RES 20-05 | RESOLUTION FOR CLOSURE: COLLEGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUBJECT: College United Methodist Church

SUBMITTED BY: Appointive Cabinet

WHEREAS, When The Methodist Episcopal Church, South merged with the Methodist Episcopal Church and The Methodist Protestant Church in 1939 to form The Methodist Church, the congregation was renamed St. John’s Methodist Church. After 70 years of worship and ministry at Main and Kolorama, Rev. R.B. Pruitt helped the congregation move to its current location on Telegraph Rd, across from Ventura City College, and it was renamed College Methodist Church. Finally, with the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Church in 1967, it became the College United Methodist Church that we know today.

WHEREAS, For the last 131 years, we have worshipped God, celebrated the Sacraments, baptized babies, received new members, given thanks for the lives of the saints who have passed on, and grown as disciples of Jesus Christ together. God’s presence and work in the world began before our charter was formed and will continue long into the future — just in a different way. We seek to honor, celebrate, and remember the last 131 years of ministry as we prepare for the next chapter of ministry.

COLLEGE UMC

ME Church, South 1888 John Wesley Allen; 89 John M. Weems; 92 Samuel M. Chase; 98 Claude Thompson; 94 No Pastor; 96 J. H. Ainsworth; 97 Robert T. Forbes; 99 John L. Jones; 1901 Wade Hamilton; 03 S. J. Davis; 05 C. O. Steele; 07 R. R. Raymond; 08 O. M. Andrews; (Mid-year) E. L. Fitch; 09 Geo. W. Stewart; 10 Geo. Harris; 13 C. W. Watson; (Mid-year) A. F. Stem; 16 E. E. Wall; 19 T. F. Hughes; 20 Mallory Flanagan; 23 C. L. McCausland; 25 C. R. Howard; 26 Howard Stickland; 29 Jas. T. French; 30 T. L. Lallance; 32 W. Harry Moore; 33 Einar I. Knudsen; 34 Karl K. Heilman; 35 H. L. Thatcher; 38 Earl R. Brewster; St. John’s; SCA 39 Thomas A. Ray; 40 (Mid-Yr) (Ralph A. Vanderwood); 41 J. Hunter Smith; 47 Robert B. Wylie; 48 Alfred C. Abbe; 57 Robert B. Pruitt; COLLEGE 59 Robert B. Pruitt; 69 W, Edward Ramsey; 74 M. Kenneth Criswell; 82 B. Lothair Green; 86 Mark Ulrickson; 95 Phyllis Tyler-Wayman; 99 David R. Horning; 2005 Anna Lee Mulford; 11 TBS; 11 (Sep 1) (Judith Fox, RA-1/2); 12 (Oct 1)-13 (Jun 30) Timothy Mull (1/2); 14 (John Robison, PL) (1/2); 17 Richard Carl Pearson (1/2); 19 (Jan 1) - 19 Richard Carl Pearson (1/4); 19 No Appointment; 19 (Dec 31) Discontinued

WHEREAS, the members requested a Paragraph 213 assessment with the District Superintendent and the North District Planning and Strategy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent and the College UMC leaders, in deliberate and prayerful consultation with the District Planning and Strategy Committee, have exhausted all efforts to revitalize College UMC and has determined the ministry of College UMC is no longer a vital ministry in its current context and configuration; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent, and the District Planning and Strategy Committee, recommends discontinuance of College UMC pursuant to 2016 Book of Discipline ¶2549; and
WHEREAS the consent to discontinue has been granted by the Presiding Bishop, and a unanimous vote of the District Superintendents; and

WHEREAS the District Superintendent will obtain the opinion of legal counsel as to the existence of any reversion, possibilities of reverter, right of reacquisition or similar restrictions pursuant to 2016 Book of Discipline § 2549.1;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that College UMC will be closed on or before December 31, 2019, with the members transferred to other UM churches of their choice, and all financial, personal and real assets transferred to California-Pacific Annual Conference and the North District Union of the United Methodist Church for future ministry development. The College Ministry Center is being formed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any property is found to exist and be sold, after any and all outstanding financial liabilities and/or obligations are resolved, and including any and all anticipated proceeds from the sale of property(ies) and any and all gifts, legacies, endowments, annuities and other benefits previously assigned to the local charge; these will be distributed according to the Book of Discipline and the rules of the California-Pacific Annual Conference.