UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF A LOCAL CHURCH

WHEREAS, Bolton Landing: Emmanuel United Methodist Church was organized in 1899 and faithfully served its community in ministry for over 123 years;

WHEREAS, on Dec. 31, 2022, Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb and the District Superintendents of the Upper New York Annual Conference Cabinet met and, upon full and deliberate consideration, declared Bolton Landing: Emmanuel United Methodist Church was no longer used, kept, or maintained by its membership as a place of divine worship and no longer served the purpose for which it was organized and/or incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Cabinet further determined and declared that exigent circumstances existed requiring the immediate protection of the local church's property for the benefit of the denomination; and

WHEREAS, immediately upon the Cabinet's declaration of exigent circumstances, all real and personal, tangible and intangible, property of the Bolton Landing: Emmanuel United Methodist Church vested in the Annual Conference's Board of Trustees, with denominational authority to hold and dispose of the property in its sole discretion subject to the standing rules of the Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees faithfully and diligently administered the real and personal property of the Bolton Landing: Emmanuel United Methodist Church from Dec. 31, 2022, until this session of the Upper New York Annual Conference; it hereby

RESOLVED, that Bolton Landing: Emmanuel United Methodist Church is closed, pursuant to the provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and it is further

RESOLVED, that all actions taken by the Annual Conference Trustees following the Cabinet's declaration of Dec. 31, 2022, are affirmed, including its decision for the Upper New York Conference to retain the Bolton Landing church building and property (the “Property”) for the use and benefit of Skye Farm Camp and Retreat Center (“Skye Farm”), and Skye Farm shall undertake to keep and maintain the Property in good order and condition and shall be responsible for all financial obligations associated with such care and maintenance and for all other costs and expenses that may arise from or relate to such Property; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the membership of the Bolton Landing: Emmanuel United Methodist Church be transferred to Chestertown UMC or to other United Methodist churches as the individual members select.