

1 **The Upper New York Annual Conference Of The United Methodist Church**
2 **Certificate of Resolution of The Board of Trustees**
3 **Requesting Conference Approval to Sell the Property**
4 **Presently Occupied by Camp Findley**
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6 I, Travis Dann, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Upper New York Annual Conference of the
7 United Methodist Church, a New York Religious Corporation, hereby certify that the following is a true
8 summary of resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees on May 19, 2016;
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10 WHEREAS the Upper New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and its predecessor
11 conferences have owned and operated a facility known as Findley Camp and Retreat Center (“Camp
12 Findley”) in Chautauqua County New York for more than eighty years;
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14 WHEREAS Camp Findley has provided a valuable ministry in support of Conference efforts to win
15 disciples for Jesus Christ, serving thousands of souls since it was founded;
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17 WHEREAS for many recent years Camp Findley has been unable to secure the participation and financial
18 resources needed to sustain it, and it has continually and consistently operated with significant deficits;
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20 WHEREAS in addition to resources for continued operation, Camp Findley is in need of hundreds of
21 thousands of dollars in capital investments in the physical facilities;
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23 WHEREAS the Committee on Camp and Retreat Ministries has examined various alternatives to enable
24 the Conference to retain Camp Findley and found them not to be viable;
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26 WHEREAS the Committee on Camp and Retreat Ministries has, in a prayerful, faithfully discerning, often
27 emotional, and always loving process, determined that Camp Findley’s most powerful contribution to
28 our continuing ministry must be in the form of creating a fund that will help to transform other locations
29 into facilities capable of fulfilling this mission and that for these reasons it is time to sell Camp Findley;
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31 WHEREAS Camp Findley’s sale will provide significant revenue for camp and retreat ministries that will
32 spread Christ’s ministry throughout upper New York State in new and exciting ways; and
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34 WHEREAS the board of trustees of the Upper New York Annual Conference has, after prayerful
35 consideration, concurred with the Committee’s decision; now, therefore, be it
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37 RESOLVED, that the board of trustees of the Upper New York Annual Conference, in accordance ¶ 2516
38 of *The Book of Discipline*, hereby requests authorization of the Upper New York Annual Conference to
39 sell the property presently occupied by Camp Findley and hold and designate the proceeds for capital
40 expenditures for other Camp and Retreat Ministries.
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42 I certify that the above matters have not been altered, amended, repealed or rescinded.
43 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on the 19th day of May, 2016.
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45 Travis Dann, Secretary