

1 Document 700.01
2 Name: Discontinuance of Chicago: Grace Calvary UMC
3 Author: District Superintendent, Jacques Conway
4 Lake South District, UMC
5 CCFA Action: _____
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7 **ACTION:**

8 WHEREAS the **Chicago: Grace Calvary UMC**, located in the City of **Chicago**,
9 **Illinois at the commonly known address 7800 S. Loomis Blvd.** in
10 **Chicago** Township of **Cook** County, Illinois was formed and has witnessed to Jesus
11 Christ and served its community and the world for having closed on July 1, 2023;
12 and
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14 WHEREAS the **Chicago: Grace Calvary UMC** faithfully served the community in
15 the Village of **Chicago, IL** and boldly risked themselves in this effort; and
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17 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of*
18 *The United Methodist Church 2016*, the **Lake South** District Superintendent has
19 recommended with the approval of the District Strategy Team that the church be
20 discontinued effective **July 1, 2023**. The Prairie South 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 Conference
24 of The United Methodist Church have consented to the District Superintendent's
25 recommendation to discontinue said church;
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27 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, to minimize the risk of loss of future bequests
28 to the Conference, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference recommends that the
29 said Church, though discontinued under the Canon Law of The United Methodist
30 Church, nevertheless be maintained in perpetuity under the Illinois civil law by
31 adopting a reincorporation thereof by the Bishop under Section 46b of the Illinois
32 Religious Corporation Act, with the incumbent Conference Board of Trustees
33 names as trustees of the Discontinued Church under the procedure established by
34 Article VII "Discontinued or Abandoned Church Reincorporation" of the By-laws
35 of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the said Church shall be
38 transferred to **Chicago: Grace Calvary UMC** in **Chicago**, Illinois, unless any such
39 members shall inform the pastor of the transferee church otherwise; and
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41 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of The Northern Illinois
42 Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church are authorized and directed to
43 execute on behalf of the said Conference any and all such additional documents as
44 legal counsel shall recommend to effectuate the above.
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46 **RATIONALE:**

47 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus
48 Christ, **Chicago: Grace Calvary UMC** has come to a place of transition and closure

1 as membership and attendance have declined. The congregation has expressed its
2 desire to celebrate its past ministry but to no longer remain in service as **Chicago:**
3 **Grace Calvary UMC**. The closure has been recommended by the **Lake South**
4 District Strategy Team, the **Tommy Taylor Jr;** Board on Church Location and
5 Buildings and the District Superintendent.

1 **Document 700.02**
2 **Name: Discontinuance of CHICAGO: EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
3 **Author: District Superintendent, Rev. Brittany Isaac, Lake North District**
4 **CCFA Action: _____**
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6 **ACTION:**

7 WHEREAS the CHICAGO: EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
8 located in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, was formed in 1889 and
9 has witnessed to Jesus Christ and served its community and the world for
10 nearly 134 years; and

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12 WHEREAS the CHICAGO: EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
13 faithfully served the community in the City of Chicago and boldly risked
14 themselves in this effort; and

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16 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of*
17 *Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016*, the Lake North District
18 Superintendent has recommended with the approval of the District Strategy
19 Team that the church be discontinued effective DECEMBER 31, 2022. The Lake
20 North District Committee on Building and Location has voted to concur with
21 the District Superintendent's recommendation to discontinue said church and
22 the presiding Bishop and the majority of the District Superintendents of the
23 Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church have
24 consented to the District Superintendent's recommendation to discontinue said
25 church; and

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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 5253 N. Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640, shall become the
42 properties and assets of the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist
43 Church, and shall, in the discretion of the Bishop, in consultation with the
44 Cabinet, be either:

- 45 a. Retained by the reincorporated shell Illinois religious corporation
46 referred to above 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 Board of Trustees of the Northern Illinois
5 Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church be authorized and
6 directed to provide for the care, maintenance, and disposition of the said assets
7 and shall dispose of said assets in accordance with the relevant provisions of
8 The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016; and that any
9 monies or other assets received from the sale or other disposition of the assets
10 of said discontinued Church be used to pay off all monetary obligations and
11 arrearages with any remaining monies to be deposited in the Closed Church
12 Fund as directed by Standing Rule 11, Part A, Section V of the Standing Rules
13 of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church;
14 and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the said Church shall be
17 transferred to the UNITED CHURCH OF ROGERS PARK in Chicago, Illinois
18 unless any such members shall inform the pastor of the transferee church
19 otherwise; and

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

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26 RATIONALE:

27 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus
28 Christ, CHICAGO: EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH has come to a
29 place of transition and closure as membership and attendance have declined.
30 The congregation has expressed its desire to celebrate its past ministry but to no
31 longer remain in service as EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. The
32 closure has been recommended by the Lake North District Strategy Team, the
33 Lake North District Board on Church Location and Buildings and the District
34 Superintendent.

1 **Document: 700.03**
2 **Name: Discontinuance of Sterling: Trinity UMC**
3 **Author: District Superintendent, Brian Gilbert, Prairie South**
4 **CCFA Action: _____**
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6 **ACTION:**

7 WHEREAS the **Sterling: Trinity UMC** located in the City of **Sterling, Illinois** at
8 **the commonly known address of 205 E.10th Street** in **Sterling** Township of
9 **Sterling** County, Illinois, was formed and has witnessed to Jesus Christ and served
10 its community and the world for having closed on July 1, 2023; and
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12 WHEREAS the **Sterling: Trinity UMC** faithfully served the community in the
13 Village of Sterling, IL and boldly risked themselves in this effort; and
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15 WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of*
16 *The United Methodist Church 2016*, the **Prairie South** District Superintendent has
17 recommended with the approval of the District Strategy Team that the church be
18 discontinued effective **July 1, 2023**. The Prairie South District Committee on
19 Building and Location has voted to concur with the District Superintendent's
20 recommendation to discontinue said church and the presiding Bishop and the
21 majority of the District Superintendents of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference
22 of The United Methodist Church have consented to the District Superintendent's
23 recommendation to discontinue said church; and
24

25 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, to minimize the risk of loss of future bequests
26 to the Conference, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference recommends that the
27 said Church, though discontinued under the Canon Law of The United Methodist
28 Church, nevertheless be maintained in perpetuity under the Illinois civil law by
29 adopting a reincorporation thereof by the Bishop under Section 46b of the Illinois
30 Religious Corporation Act, with the incumbent Conference Board of Trustees
31 names as trustees of the Discontinued Church under the procedure established by
32 Article VII "Discontinued or Abandoned Church Reincorporation" of the By-laws
33 of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of said Church shall be transferred
36 to **Sterling: Trinity UMC** in **Sterling**, Illinois, unless any such members shall
37 inform the pastor of the transferee church otherwise; and
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39 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of The Northern Illinois
40 Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church are authorized and directed to
41 execute on behalf of the said Conference any and all such additional documents as
42 legal counsel shall recommend to effectuate the above.
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44 **RATIONALE:**

45 After many faithful years of service, ministry and mission in the name of Jesus
46 Christ, **Sterling: Trinity UMC** has come to a place of transition and closure as
47 membership and attendance have declined. The congregation has expressed its
48 desire to celebrate its past ministry but to no longer remain in service as **Sterling:**

1 **Trinity UMC.** The closure has been recommended by the **Prairie South** District
2 Strategy Team, the Gilford Larimer, Jr. Board on Church Location and Buildings
3 and the District Superintendent.
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