

# SEE THE POSSIBILITIES, LIVE THE PROMISES



See The Possibilities: What Do You See?  
Mark 8:22-26

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**A Resolution Declaring the (Ad Interim) Closure of Arial United Methodist Church  
829 Gentry Memorial Highway, Easley, SC 29640 - Anderson District (GCFA # 270485)**

Whereas Arial United Methodist Church located in the Anderson no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized. Membership has diminished to one member, and the church has reached the reasonable conclusion of that for which it was originally organized. The District Superintendent certifies that the procedures as set forth in Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (2016) have been complied with.

Whereas there are exigent circumstances present to support the (ad interim) closure of this church pursuant to section 2549 (3) (b) of *The Book of Discipline*. These include the need to preserve and protect the building and to preserve the limited and existing funds of the church. The church does not have the means to maintain or insure this property and services are no longer being held at this location. (these should be modified with the circumstances.)

All property of Arial United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and the District Superintendent of the Anderson District and/or any two members of the Conference Board of Trustees are authorized to execute any documents to include any deeds or other legal documents to effectuate this transfer.

Resolved, pursuant to the authority granted to authorize (ad interim) closure of a church under section 2549 (3) (b) of *The Book of Discipline*, the majority of the District Superintendents agree and consent to the closure of this property.

Adopted and approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

Rev. Fran M. Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.  
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

**A Resolution Declaring the (Ad Interim) Closure of Zion United Methodist Church  
432 Zion Church Road, Easley, SC 29642 - Anderson District (GCFA #270587)**

Whereas Zion United Methodist Church of Easley, located in the Anderson District, no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized, membership has diminished to one member, and the church has reached the reasonable conclusion of that for which it was originally organized. The District Superintendent certifies that the procedures as set forth in Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (2016) have been complied with.

On January 4, 2026, a Charge Conference session was held wherein the three remaining members of the church voted unanimously to close the church immediately.

All property of Zion United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and the District Superintendent of the Anderson District and/or any two members of the Conference Board of Trustees are authorized to execute any documents to include any deeds or other legal documents to effectuate this transfer.

Resolved, pursuant to the authority granted to authorize (ad interim) closure of a church under section 2549 (3) (b) of *The Book of Discipline*, the majority of the District Superintendents agree and consent to the closure of this property.

Adopted and approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

Rev. Fran M. Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.  
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

**A Resolution to Close Oak Grove United Methodist Church  
1801 Cedar Creek Road, Blythewood, South Carolina 29016 (GCFA #272974)**

Whereas, Oak Grove United Methodist Church located in the Columbia District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; the declining membership is no longer able to sustain itself financially, care for the facilities, and continue to engage in ministry. The District Superintendent certifies that the procedures as set forth in Section 2549 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2020/2024) have been complied with, and,

Whereas, there are exigent circumstances present to support the closure of this church pursuant to section 2549 of The Book of Discipline. These include the need to preserve and protect the building and to preserve the limited and existing funds of the church. The church does not have the means to maintain or insure this property, and,

Whereas, the Church Council of Oak Grove United Methodist Church recommends

Be it resolved, the District Superintendent recommends that the Conference Board of Trustees explore possible repurposing of the building that may benefit the Cedar Creek Community. The church requests that there be consideration to make the property available to the Cedar Creek Historic Society, in similar keeping as was done with Cedar Creek United Methodist Church upon its closing and,

Be it resolved, all property of Oak Grove United Methodist Church shall be transferred to the Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Be it resolved, pursuant to this authority granted to authorize closure of a church under Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline*, the majority of the District Superintendents agree and consent to the closure of the property.

Adopted and approved this 6th day of May, 2026.

Rev. Fran M. Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.  
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

**A Resolution of Discontinuance and Transference  
Antioch United Methodist Church, Pickens County, South Carolina  
Greenville District, South Carolina Conference**

Whereas, The Church Local Conference of Antioch United Methodist Church (Antioch UMC), North Easley Charge, Greenville District, South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, consents to discontinuance and the transference of the membership, church property and other assets effective June 23, 2026, and

Whereas, Antioch UMC is incorporated as a religious nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of South Carolina, and

Whereas, The Reverend Steve Patterson, District Superintendent of the Greenville District, has consented that Antioch UMC be discontinued and may transfer the church membership, property and other assets, and

Whereas, The Greenville District Board of Church Location and Buildings has consented to the discontinuance and transference of church property and other assets of Antioch UMC, and

Whereas, The Presiding Bishop of the South Carolina Conference and a majority of the District Superintendents thereof have consented to discontinuance and the transference of Antioch UMC church membership, real property and other assets, and

Whereas, Dacusville United Methodist Church located in Dacusville, South Carolina has agreed to minister to the members of Antioch UMC, and

Whereas, Antioch UMC held a Charge Conference on April 29, 2026 to adopt this resolution of discontinuance and transference, and

