

**REC 26-12 | CLOSURE OF MISSION COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**SUBJECT:** Closure of Mission Community United Methodist Church, Rosemead, CA

**SUBMITTED BY:** Appointive Cabinet

**WHEREAS,** Mission Community United Methodist Church, located in the East District, traces its roots back to 1882 with the founding of Asbury United Methodist Church, and has faithfully witnessed to the Gospel in the community for over 140 years; and

**WHEREAS,** the current congregation is the blessed product of a merger between the Rosemead and Asbury congregations that took place nearly thirty years ago; and

**WHEREAS,** due to a severe lack of operational capacity and financial resources, the Administrative Council of Mission Community United Methodist Church prayerfully voted on November 16, 2025, to discontinue its ministry; and

**WHEREAS,** during the season this decision was made, a Book of Discipline ¶213 strategic study was actively being carried out, which also concluded and likewise recommended the closure of the local church; and

**WHEREAS,** the Administrative Council designated December 28, 2025, as the date for the congregation’s final service of worship; and

**WHEREAS,** the consent to discontinue has been granted by the presiding Bishop, the Cabinet, and the East District Board of Church Location and Building pursuant to the Book of Discipline ¶2549; and

**WHEREAS,** recognizing that the City of Rosemead faces a shortage of affordable housing options, the East District Union (EDU) is exploring options to utilize the physical property to meet this community need rather than placing the asset on the market for a sale; and

**WHEREAS,** the East District Union is currently engaging in exploratory discussions with property developers to assess the feasibility of converting the site into affordable housing to bless the local neighborhood;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the California-Pacific Conference of The United Methodist Church approves the formal closure of Mission Community United Methodist Church, effective June 30, 2026.