conferences renew their covenant in Christ and mutually commit ourselves to:

1. Uplift one another in prayer on a regular basis.
2. Work together for the educational support of young people in the Mutare and Mutasa-Nyanga districts.
3. Help people in our conferences learn about—and from—one another, including our history and culture, our blessings and challenges, and our faith and life.
4. Report each year to our respective Annual Conferences through existing channels, as seen fit by each conference.
5. Cooperate in developing and implementing scholarship applications for post-secondary students from the Mutare and Mutasa-Nyanga districts.

Note: This covenant shall be considered effective once approved or ratified by both the Great Plains Conference and the Zimbabwe East Annual Conference. It shall then be in effect for at least four years, at which time it may be renewed for an additional four years.

Implemented by: The Mercy and Justice Team

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#12 DISCONTINUANCE OF OTIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - APPROVED

Rev. Donald J. Hasty, Hays District Superintendent

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

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Otis United Methodist Church voted on 13th of May 2021 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Donald J. 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, 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 Otis United Methodist Church in Rush County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of June 30, 2021, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Otis United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the LaCrosse United Methodist Church.
3. That title to the real property and other assets held by Otis

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

#13 DISCONTINUANCE OF WOODSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - APPROVED

Rev. Donald J. Hasty, Hays District Superintendent

WHEREAS, the Woodston United Methodist Church located in Woodston, Kansas, in the Hays District of the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church, was founded in 1892 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Woodston United Methodist Church voted on 25th of April 2021 to close the church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Donald J. 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, 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 Woodston United Methodist Church in Rooks County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of June 30, 2021, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.

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2. That the membership of the Woodston United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Stockton United Methodist Church.

3. That title to the real property and other assets held by Woodston 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 Woodston United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

#14 DISCONTINUANCE OF BURRTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - APPROVED

Reverend Delores Williamston, Hutchinson District Superintendent

WHEREAS, Burrton Methodist Church, commonly known as Burrton United Methodist Church, located in Burrton, Kansas in the Hutchinson District of the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, was founded in 1883 and has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

WHEREAS, the church conference of the Burrton United Methodist Church voted on April 12, 2021 to discontinue the church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Delores Williamston, the District Superintendent of the Hutchinson District, has recommended that the church be discontinued; and

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

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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 Burrton United Methodist Church in Harvey County, Kansas is hereby declared discontinued as of June 30, 2021, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.
2. That the membership of the Burrton United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to discontinuance, and that any memberships not so designated by transferred to the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in Burrton, Kansas.
3. That title to the real property and other assets held by Burrton 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 Burrton United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

#15 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF CANTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Canton United Methodist Church located in Canton, 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 members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Canton United Methodist Church United Methodist Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Delores Williamston, District Superintendent of the Hutchinson District, has certified that Canton United Methodist

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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 Canton 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 Canton United Methodist Church in Canton, McPherson 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 Canton 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 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, Canton United

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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 Canton United Methodist 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.

#16 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF GALVA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Galva United Methodist Church located in Galva, 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 members present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Galva United Methodist Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Delores Williamston, District Superintendent of the Hutchinson District, has certified that Galva United Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶12553 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 Galva United Methodist Church 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

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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 Galva United Methodist Church in Galva, McPherson 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 Galva 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 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, Galva 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 Galva 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.

**#17 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF
JAMESTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- APPROVED**

WHEREAS, the Jamestown First United Methodist Church located in Jamestown, 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 Jamestown First United Methodist Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Delores Williamston, District Superintendent of the Salina District, has certified that Jamestown First 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 Jamestown First 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 Jamestown First United Methodist Church in Jamestown, Cloud 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

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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 Jamestown First 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 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, Jamestown First 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 Jamestown First 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.

**#18 Approving the Disaffiliation of Worden
United Methodist Church - APPROVED**

WHEREAS, the Worden United Methodist Church located in Baldwin City, 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

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of Worden United Methodist Church voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Brady, District Superintendent of the Five Rivers District, has certified that Worden 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 Worden 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 Worden United Methodist Church in Baldwin City, Douglas 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 Worden 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 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,

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- 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, Worden 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 Worden 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.