Whereas, Antioch UMC has nurtured the faith of many people and served the community in which it is located since its founding, now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the South Carolina Conference hereby declares Antioch UMC has discontinued and transferred church membership, real property and other assets, effective June 23, 2026, pursuant to paragraph 2540 or 2541, The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (2020/2024), and be it further

Resolved, That the South Carolina Conference expresses thanksgiving to God for the Christian ministry rendered across the years by the members and pastors of Antioch UMC, and be it further

Resolved, That the membership of Antioch UMC shall be transferred to Dacusville United Methodist Church located in Dacusville, South Carolina, and be it further

Resolved, That the District Superintendent of the Greenville District shall have the authority to authorize the disposition of the tangible personal property items belonging to Antioch UMC, and be it further

Resolved, That the real property and remaining personal property of Antioch UMC (not including those tangible personal property items authorized for disposition by the District Superintendent) including the monies of Antioch UMC held in bank accounts or otherwise, shall be conveyed and transferred to Dacusville United Methodist Church located in Dacusville, South Carolina, and be it further

Resolved, That the Dacusville United Methodist Church located in Dacusville, South Carolina shall hold the property in trust pending a further disposition of the property in accordance with the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, and be it further

Resolved, That the Dacusville United Methodist Church located in Dacusville, South Carolina is authorized to use the monies transferred by Antioch UMC for the care and maintenance of the property until the further disposition of the property, and be it further

Resolved, That, as part of winding up the affairs of the local church, any two officers of the Antioch UMC are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer and conveyance of the Property consistent with the direction of this resolution, and be it further,

Resolved, That the District Superintendent of the Greenville District shall oversee the transfer of membership and the conveyance and transfer of the Property to ensure completion, and be it further

Resolved, That the District Superintendent of the Greenville District shall ensure that all deeds, records, and other official and legal papers, are collected and deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History of the South Carolina Conference.

Adopted and approved this 6th day of May, 2026.

Rev. Fran M. Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.  
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

**A Resolution Declaring the *Ad Interim* Closure of Epting Memorial United Methodist Church  
1401 Milligan Street, Newberry, SC 29108, Greenwood District (GCFA # 275168)**

Whereas Epting Memorial United Methodist Church located in the Greenwood District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; the local church is no longer financially sustainable by its members, is no longer in a position to foresee such long-term sustainability as well as the ability to be active in the life of the community, declining membership, and inability to sustain a vibrant faith community. The District Superintendent certifies that the procedures as set forth in Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* (2020/2024) have been complied with.

Whereas there are exigent circumstances present to support the *ad interim* closure of this church pursuant to section 2549 (3) (b) of *The Book of Discipline*. These include the need to preserve and protect the building and to preserve the limited and existing funds of the church. The church does not have the means to continue to maintain or insure this property and services will no longer be held at this location after June 9, 2025.

Whereas the Charge conference of Epting Memorial United Methodist Church voted on May 13, 2025 to request closure on an ad interim basis effective.

All property of Epting Memorial United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and the District Superintendent of the Greenwood District and/or any two members of the Conference Board of Trustees are authorized to execute any documents to include any deeds or other legal documents to effectuate this transfer.

Resolved, pursuant to the authority granted to authorize (ad interim) closure of a church under section 2549 (3) (b) of *The Book of Discipline*, the majority of the District Superintendents agree and consent to the closure of this property.

Adopted and approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

Rev. Fran M. Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.  
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

**A Resolution Declaring the Ad Interim Closure of Lebanon United Methodist Church  
3973 Mt. Bethel Garmany Road, Newberry, SC 29108, Greenwood District (GCFA # 274698)**

Whereas Lebanon United Methodist Church located in the Greenwood District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; the local church is no longer financially sustainable by its members, is no longer in a position to foresee such long-term sustainability as well as the ability to be active in the life of the community, declining membership, and inability to sustain a vibrant faith community. The District Superintendent certifies that the procedures as set forth in Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2020/2024)* have been complied with.

Whereas there are exigent circumstances present to support the *ad interim* closure of this church pursuant to section 2549 (3) (b) of *The Book of Discipline*. These include the need to preserve and protect the building and to preserve the limited and existing funds of the church. The church does not have the means to continue to maintain or insure this property and services will no longer be held at this location after June 9, 2025.

Whereas the Charge conference of Lebanon United Methodist Church voted on May 13, 2025 to request closure on an ad interim basis effective.

All property of Lebanon United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and the District Superintendent of the Greenwood District and/or any two members of the Conference Board of Trustees are authorized to execute any documents to include any deeds or other legal documents to effectuate this transfer.

Resolved, pursuant to the authority granted to authorize (ad interim) closure of a church under section 2549 (3) (b) of *The Book of Discipline*, the majority of the District Superintendents agree and consent to the closure of this property.

Adopted and approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

Rev. Fran M. Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.  
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

**A Resolution Declaring the Closure of Bethel United Methodist Church  
2393 Bethel Road – Hartsville, SC 29550, Hartsville District (GCFA number #275705)**

Whereas, Bethel United Methodist Church, located in the Hartsville District, no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized. Bethel has no active members, and there are no financial resources to satisfy operating expenses. The District Superintendent certifies that the procedures, as set forth in Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2020/2024)* have been complied with.

