

**CLOSURE RESOLUTION FOR  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Long Beach, Mississippi**

**WHEREAS**, First United Methodist Church of Long Beach, Mississippi, (“Local Church”) is located in Harrison County in the Sixth District of the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist denomination (“Denomination”); and

**WHEREAS**, after prayerful consideration and deliberation, the members of Local Church have determined that it is in their best interests to close Local Church pursuant to the 2016 Book of Discipline. This decision is based on Denomination’s stance on (1) the ordination of self-avowed, practicing homosexuals, and (2) the marriages or unions of two persons of the same sex either by Denomination’s clergy or on Denomination’s property (*collectively* “the Issue”).

**NOTWITHSTANDING** Local Church’s decision stated above, upon adjournment of the 2024 General Conference, Local Church Administrative Council may withdraw its decision to leave and have its deed reissued to it in line with the following selection:

~~\_\_\_\_\_ A. If the Denomination approves the 2024 Book of Discipline **with** inclusive language regarding the Issue, then the resolution to close stands, and it shall be carried to the 2024 Annual Conference for ratification.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ B. If the Denomination approves the 2024 Book of Discipline **without** inclusive language regarding the Issue, then the resolution to close stands, and it shall be carried to the 2024 Annual Conference for ratification.~~

       x        C. If the Local Church wants a church conference after the 2024 General Conference to review the approved language of the 2024 Book of Discipline regarding the Issue, then the District Superintendent shall call a church conference within the requirements of the 2024 Book of Discipline.