

**UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF A LOCAL CHURCH**

WHEREAS, Dryden United Methodist Church was organized in 1808, and faithfully served its community in ministry for over 217 years;

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Sherri Rood the Finger Lakes District Superintendent, comprehensively assessed Dryden United Methodist Church's past, present and potential ministry, after prayerfully and extensively meeting with, listening to and guiding the congregation;

WHEREAS, the members of the Dryden United Methodist Church convened at a duly noticed Church Conference held on April 30, 2025 and voted in favor of closing the church pursuant to the provisions of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*;

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent determined that Dryden United Methodist Church no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized and recommended that it be closed pursuant to the provisions of *The Book of Discipline*;

WHEREAS, in relation to the proposed closure, the District Superintendent recommended that control and possession of all real and personal property of the Dryden United Methodist Church vest in the Annual Conference Trustees,

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent recommended that the membership of Dryden United Methodist Church be transferred to the Freeville United Methodist Church or other United Methodist churches as the individual members select;

WHEREAS, Bishop Héctor Burgos Nunez, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the Finger Lakes District Board of Church Location and Building received and consented to the District Superintendent's closure recommendations; and

IT IS THEREFORE

RESOLVED, that Dryden United Methodist Church is closed; and it is further

RESOLVED, that control and possession of all real and personal property formerly held in trust by Dryden United Methodist Church is hereby vested in the Annual Conference Trustees, and that the Annual Conference Trustees are authorized to sell and convey the real estate in accordance with market and other conditions; and it is further

RESOLVED, that following the sale of the real estate, the balance of the assets formerly of the Dryden United Methodist Church, including the net sale proceeds, after administration by the Upper New York Conference Board of Trustees, be allocated and transferred in accordance with the standing resolutions and polices of the Upper New York Conference Board of Trustees with respect to closed churches; and it is further

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