Whereas, there are exigent circumstances present to support the ad-interim closure of this church, pursuant to Section 2549(3)(b) of *The Book of Discipline*. These include the need to preserve and protect the building on behalf of the denomination. The church does not have the means to maintain or insure this property and services are no longer being held at this location..

All property of Bethel United Methodist Church shall be transferred to the Trustees of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and the District Superintendent of the Hartsville District, and/or any two members of the Conference Board of Trustees, are authorized to execute any documents to include any deeds or other legal documents to effectuate this transfer.

Resolved, pursuant to the authority granted to authorize ad interim closure of a church under Section 2549(3)(b) of *The Book of Discipline*, the majority of the District Superintendents agree and consent to the closure of this property.

Adopted and approved on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

Rev. Fran M. Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.  
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

**A Resolution Declaring the Ad Interim Closure of Richburg United Methodist Church  
124 E. Lancaster Street, Richburg, South Carolina 29729, Rock Hill District (GCFA #278606)**

Whereas Richburg United Methodist Church located in the Rock Hill District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized. The District Superintendent certifies that the procedures as set forth in Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church have been complied with.

Whereas there are exigent circumstances present to support the ad interim closure of this church pursuant to section 2549 (3) (b) of *The Book of Discipline*. The Church does not have the means to maintain or insure the property and have by separate resolution voted to transfer all of the property of the church to the Conference Trustees on or before January 10, 2026.

Resolved, pursuant to the authority granted to authorize ad interim closure of a church under section 2549 (3) (b) of the *Book of Discipline*, the majority of the District Superintendents agree and consent to the closure of this property.

Adopted and approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

Rev. Fran M. Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.  
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

**A Resolution Declaring the Ad Interim Closure of El Bethel United Methodist Church  
820 S. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306, Spartanburg District (GCFA # 279680)**

Whereas El Bethel United Methodist Church located in the Spartanburg District no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized; the local church is no longer financially sustainable by its members, is no longer in a position to foresee such long-term sustainability as well as the ability to be active in the life of the community, declining membership, and inability to sustain a vibrant faith community. The District Superintendent certifies that the procedures as set forth in Section 2549 of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church (2020/2024)* have been complied with.

Whereas there are exigent circumstances present to support the *ad interim* closure of this church pursuant to section 2549 (3) (b) of *The Book of Discipline*. These include the need to preserve and protect the building and to preserve the limited and existing funds of the church. The church does not have the means to continue to maintain or insure this property and services will no longer be held at this location after March 31, 2026.

Whereas the Charge conference of El Bethel United Methodist Church voted on 3/31/2026 to request closure on an ad interim basis effective.

All property of El Bethel United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Trustees of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and the District Superintendent of the Spartanburg District and/or any two members of the Conference Board of Trustees are authorized to execute any documents to include any deeds or other legal documents to effectuate this transfer.

Resolved, pursuant to the authority granted to authorize (ad interim) closure of a church under section 2549 (3) (b) of *The Book of Discipline*, the majority of the District Superintendents agree and consent to the closure of this property.

Adopted and approved this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2026.

Rev. Fran M. Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.  
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

**A Resolution Declaring the Merger of Cornerstone United Methodist Church, GCFA #278663  
Epworth United Methodist Church, GCFA #278641 to become CORNERSTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Rock Hill, South Carolina, Rock Hill District**

Whereas Cornerstone United Methodist Church and Epworth United Methodist Church located in the Rock Hill District have been organized as a part of the Cornerstone-Epworth Charge for many years. Whereas each church held a separate church conference on Thursday, February 19, 2026, and each church by written ballot approved a “**Merger Document**” to merge the two churches effective March 6, 2026 to become Cornerstone United Methodist Church. Whereas the merger has been approved by The Reverend Dr. Anthony Hodge, Superintendent of the Rock Hill District.

Whereas the “Merger Document” directed that all property, both real and personal, would become the property of the newly merged church (Cornerstone UMC), and directed the trustees to execute any necessary documents to complete these transfers.

It is therefore resolved that Cornerstone and Epworth United Methodist Churches, pursuant to Paragraph 2546 of The Book of Discipline (2020/2024), shall be merged to become Cornerstone United Methodist Church, effective March 6, 2026.

All property, both real and personal, (including all archives and records) of Cornerstone United Methodist Church and Epworth United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Cornerstone United Methodist Church. The District Superintendent of the Rock Hill District and/or any two members of the trustees of the two named churches are authorized to execute any documents to include any deeds or other legal documents necessary to effectuate these transfers.

The Bishop and District Superintendents of the South Carolina Conference agree and consent to the merger of these churches.

