

Resolutions on Church Closures

Baltimore Metropolitan District

Resolution to Close the Centennial-Caroline Street United Methodist Church, Baltimore, MD.

Whereas, in the Baltimore Metropolitan District, the congregation of Centennial-Caroline Street United Methodist Church, located at 1029 E Monument Street, Baltimore MD 21202 has served God faithfully through the United Methodist Church for many years, and

Whereas, the situation exists where Centennial-Caroline Street United Methodist Church no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized or incorporated and

Whereas, Centennial-Caroline Street United Methodist Church property is no longer used, kept, or maintained by its membership as a place of divine worship for The United Methodist Church, and

Whereas, on October 23, 2016, between sessions of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, with the consent of the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents and the Baltimore Metropolitan District Board of Church Location and Building, the Conference Trustees declared that exigent circumstances existed that required immediate protection of Centennial-Caroline Street United Methodist Church's property, for the benefit of the denomination, in accordance with paragraph 2549 of the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (2016);

Be it resolved, that the Baltimore-Washington Conference does hereby declare Centennial-Caroline Street United Methodist Church closed as of October 23, 2016

Be it further resolved, that the Conference Board of Trustees were authorized to take possession of the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Centennial-Caroline Street United Methodist Church and to make a determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God.

Resolution to Close the Overlea United Methodist Church, Baltimore, MD.

Whereas, in the Baltimore Metro District, the congregation of Overlea Avenue United Methodist Church, located at 3902 W Overlea Ave, Baltimore MD 21206 has served God faithfully through The United Methodist Church for many years, and

Whereas, in recent years the congregation has experienced a decline in membership and it is no longer feasible to keep it open and operational as a church and

Whereas, the congregation of Perry Hall United Methodist Church property, located at 9515 Belair Road, Baltimore, MD 21206 has agreed to facilitate a graceful transition for the congregation and ministries of Overlea Avenue United Methodist Church, and

Whereas, on September 23, 2016, between sessions of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, the leaders of Overlea Avenue United Methodist Church, and

Whereas, on September 23, 2016, between sessions of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, the leaders of Overlea Avenue United Methodist Church voted to voluntarily transfer title to all its real and property real and personal, tangible and intangible property to Perry Hall United Methodist Church following the procedures set forth in paragraphs 2540 and 2541 of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (2016);

Be it resolved, that the Baltimore-Washington Conference does hereby declare Overlea Avenue United Methodist Church closed as of December 31, 2016, and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Perry Hall United Methodist Church were authorized to take possession of the real and personal, tangible and intangible property of Overlea Avenue United Methodist Church and to make a determination of how the property may best be used for the Kingdom of God.