

**UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF A LOCAL CHURCH

**WHEREAS**, Westover United Methodist Church was organized in 1935, and faithfully served its community in ministry for over 90 years;

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2025, Resident Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez and the District Superintendents of the Upper New York Annual Conference Cabinet met and, upon full and deliberate consideration, declared Westover United Methodist Church was no longer used, kept, or maintained by its membership as a place of divine worship and no longer served the purpose for which it was organized and/or incorporated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cabinet further determined and declared that exigent circumstances existed requiring the immediate protection of the local church's property for the benefit of the denomination; and

**WHEREAS**, immediately upon the Cabinet's declaration of exigent circumstances, all real and personal, tangible and intangible, property of the Westover United Methodist Church vested in the Annual Conference's Board of Trustees, with denominational authority to hold and dispose of the property in its sole discretion subject to the standing rules of the Annual Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees faithfully and diligently administered the real and personal property of the Westover United Methodist Church from March 19, 2025, until this session of the Upper New York Annual Conference; it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that Westover United Methodist Church is closed, pursuant to the provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that all actions taken by the Annual Conference Trustees following the Cabinet's declaration of March 19, 2025, are affirmed; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the sale of the Westover United Methodist Church real property has already occurred prior to the closing of the Church, that the proceeds of the sale have been cared for by the membership of the Westover United Methodist Church, that the members have been worshipping at Endwell United Methodist Church since the sale, and the Annual Conference Trustees will exercise due diligence to determine whether these funds should be transferred to Endwell United Methodist Church per the recommendation of the District Superintendent; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the membership of the Westover United Methodist Church be transferred to the Endwell United Methodist Church or other United Methodist churches as the individual members select.