Rev. Fran M. Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.  
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

**A Resolution Declaring the Merger of Duncan United Methodist Church, GCFA #273422  
Immanuel United Methodist Church, GCFA #279383 to become: FOUNDATIONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
139 Main Street, Duncan, South Carolina 29334, Spartanburg District**

Whereas Duncan United Methodist Church (139 Main Street Duncan, South Carolina 29334) and Immanuel United Methodist Church (1351 Main Street Wellford, South Carolina 29385) located in the Spartanburg District of SC Conference of United Methodist Church have been organized as a part of the Tyger River Charge for many years. Whereas each church held a separate conference on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, and each church approved a “**Plan of Merger**” to merge the two churches effective June 10, 2026 to become Foundations United Methodist Church. Whereas the merger has been approved by Rev. Cathy D. Mitchell, Superintendent of the Spartanburg District.

Whereas the “**Plan of Merger**” directed that all property, both real and personal, would become the property of the newly merged church (Foundations UMC), and directed the trustees to execute any necessary documents to complete these transfers.

It is therefore resolved that Duncan and Immanuel United Methodist Churches, pursuant to Paragraph 2546 of **The Book of Discipline (2020/2024)**, shall be merged to become Foundations United Methodist Church effective June 10, 2026.

All property, both real and personal, (including all archives and records) of Duncan United Methodist Church and Immanuel United Methodist Church shall be transferred to Foundations United Methodist Church. The District Superintendent of the Spartanburg District and/or any two members of the trustees of the two named churches are authorized to execute any documents to include any deeds or other legal documents necessary to effectuate these transfers.

The Bishop and District Superintendents of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church agree and consent to the merger of these churches.

Adopted and approved this 6th day of May, 2026

Rev. Fran M. Elrod, Secretary of the Cabinet  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

I have reviewed this resolution and I consent.  
Bishop Leonard E. Fairley, Resident Bishop  
*South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church*

## Africa University Report

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

2025 was a year of robust growth and momentum for Africa University (AU). In June, AU graduated its largest class ever—622 students from 20 African countries. In August, the university welcomed its most diverse incoming class, with students from 30 nations. They study in four colleges, a law school, and two institutes on a modern, fully debt-free campus built for learning and community.

Thank you to the congregations of the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church for your faithful support of Africa University. In 2025, South Carolina Conference churches gave at 100 percent to the Africa University Fund, including a special gift from the Orangeburg District in honor of James H. Salley's leadership.

The South Carolina Conference's steadfast commitment makes a real difference in forming disciples who love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously—across Africa and around the world. Among them is a young man from Zambia, trained as an agriculturalist and ready to return home to serve this June, thanks to South Carolina Conference endowments at Africa University.

Highlights from 2025:

- A self-funded solar power plant now supplies 100 percent of AU campus electricity, easing pressure on Zimbabwe's national grid and benefiting nearby communities. The plant is saving Africa University almost \$250,000 a year in electricity costs.
- A new collaboration with the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health advances research in food security, sustainable agriculture, and environmental resilience. Faculty and graduate researchers are developing evidence-based responses to climate stress, water insecurity, and agricultural vulnerability—equipping communities to adapt and thrive.
- An expanded partnership supporting applied research with The United Methodist Church's Global Ministries agency focuses on at-risk agriculture and malaria prevention, strengthening rural communities.
- In partnership with United Methodist Communications, AU is training African church communicators in digital engagement and media strategy—strengthening the Church's witness across diverse contexts.
- AU's School of Law moot court team earned the honor of representing Africa at the World Round of the Price Media Law Moot Court Competition in the United Kingdom in 2026.

These milestones are directly connected to your generosity. As this quadrennium continues, Africa University thanks every congregation in the South Carolina Conference for striving to maintain the tradition of 100 percent AUF funding each year. AU also invites more churches to explore becoming "Keystone Congregations" by committing \$7,000 annually in direct scholarship support for one undergraduate student—and walking alongside that student with prayer and encouragement throughout their degree journey.

Africa University remains a living expression of our worldwide connection. Your continual engagement is pivotal. Because you pray, South Carolina United Methodists, leaders are called and formed. Because you give, research advances. Because you believe in Africa University, hope expands across nations.

Thank you for standing with AU through almost three and a half decades of impactful ministry. Together, we are shaping a generation equipped to lead Africa—and the Church—into a resilient and faithful future.

*Submitted by:*

*James H. Salley*

*President and Chief Executive Officer – Africa University (Tennessee) Inc., and Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement – Africa University (Zimbabwe).*

**South Carolina Conference (741)  
2027 Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan**

This funding plan incorporates, to the best of our understanding, the plan sponsor's obligations and funding of the benefits provided to clergy and laity, as noted below.

It is understood by the signees that defined benefit plan liabilities [Pre-82 Plan, Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP) and Clergy Retirement Security Program Defined Benefit (CRSP DB) and other sponsored defined benefit plans] continue until the last benefit is paid to participants and their surviving spouses irrespective of the funding level of the plan. That is, even if the assets in the plan are larger than the liabilities in the plan, the plan sponsor still has a liability (obligation) and potential future contribution due to the plan.

