

1 **REC 25-11 | CLOSURE OF WESTMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

2 **SUBJECT:** Closure of Westmont United Methodist Church, Pomona Valley, CA

3 **SUBMITTED BY:** Appointive Cabinet

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5 **WHEREAS**, Westmont United Methodist Church, located in Pomona in the East District, has

6 faithfully served its community from 1884 through worship, discipleship, and mission; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the church has struggled to effectively maintain and carry out its mission and ministries for

9 over a decade; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the membership of the church has declined to five remaining members, who have

12 discerned that it is no longer sustainable to continue as an active congregation; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Church Conference of Westmont United Methodist Church was held on January 15,

15 2025 and the remaining membership voted to discontinue as a church; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the consent to discontinue has been granted by the presiding bishop and the cabinet, and

18 the East District Board of Church Location and Building pursuant to 2020/2024 Book of Discipline

19 ¶2549.2.(4).b; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the five remaining members of Westmont United Methodist Church will be transferred to

22 Montclair United Methodist Church and received into its care and fellowship; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, the remaining cash assets around \$2,000 of Westmont United Methodist Church as of the

25 closure date shall be transferred to the Montclair UMC.

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27 **WHEREAS**, Pomona Valley Chinese United Methodist Church, a nesting congregation at Westmont

28 United Methodist Church, is currently exploring the possible transfer of the property title; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, these discussions are ongoing and additional time will be needed before a final

31 determination regarding the future of the property can be made;

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33 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the California-Pacific Conference of The United Methodist

34 Church, meeting in regular session on June 12-14, 2025, approves the formal closure of Westmont

35 United Methodist Church, effective June 30, 2025; and

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cabinet will report to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session of the

38 California-Pacific Conference in 2026 regarding the disposition of Westmont UMC's property.