

1 **Upper New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church**
2 **Session resolutions relating to the discontinuation of a local church**
3 **Watkins Glen UMC**

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5 WHEREAS, the Watkins Glen United Methodist Church was organized in 1843, and faithfully
6 served its community in ministry for over 172 years;

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8 WHEREAS, Rev. Nancy Adams, the Mountain View District Superintendent, comprehensively
9 assessed the Watkins Glen United Methodist Church's past, present and potential ministry, after
10 prayerfully and extensively meeting with, listening to and guiding the congregation;

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12 WHEREAS, the district superintendent determined that the Watkins Glen United Methodist
13 Church no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized and recommended that it be
14 discontinued pursuant to the provisions of *The Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church;

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16 WHEREAS, in relation to the proposed discontinuation, the district superintendent
17 recommended that control and possession of all real and personal property of the Watkins Glen United
18 Methodist Church ~~vest in the Annual Conference Trustees, and~~ **be transferred to the Pennsylvania**
19 **Avenue United Methodist Church;** that the membership of the Watkins Glen United Methodist Church
20 be transferred to other United Methodist churches as the individual members select; and

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22 WHEREAS, Bishop Mark J. Webb, a majority of the district superintendents, and the Mountain
23 View District Board of Church Location and Building received and consented to the District
24 superintendent's discontinuation recommendations;

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26 IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Watkins Glen United Methodist Church is discontinued;
27 and it is further

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29 RESOLVED, that control and possession of all real and personal property formerly held in trust
30 by the Watkins Glen United Methodist Church ~~is hereby vested in the Annual Conference Trustees, and~~
31 ~~that the Annual Conference Trustees are authorized to sell and convey the real estate in accordance~~
32 ~~with market conditions;~~ **be transferred to the Pennsylvania Avenue United Methodist Church** and it is
33 further

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35 RESOLVED, that following the sale of the real estate, the balance of the assets formerly of the
36 Watkins Glen United Methodist Church, including the net sale proceeds, shall be transferred to **be**
37 **transferred to the Pennsylvania Avenue United Methodist Church** ~~and administered in accordance with~~
38 ~~the New Beginnings Fund of the Upper New York Annual Conference;~~ and it is further

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40 RESOLVED, that the membership of the Watkins Glen United Methodist Church is hereby
41 transferred to other United Methodist churches as the individual members select.