**Benefit Obligations Summary**

**Plan Contributions for 2027**

Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) DB	\$0
Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) DC	\$0
Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP)	\$0
Pre-82 Plan (Pre-82)	\$0
United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) Lay	\$114,174
United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) Clergy	\$5,436
Other Defined Contribution (DC) Obligations	\$2,599,728
Other Defined Benefit (DB) Obligations	\$0
Health—Active Participants	\$4,742,871
Health—Additional Sponsored Coverage	\$442,047
Post-Retirement Medical (PRM)	\$878,167
Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP)	\$793,074

**Ongoing Funding Contributions**

Pre-82 Plan (Pre-82)	\$0
Post-Retirement Medical (PRM)	\$0

Conference Benefit Officer (or equivalent)	Willis Haselden	05/05/2026
Conference Treasurer	E.G. Westbury	05/05/2026
Conference Board of Pension Chair	Jonathan Harris	05/07/2026
Council on Finance and Administration Chair		



Opinion on **South Carolina Conference 2027** Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan

The funding plan meets the standards for a Pre-82 funding plan as established by Wespath Benefits and Investments and the favorable opinion requirements for a funding plan. Note: The statement above and any written opinion provided by Wespath do not imply any representation as to the ability or probability of the applicable plan sponsor to fulfill the obligations included in the funding plan.

*Wespath Benefits and Investments*

Wespath Benefits and Investments  
1901 W Chestnut Ave  
Glenview, IL 60025

### South Carolina Conference (741) 2027 Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan

#### Accounts

Wespath Accounts		Market Value as of 12/31/2024	Market Value as of 12/31/2025
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		\$25,216,082	\$41,878,577
<b>Pre-82 designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Investment Objective</b>	Intermediate-term
<b>PRM designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Actual Allocation</b>	Equity 59.58%
			Fixed 32.08%
			Short-term 8.34%
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H M E P ACCOUNT		\$21,542,164	\$23,776,088
<b>Pre-82 designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Investment Objective</b>	Intermediate-term
<b>PRM designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Actual Allocation</b>	Equity 62.89%
			Fixed 33.86%
			Short-term 3.25%

<b>\$</b>	RETIREE HEALTH CARE		\$26,899,027		\$30,179,482
	<b>Pre-82 designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Investment Objective</b>	Intermediate-term	
	<b>PRM designated assets</b>	\$30,179,482	<b>Actual Allocation</b>	Equity	65.00%
				Fixed	35.00%
				Short-term	0.00%
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	SOUTH CAROLINA SUPERANNUATE		\$1,335,807		\$1,542,885
	<b>Pre-82 designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Investment Objective</b>	Long-term	
	<b>PRM designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Actual Allocation</b>	Equity	65.00%
				Fixed	35.00%
				Short-term	0.00%
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<b>Non-Wespath Accounts</b>			<b>Market Value as of 12/31/2024</b>	<b>Market Value as of 12/31/2025</b>	
	AC Trustees Held Unfunded Pension - Merrill Lynch		\$469,000		\$469,000
	<b>Pre-82 designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Investment Objective</b>	Short-term	
	<b>PRM designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Actual Allocation</b>	Equity	0.00%
				Fixed	0.00%
				Short-term	100.00%
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	Health Insurance Conference Held		\$498,491		\$479,804
	<b>Pre-82 designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Investment Objective</b>	Short-term	
	<b>PRM designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Actual Allocation</b>	Equity	0.00%
				Fixed	0.00%
				Short-term	100.00%
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	Pension Fund Conference Held		\$257,426		\$234,594
	<b>Pre-82 designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Investment Objective</b>	Short-term	
	<b>PRM designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Actual Allocation</b>	Equity	0.00%
				Fixed	0.00%
				Short-term	100.00%
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<b>\$</b>	Retiree Health OP Fund		\$0		\$45,364
	<b>Pre-82 designated assets</b>	\$0	<b>Investment Objective</b>	Short-term	
	<b>PRM designated assets</b>	\$45,364	<b>Actual Allocation</b>	Equity	0.00%
				Fixed	0.00%
				Short-term	100.00%

**\$** *A portion of this account has been designated as plan assets. The allocated amounts will be shown separately on the Allocation screen and will not be included in the Market Value for this account.*

**Incoming Money**

**Primary Sources**

**Estimated amount for 2027**

Apportionments

Annual Apportionment                      \$0  
 x Expected Collection Percentage              88.00%

Direct Billing

Refer to the following "Allocate Funding Sources" pages for actual amounts allocated from the above funding sources.

