

UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSURE OF East Worcester LOCAL
CHURCH

WHEREAS, East Worcester United Methodist Church was organized in 1824, and faithfully served its community in ministry for over 202 years;

WHEREAS, Rev. Robert Kolvik-Campbell the Oneonta & Binghamton District Superintendent, comprehensively assessed East Worcester United Methodist Church's past, present and potential ministry, after prayerfully and extensively meeting with, listening to and guiding the congregation;

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent, after careful and prayerful investigation and deliberation, determined that “exigent circumstances exist that require immediate protection of the local church’s property, for the benefit of the denomination” (¶2549.4.b of The Book of Discipline);

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent determined that East Worcester United Methodist Church no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized and recommended that it be closed pursuant to the provisions of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church;

WHEREAS, in relation to the proposed closure, the District Superintendent recommended that control and possession of all real and personal property of the East Worcester United Methodist Church vest in the Annual Conference Trustees;

WHEREAS, the District Superintendent recommended that the membership of East Worcester United Methodist Church be transferred to the Worcester United Methodist Church or other United Methodist churches as the individual members select;

WHEREAS, Bishop Héctor Burgos Núñez, a majority of the District Superintendents, and the Oneonta District Board of Church Location and Building received and consented to the District Superintendent’s closure recommendations;

IT IS THEREFORE

RESOLVED, that East Worcester United Methodist Church is closed; and it is further

RESOLVED, all real and personal property of the East Worcester United Methodist Church be administered and/or transferred by the Upper New York Conference Board of Trustees, in accordance with the standing resolutions and polices of the Upper New York Conference Board of Trustees with respect to closed churches; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the membership of the East Worcester United Methodist Church be transferred to the Worcester United Methodist Church, or other United Methodist churches as the individual members select.