

**UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF A LOCAL CHURCH

WHEREAS, Cornerstone United Methodist Church was organized in 1990, and faithfully served its community in ministry for over 31 years;

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2021, 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 that as of April 19, 2021 Cornerstone 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 property of the Cornerstone 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 property of the Cornerstone United Methodist Church from April 19, 2021 until this session of the Upper New York Annual Conference; it hereby

RESOLVED, that Cornerstone 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 on April 19, 2021 are affirmed; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the balance of any assets formerly of the Cornerstone United Methodist Church shall be transferred to and administered in accordance with the New Beginnings Fund of the Upper New York Annual Conference; and that the balance of any assets formerly of the Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 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); and it is further

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