**Allocate Funding Sources to Benefit Obligations**

Funding Sources		Deposit Account	H M E P Account	South Carolina Superannuate	Ac Trustees Held Unfunded Pe	Health Insurance Confere
<b>Available Balance</b>		\$41,878,577	\$23,776,088	\$1,542,885	\$469,000	\$479,804
<b>Total Allocated</b>		\$433,800	\$797,400	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Remaining Balance</b>		\$41,444,777	\$22,978,688	\$1,542,885	\$469,000	\$479,804
<b>Plan Contributions for 2027</b>						
CRSP DB						
CRSP DC						
MPP						
Pre-82						
UMPIP Lay		\$114,174				
UMPIP Clergy		\$5,436				
Compass Retirement Plan		\$2,573,361	\$433,800			
Conference Lay Employee Death & Disability		\$15,681				
Death Benefits for Retired Lay Employees.		\$10,686				
Health Active		\$4,742,871	\$355,353			
Health Additional		\$442,047	\$442,047			
Post-Retirement Medical		\$878,167				
CPP		\$793,074				
<b>Ongoing Funding Contributions</b>						
Pre-82						
Post-Retirement Medical		\$0				

### Allocate Funding Sources to Benefit Obligations

Funding Sources		Pension Fund Conference Held	Apportionments	Direct Billing	Pre-82 Surplus	Prm In-Plan & Outside Assets
Available Balance		\$234,594			\$11,921,995	\$30,224,846
Total Allocated		\$0		\$7,466,130	\$0	\$878,167
Remaining Balance		\$234,594			\$11,921,995	\$29,346,679
<b>Plan Contributions for 2027</b>						
CRSP DB						
CRSP DC						
MPP						
Pre-82						
UMPIP Lay	\$114,174			\$114,174		
UMPIP Clergy	\$5,436			\$5,436		
Compass Retirement Plan	\$2,573,361			\$2,139,561		
Conference Lay Employee Death & Disability	\$15,681			\$15,681		
Death Benefits for Retired Lay Employees.	\$10,686			\$10,686		
Health Active	\$4,742,871			\$4,387,518		
Health Additional	\$442,047					
Post-Retirement Medical	\$878,167					\$878,167
CPP	\$793,074			\$793,074		
<b>Ongoing Funding Contributions</b>						
Pre-82						
Post-Retirement Medical	\$0					

<b>Plan Contributions for 2027</b>		<b>Funding Needed</b>
CRSP DB		\$0
CRSP DC		\$0
MPP		\$0
Pre-82		\$0
UMPIP Lay	\$114,174	\$0
UMPIP Clergy	\$5,436	\$0
Conference Lay Employee Death & Disability	\$15,681	\$0
Death Benefits for Retired Lay Employees.	\$10,686	\$0
Compass Retirement Plan	\$2,573,361	\$0
Health Active	\$4,742,871	\$0
Health Additional	\$442,047	\$0
Post-Retirement Medical	\$878,167	\$0
CPP	\$793,074	\$0

<b>Ongoing Funding Contribution for 2027</b>		<b>Funding Needed</b>
Pre-82		
Post-Retirement Medical	\$0	\$0

### **Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP)**

**Plan Overview:** The Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) is an Internal Revenue Code section 403(b) retirement program providing lifetime income and account flexibility designed for those who serve as clergy of The United Methodist Church. The plan is designed to provide participants with one portion of their overall retirement benefits. CRSP replaced the Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP) effective January 1, 2007.

CRSP consists of two components:

- A defined benefit (DB) plan--provides a monthly benefit at retirement based upon years of credited service to the Church
- A defined contribution (DC) plan--provides a retirement account balance established and funded by the annual conferences

**Elections and Estimates**

	<b>Final</b>
<b>Eligibility requirement</b>	100%
<b>Conference Full Time Equivalents (FTE)</b>	0.00
<b>CRSP Defined Benefit (DB)</b>	
Required contribution for 2027	\$0
<b>CRSP Defined Contribution (DC)</b>	
Expected average future annual increases	0.00%
Estimated contribution for 2027	\$0

**CRSP DB Denominational Information as of 1/1/2025**

Total plan liability	\$(2,949,957,940)
Total plan assets	\$2,631,802,091
Total plan funded status	\$-318,155,849
Total plan funded ratio	89%
Plan sponsor's liability percentage	2.7622%

**Key Actuarial Assumptions Used in CRSP DB Cost Calculations**

Discount rate	5.50%
Future Denominational Average Compensation (DAC) increases	2.00%
COLA increases for actives	2.00%
Mortality	Pri-2012 TQ Adj, generational projection using MP2020

*Calculated values are based upon the assumptions and methods documented in the actuarial valuation report issued in September, 2025.*

**Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP)**

**Plan Overview:** Supplement Three to the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP), also known as the Ministerial Pension Plan (MPP) provides clergy with a pension benefit for their years of ministry with The United Methodist Church from 1982 through 2006. MPP is an Internal Revenue Code section 403(b) retirement plan. MPP requires that exactly 65% of the account balance must be annuitized when it is to be distributed. The remainder may be rolled over to UMPIP, another qualified plan or an IRA, or paid in a lump sum.

