RES 19-22 | RESOLUTION OF MERGER: HERITAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUBJECT: Merger Between Bowen UMC, Los Angeles, CA and Wesley UMC, Los Angeles, CA., to form Heritage

SUBMITTED BY: UMC Appointive Cabinet

WHEREAS, The Bowen Memorial United Methodist Church of Los Angeles (Bowen) was chartered in 1944 under the leadership of Rev. Hamilton Boswell; and

WHEREAS, Bowen has been faithfully guided by 16 pastors throughout its historical ministry up to the present time; and

WHEREAS, The Wesley United Methodist Church of Los Angeles (Wesley) was chartered in 1888 under the pastoral leadership of Pastor F.H. Tubbs, and

WHEREAS, Wesley has been faithfully guided by 25 pastors throughout its historical ministry up to the present time; and

WHEREAS, Bowen and Wesley have shared a pastor and joined in cooperative ministries since 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Bowen and Wesley congregations find themselves in communities that are experiencing changing demographic, economic and social situations; and

WHEREAS, the Bowen and Wesley congregations are currently engaged in ministries that address these changing demographic, economic and social realities; and

WHEREAS, the Bowen and Wesley congregations believe that their shared ministries and resources would be more effective as one united congregation instead of two separate congregations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the congregations of Bowen UMC and Wesley UMC voted on a plan of merger as of July 1, 2019 at a combined Special Charge Conference held on March 26, 2019; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the new name of the combined congregations will be Heritage United Methodist Church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the plan of merger will abide by the 2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline, ¶ 2546 cf.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that assets owned by Wesley and Bowen, including real property, financial accounts and financial instruments, will become assets owned by Heritage UMC.