

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

WHEREAS, Vestal: Calvary United Methodist Church was organized in 1954, and faithfully served its community in ministry for over 64 years;

WHEREAS, Rev. David Kofahl the Binghamton District Superintendent, comprehensively assessed Vestal: Calvary 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 Vestal: Calvary United Methodist Church convened at a duly noticed Church Conference held on April 18, 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 Vestal: Calvary 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 Vestal: Calvary United Methodist Church vest in the Annual Conference Trustees, and

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent recommended that the membership of Vestal: Calvary United Methodist Church be transferred to Foundation United Methodist Church or other United Methodist churches as the individual members select; and

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

IT IS THEREFORE

RESOLVED, that effective June 30, 2018 the Vestal: Calvary United Methodist Church is closed; and it is further

RESOLVED, that control and possession of all real and personal property formerly held in trust by Vestal: Calvary United Methodist Church is hereby vested in the Annual Conference Trustees; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Annual Conference Trustees are authorized to sell, transfer, allocate and convey the real and personal property of the Vestal: Calvary United Methodist Church in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*, and the Trustees may, in their discretion, consult with the Annual Conference Cabinet concerning the disposition of the real property and allocation of personal property to denominational entities, including the net proceeds from the sale of real estate; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the membership of the Vestal: Calvary United Methodist Church be transferred to the Foundation United Methodist Church, or other United Methodist churches as the individual members select.