**Elections and Estimates**

	<b>Final</b>
Required contributions for 2027	\$0

**MPP Denominational Annuities Information as of 1/1/2025**

Total MPP annuities liability	\$(4,052,570,651)
Total plan assets	\$4,319,544,633
Total plan funded status	\$266,973,982
Total plan funded ratio	107%
Plan sponsor’s liability percentage	2.6054%

**Future MPP Denominational Annuitants Information as of 1/1/2025**

Total participant account balances	\$1,782,782,771
Plan sponsor’s participant account balances	\$46,045,192

**Key Actuarial Assumptions Used in MPP Annuities Cost Calculations**

Discount rate	5.35%
Benefit increases	Based on increases selected by participant
Mortality	Pri-2012 TQ Adj, generational projection using MP2020

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**Pre-82 Plan (Pre-82)**

**Plan Overview:** Supplement One to the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP), also known as the Pre-82 Plan, provides clergy with a pension benefit for their years of ministry with The United Methodist Church prior to 1982. The Pre-82 Plan was replaced by MPP effective January 1, 1982. If a clergyperson retires within the conference (and does not terminate), the minimum benefit payable is based on two factors:

- 1) Years of service with pension credit--approved by each conference on the recommendation of the Conference Board of Pensions (CBOP) in accordance with plan provisions and The Book of Discipline.
- 2) The conference pension rate (past service rate)--the dollar amount chosen by the conference as the amount payable for each approved year of service with pension credit (may change from year to year).

The number of years of service with pension credit is multiplied by the PSR, and the product is the minimum annual benefit payable to those clergy eligible for Pre-82 Plan benefits. In certain situations, the benefit received from the Pre-82 plan may vary based on the applicability of what is referred to as Defined Benefit Service Money (DBSM), which is the defined contribution feature of the Pre-1982 Plan. At the time that a participant retires, the DBSM account is converted to a life-based benefit. At that point, the clergy’s benefit is the greater of the PSR benefit or DBSM benefit. If the conference increases the PSR, the clergy’s benefit is recalculated; however the DBSM-based benefit does not change.

**Elections and Estimates**

	<b>Final</b>
Past Service Rate (PSR)	1035
Estimated PSR cost-of-living increase	2.00%
Contingent Annuitant Percentage (CA%)	75 %
Discount rate	6.0000%
Minimum contribution for 2027	\$0
Advanced funding contribution for 2027 payable in 2026	\$0

**Rationale for each change**

\$1035 was approved as the PSR for 2027 by the Board, which is larger than a 2% increase, but our intended increase for future years is still 2%.

**Funding Plan Contribution**

Funding plan liability as of 1/1/2025	\$(36,711,961)
Total of in-plan and outside assets	\$63,449,400
Funded status	\$26,737,439
Funded ratio	173%
Funded status projection as of 12/31/2026	\$16,145,937
Proposed ongoing funding contribution for 2027	\$0

**Funding strategy**

Pre-82 Funds are sufficient

**Pre-82 Denominational information as of 1/1/2025**

Total plan liability	\$(1,318,896,811)
Total plan assets	\$1,564,956,823
Total plan funded status	\$246,060,012
Total plan funded ratio	119%

*Calculated values are based upon the assumptions and methods documented in the actuarial valuation report issued in September, 2025.*

## Health—Active Participants

### Elections and Estimates

	Final
Health plan offered to actives	Self-Funded - HealthFlex
Actual annual plan benefit cost paid in 2025	\$3,862,162
Budgeted annual plan benefit cost for 2026	\$4,559,602
Projected annual plan benefit cost for 2027	\$4,742,871
Expected average future annual increases	6.00%

### Rationale for each change

Changes reflect Actual Cost for 2025 based on billings from Healthflex, Budgeted amount based on Healthflex estimate, and 2027 projected amount.

These have been updated to reflect the premium credit for which the Annual Conference is responsible not the participant portion.

## Health—Additional Sponsored Coverage

Categories of participants who are provided health benefit coverage during periods of non-employment. Without plan sponsor-funded premiums, these participants would not be provided coverage or benefits.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clergy or lay on disability (including pending disability)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surviving spouses or children of deceased active participants

### Coverage Obligations

Covered Category	Estimated obligation as of 12/31/2024	Estimated obligation as of 12/31/2025
Clergy or lay on disability (including pending disability)	\$1,802,416	\$1,929,733
Surviving spouses or children of deceased active participants	\$176,550	\$685,356
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,978,966</b>	<b>\$2,615,089</b>

### Annual cost calculation

*The following calculations are not a present value of future costs.*

Total estimated obligation as of 12/31/2025		\$2,615,089
Average number of years of remaining coverage	÷	6.6471
Estimated annual cost as of 12/31/2025	=	\$393,420
Expected average future annual increases	x	6.00%
Projected annual cost as of 12/31/2027	=	\$442,047

## Post-Retirement Medical (PRM)

### Valuation

The most recent actuarial valuation was provided by Willis Towers Watson as of 12/31/2025.  
Per *The Book of Discipline*, your next PRM biennial actuarial valuation is required as of 12/31/2027.

