

CLOSED CHURCH

2020 IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Closing of the Gilman United Methodist Church

1 **Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Gilman United Methodist Church**

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3 **WHEREAS** the Gilman United Methodist Church located in Marshall County was founded in 1898 and
4 has a long and proud history; and

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6 **WHEREAS** the church conference of the Gilman United Methodist Church voted on June 26, 2020, to
7 close the church; and

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9 **WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the
10 closing of the Gilman United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Laurel Hope United
11 Methodist Church; and

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13 **WHEREAS** the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the
14 property be sold.

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16 **WHEREAS** the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district
17 superintendents, and the district board of church location and building; and all proper *Disciplinary*
18 requirements have been complied with;

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20 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Gilman United Methodist Church be closed effective July 1, 2020,
21 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

Closing of the Huntington United Methodist Church

1 **Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Huntington United Methodist Church**

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3 **WHEREAS** the Huntington Church located in Emmet County was founded in 1900 and has a long and
4 proud history; and

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6 **WHEREAS** the church conference of the Huntington United Methodist Church voted on August 11, 2019,
7 to close the church; and

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9 **WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the
10 closing of the Huntington United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Dolliver United
11 Methodist Church; and

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13 **WHEREAS** the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the
14 property be sold.

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16 **WHEREAS** the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district
17 superintendents, and the district board of church location and building; and all proper *Disciplinary*
18 requirements have been complied with;

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20 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Huntington United Methodist Church be closed effective
21 September 1, 2019, and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

Closing of the Seeds of Faith United Methodist Church

1 **Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing Seeds of Faith United Methodist Church of Lester, Iowa**
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3 **WHEREAS** the Seeds of Faith United Methodist Church of Lester, Iowa (“Seeds of Faith UMC”), located in
4 Lyon County was founded in 1889;
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6 **WHEREAS** on August 7, 2019, upon learning of the unauthorized attempts by Seeds of Faith UMC to
7 transfer the real and personal property of Seeds of Faith UMC to another entity, the Bishop and majority
8 of District Superintendents, under Discipline Paragraph 2549(13)(b), declared exigent circumstances
9 warranted that title to all Seeds of Faith UMC property should vest in the Conference Board of Trustees;
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11 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to that certain Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims dated on or about
12 December 20, 2019, the Conference Board of Trustees, for valuable consideration, resolved claims
13 against the former officers and members of Seeds of Faith UMC;
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15 **WHEREAS**, on or about December 20, 2019, the Conference Board of Trustees authorized the sale of the
16 real and personal property of the former of Seeds of Faith UMC to Seeds of Faith Community Church
17 located in Lester, Iowa;
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19 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Seeds of Faith UMC be closed effective August 7, 2019

Closing of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church

1 **Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church**
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3 **WHEREAS** the Mount Zion United Methodist Church located in Wapello County was founded in 1869
4 and has a long and proud history; and
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6 **WHEREAS** the church conference of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church voted on September 15,
7 2019, to close the church; and
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9 **WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the
10 closing of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Blakesburg United
11 Methodist Church; and
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13 **WHEREAS** the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the
14 property be sold.
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16 **WHEREAS** the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district
17 superintendents, and the district board of church location and building; and all proper *Disciplinary*
18 requirements have been complied with;
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20 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mount Zion United Methodist Church be closed effective
21 October 1, 2019, and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.

Closing of the Ticonic United Methodist Church

1 **Property Matter – Resolution for the Closing of the Ticonic United Methodist Church**
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3 **WHEREAS** the Ticonic United Methodist Church located in Monona County was founded in 1898 and has
4 a long and proud history; and
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6 **WHEREAS** the church conference of the Ticonic United Methodist Church voted on May 13, 2020, to
7 close the church; and
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9 **WHEREAS** the district superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended the
10 closing of the Ticonic United Methodist Church and transfer of membership to Hornick United
11 Methodist Church; and
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13 **WHEREAS** the superintendent, in consultation with the local church, has recommended that the
14 property be sold.
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16 **WHEREAS** the consent to close has been granted by the presiding bishop, a majority of the district
17 superintendents, and the district board of church location and building; and all proper *Disciplinary*
18 requirements have been complied with;
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20 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ticonic United Methodist Church be closed effective July 1, 2020,
21 and the property be transferred to the Trustees of Iowa Annual Conference.