

REC 26-18 | CLOSURE OF NORTH OXNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUBJECT: North Oxnard United Methodist Church, Oxnard, CA

SUBMITTED BY: Appointive Cabinet

WHEREAS the North Oxnard United Methodist Church (UMC) was chartered on October 15, 1957; and

WHEREAS North Oxnard UMC was organized for the purposes of sharing the gospel and engaging the nearby communities with worship, evangelism and Christian Education opportunities to grow in Christ; and

WHEREAS in the history of North Oxnard, it has seen many individuals and families commit themselves to follow Christ and to acts of justice, mercy and compassion in the world; and

WHEREAS two deliberate and prayerful Assessments have been conducted. In January of 2019, a ¶213 was conducted, which resulted in North Oxnard UMC becoming a cooperative parish with First United Methodist Church of Ventura and College United Methodist Church. Then in January of 2025, the members of North Oxnard requested another ¶213 Assessment. The ¶213 Assessment was conducted in February and March of 2025 by a Task Force organized by the District Superintendent, in consultation with the District Planning and Strategy Committee, and determined the ministry of North Oxnard UMC was no longer a vital ministry in its current configuration; and

WHEREAS on Dec. 17, 2025 at a duly called Charge Conference, the members of North Oxnard UMC voted to close its charter.

WHEREAS on March 31, 2026, the North Oxnard ceased worship. All members departed, the hope of developing and maintaining another United Methodist ministry on this site is being considered.

WHEREAS the District Superintendent, and the District Planning and Strategy Committee, recommends discontinuance of North Oxnard UMC pursuant to 2020/2024 Book of Discipline ¶2549; and

WHEREAS the Bishop and Cabinet unanimously voted at its meeting on February 12th, 2026 to discontinue the charter of North Oxnard United Methodist Church pursuant to 2020/2024 Book of Discipline ¶2549; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Oxnard United Methodist Church be confirmed by the California-Pacific Conference at its Annual Conference session as having been officially discontinued on March 31, 2026 with all financial, personal and real assets transferred to the California-Pacific Annual Conference and the North District Union of the United Methodist Church for future ministry development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the property were to be sold and when any/all outstanding financial liabilities and/or obligations are resolved, the net proceeds are to be distributed according to Resolution 17-9.