

**UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF A LOCAL CHURCH**

WHEREAS, Palmyra United Methodist Church was organized in 1797 and faithfully served its community in ministry for over 222 years;

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Jeff McDowell the Finger Lakes District Superintendent, comprehensively assessed Palmyra United Methodist Church's past, present and potential ministry, after prayerfully and extensively meeting with, listening to and guiding the congregation;

WHEREAS, the members of the Palmyra United Methodist Church convened at a duly noticed Church Conference held on December 16, 2018 and voted in favor of closing the church pursuant to the provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*;

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent determined that Palmyra United Methodist Church no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized and recommended that it be closed pursuant to the provisions of *The Book of Discipline*;

WHEREAS, in relation to the proposed closure, the District Superintendent recommended that control and possession of all real and personal property of the Palmyra United Methodist Church vest in the Annual Conference Trustees, and all real and personal property of the Palmyra United Methodist Church be transferred to the Annual Conference, and administered in accordance with the New Beginnings Fund of the Upper New York Annual Conference, and that the balance of the assets formerly of the Palmyra United Methodist Church, including the net sale proceeds, after administration by Conference Trustees be allocated and transferred in accordance with the standing resolutions and policies of the Upper New York Conference with respect to closed churches effective during the Quadrennium (January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020);

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent recommended that the membership of Palmyra United Methodist Church be transferred other United Methodist churches as the individual members select; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Mark J. Webb, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the Finger Lakes District Board of Church Location and Building received and consented to the District Superintendent's closure recommendations;

IT IS THEREFORE

RESOLVED, that Palmyra United Methodist Church is closed June 30, 2019; and
it is further

RESOLVED, that control and possession of all real and personal property formerly held in trust by Palmyra United Methodist Church is hereby vested in the Annual Conference

Trustees, and that the Annual Conference Trustees are authorized to sell and convey the real estate in accordance with market conditions; and it is further

RESOLVED, that following the sale of the real estate, the balance of the assets formerly of the Palmyra United Methodist Church, including the net sale proceeds, shall be transferred to and administered in accordance with the New Beginnings Fund of the Upper New York Annual Conference; and it is further

RESOLVED, that all real and personal property of the Palmyra United Methodist Church be and hereby is transferred to the Annual Conference, and that the balance of the assets formerly of the Palmyra United Methodist Church, including the net sale proceeds, after administration by Conference Trustees be allocated and transferred in accordance with the standing resolutions and policies of the Upper New York Conference with respect to closed churches effective during the Quadrennium (January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020);

RESOLVED, that the membership of the Palmyra United Methodist Church be transferred to other United Methodist churches as the individual members select.