

1 **Document: 640**
2 **Name: Special Sundays Offerings for 2025**
3 **Author: Conference Council on Finance and**
4 **Administration CCFA Comment:**

5 **ACTION:**

6 The Northern Illinois Conference recommends the following Special Sundays with
7 offerings for 2025:

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9 **Special Sundays**

10 **General Church Offerings 2025**

11	Human Relations Day	January 19, 2025
12	UMCOR Sunday	March 23, 2025
13	Native American Ministries Sunday	May 11, 2025
14	Peace with Justice Sunday	June 15, 2025
15	World Communion Sunday	October 5, 2025
16	United Methodist Student Day	November 23, 2025

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18 **(NIC Churches are encouraged to celebrate UM Student Day any Sunday in October or**
19 **November and are encouraged to connect with the NIC Board of Higher Ed to create**
20 **space and connections with campus ministries located throughout the NIC.)**

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22 **Conference Offerings 2025**

23	Scouting Ministries	Any Sunday in February or March*
24	Golden Cross	May 4, 2025
25	Volunteers in Mission	Any Sunday in July or August
26	Christian Education	September 14, 2025
27	Disability Awareness Sunday	November 2, 2025
28	HIV/AIDS Awareness	December 7, 2025
29	United Voices for Children	Every 5th Sunday
30		(March, June, August, November)

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32 *** This fund supports Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire, 4-H, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and**
33 **Amachi programs.**

1 **Document: 700.08**
2 **Name: Discontinuance of BLUE ISLAND: GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
3 **Author: District Superintendent, Dr. Audrea F. Nanabray Lake South District, UMC**
4 **CCFA Action:**
5 **Legislative Section:**

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7 **ACTION:**

8 WHEREAS the GRACE UMC located in the City of Blue Island, Illinois at the commonly
9 **known address** 12739 Maple Avenue, Blue Island, IL 60406 in Worth Township of
10 Cook County, Illinois was formed and has witnessed to Jesus Christ and served its
11 community and the world for many years and having closed on June 30, 2024 and

12 WHEREAS the Grace UMC faithfully served the community in the City of Blue Island, IL
13 and boldly risked themselves in this effort; and

14 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of The United*
15 *Methodist Church 2016*, the Lake South District Superintendent has recommended with the
16 approval of the District Strategy Team that the church be discontinued effective June 30, 2024.
17 The Lake South District Committee on Building and Location has voted to concur with the
18 District Superintendent's recommendation to discontinue said church and the presiding Bishop
19 and the majority of the District Superintendents of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of
20 The United Methodist Church have consented to the District Superintendent's
21 recommendation to discontinue said church;

22 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to minimize the risk of loss of future bequests to the
23 Conference, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference recommends that the said Church,
24 though discontinued under the Canon Law of The United Methodist Church, nevertheless be
25 maintained in perpetuity under the Illinois civil law by adopting a reincorporation thereof by
26 the Bishop under Section 46b of the Illinois Religious Corporation Act, with the incumbent
27 Conference Board of Trustees names as trustees of the Discontinued Church under the
28 procedure established by Article VII "Discontinued or Abandoned Church Reincorporation" of
29 the By-laws of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all properties and assets of said Church,
31 including, but not limited to its existing and future gifts, devises, and bequests,
32 its existing personal property and accounts and its real property commonly
33 known as 12739 Maple Avenue, Blue Island, IL 60406,
34 Shall become the properties and assets of the Northern Illinois Conference of The
35 United Methodist Church, and
36 Shall, in the discretion of the Bishop in consultation with the Cabinet, be either:
37 a. Retained by the reincorporated shell Illinois religious corporation
38 referred to above
39 pending sale or other disposition; or

1 b. Transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual
2 Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the said Church shall be transferred to
5 **Olympia Fields UMC** in Olympia Fields, Illinois, unless any such members shall inform the
6 pastor of the transferee church otherwise; and

7 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of The Northern Illinois Annual
8 Conference of The United Methodist Church are authorized and directed to execute on behalf
9 of the said Conference any and all such additional documents as legal counsel shall
10 recommend to effectuate the above.

11 **RATIONALE:**

12 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus Christ, Blue
13 Island: Grace UMC has come to a place of transition and closure as membership and
14 attendance have declined. The congregation has expressed its desire to celebrate its past
15 ministry but to no longer remain in service as **Blue Island: Grace UMC**. The closure has been
16 recommended by the **Lake South** Board on Church Location and Buildings and the District
17 Superintendent.

1 **Document: 700.09**
2 **Name: Discontinuance of MANDELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
3 **Author: Rev. Brittany Isaac, District Superintendent, Lake North District,**
4 **UMC**
5 **CCFA Action:**
6 **Legislative Section:**

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8 **ACTION:**

9 WHEREAS the MANDELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located in the
10 City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois was formed in 1894 and has witnessed to
11 Jesus Christ and served its community and the world for 130 years; and

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13 WHEREAS the MANDELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH faithfully served
14 the community in the City of Chicago and boldly risked themselves in this effort;
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17 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline*
18 *of The United Methodist Church 2016*, the Lake North District Superintendent has
19 recommended with the approval of the District Strategy Team that the church be
20 discontinued effective June 30, 2024. The Lake North District Committee on
21 Building and Location has voted to concur with the District Superintendent's
22 recommendation to discontinue said church and the presiding Bishop and the
23 majority of the District Superintendents of the Northern Illinois Annual
24 Conference of The United Methodist Church have consented to the District
25 Superintendent's recommendation to discontinue said church;

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27 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to minimize the risk of loss of future
28 bequests to the Conference, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference
29 recommends that the said Church, though discontinued under the Canon Law
30 of The United Methodist Church, nevertheless be maintained in perpetuity
31 under the Illinois civil law by adopting a reincorporation thereof by the Bishop
32 under Section 46b of the Illinois Religious Corporation Act, with the incumbent
33 Conference Board of Trustees names as trustees of the Discontinued Church
34 under the procedure established by Article VII "Discontinued or Abandoned
35 Church Reincorporation" of the By-laws of the Northern Illinois Annual
36 Conference of The United Methodist Church; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all properties and assets of said Church,
39 including, but not limited to its existing and future gifts, devises, and bequests,
40 its existing personal property and accounts and its real property commonly
41 known as 5000 W. Congress Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60644,

1 Shall become the properties and assets of the Northern Illinois Conference of The
2 United Methodist Church, and
3 Shall, in the discretion of the Bishop in consultation with the Cabinet, be either:
4 a. Retained by the reincorporated shell Illinois religious corporation
5 referred to above
6 pending sale or other disposition; or
7 b. Transferred to the Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois Annual
8 Conference of The United Methodist Church; and
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11 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of The Northern Illinois
12 Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church are authorized and directed
13 to execute on behalf of the said Conference any and all such additional
14 documents as legal counsel shall recommend to effectuate the above.
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16 RATIONALE:

17 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus
18 Christ, MANDELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH has come to a place of
19 transition and closure as membership and attendance have declined. The
20 congregation has expressed its desire to celebrate its past ministry but to no
21 longer remain in service as MANDELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. The
22 closure has been recommended by the Lake North District Strategy Team, the
23 Lake North District Board on Church Location and Buildings and the District
24 Superintendent.