### PRM Actuarial Valuation as of 12/31/2025

Valuation report (in-plan) assets	\$0
EPBO net plan sponsor cost	\$10,882,471
APBO net plan sponsor cost	\$9,821,658
Service cost net plan sponsor cost	\$128,061
Annual plan benefit cost	\$880,102
Intention regarding PRM	Retain current plan benefit

Participant counts by category	
Active participants	272
Active dependents	191
Retirees	202
Surviving spouses	61
Dependents of retired participants	95
<b>Total participants</b>	<b>821</b>

Key actuarial assumptions	
Census date	12/31/2024
Discount rate	5.15%
Expected return on assets	0.00%
Valuation year medical trend or inflation rate	7.50%
Ultimate medical trend or inflation rate	5.00%
Fiscal year for ultimate medical trend	2036

### Elections and Estimates

#### Description of Benefit

\$200/ month subsidy for those retirees and dependents retiring prior to 2016. Those retiring after 2015 would be a \$100 subsidy for each retiree and dependent.

	Final
Health plan benefit offered to retirees	Stipend
Expected average future annual increases	-0.11%
Projected annual plan benefit cost as of 2027	\$878,167

#### Rationale for each change

The change reflects the expected benefit change outlined in the Retiree Medical Valuation from 12/31/2025.

### Funding Plan Contribution

The following calculations are not a present value of future costs.

Net PRM assets		\$29,346,679
APBO net plan sponsor cost	-	\$9,821,658
Funded status	=	\$19,525,021
Portion of funded status payable (\$0 if Funded status ≥ \$0)		\$0
Funding plan service cost (\$0 if Net PRM assets ≥ EPBO)	+	\$0
Ongoing funding contribution for 2027	=	\$0

### Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP)

**Plan Overview:** The Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP) provides death, long-term disability and other welfare benefits for eligible clergy of The United Methodist Church and their families. It is an Internal Revenue Code 414(e) “church plan” funded by plan sponsor insurance premiums. Generally, clergy are eligible to participate in CPP if they satisfy the eligibility requirements, including full-time appointment with plan compensation of at least 25% of the Denominational Average Compensation (DAC). Plan sponsors may elect to cover participants with three-quarter time appointments and/or to continue to cover clergy who, due to certain leaves or appointments, are not otherwise eligible to continue coverage.

The CPP adoption agreement executed by the SOUTH CAROLINA contains its elections to cover or not to cover categories mentioned above.

#### Elections and Estimates

	Final
Expected average future annual increases	3.00%
Estimated premium for 2027	\$793,074

### United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP)

**Plan Overview:** The United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) is an Internal Revenue Code section 403(b) defined contribution retirement savings plan for clergy and lay employees of The United Methodist Church and affiliated organizations. Participants may make before-tax, Roth and/or after-tax contributions through payroll deductions. Participant contributions, various optional plan sponsor contributions and investment earnings comprise the individual’s retirement account balance.

#### United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) Lay

##### Elections and Estimates

	Final
Expected average future annual increases	1.00%
Estimated contribution for 2027	\$114,174

## United Methodist Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP) Clergy

### Elections and Estimates

	<b>Final</b>
Expected average future annual increases	2.50%
Estimated contribution for 2027	\$5,436

### Other Defined Contribution (DC) Obligations

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Estimated annual contribution</b>
Compass Retirement Plan	\$2,573,361

#### Description

Compass Retirement Plan (UMC contributions: 3%, Flat Dollar & Employer Match)

	<b>Final</b>
Expected average future annual increases	3.00%
Estimated contribution for 2027	\$2,573,361

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Estimated annual contribution</b>
Conference Lay Employee Death & Disability	\$15,681

#### Description

Conference Lay Employee Death & Disability

	<b>Final</b>
Expected average future annual increases	1.00%
Estimated contribution for 2027	\$15,681

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Estimated annual contribution</b>
Death Benefits for Retired Lay Employees.	\$10,686

#### Description

Death Benefits for Pre BPP Retired Lay Employees.

	<b>Final</b>
Expected average future annual increases	1.00%
Estimated contribution for 2027	\$10,686

## ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

Nominated by the Conference Secretary:

**Assistant Conference Secretary for Tellers:** Elect Rev. Walter Strawther to replace Rev. Jerri-Catherine Warden Sipes, resigned to complete the quadrennium.

### TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNITED METHODIST CAMPS AND RETREAT MINISTRIES

Elect Rev. Heather Humphries (Class of 2027) to replace James Hill (term expired).  
Elect Les Hendricks (Class of 2027) to replace Mack Ashmore (resigned).  
Elect Rev. Maggie Cantey (Class of 2028) to replace Rev. John Holler (deceased).  
Elect Rev. Gene Aiken (Class of 2028) to fill vacancy.  
Elect Rev. Cathy Joens (Class of 2028) to replace Charlest Reid (resigned).  
Elect Robin Roberts (Class of 2028) to replace Jay Dowd (resigned).  
Elect Karen Bloom (Class of 2029) to fill vacancy (ad-interim)  
Elect Rev. Susan Ulmer (Class of 2029) to fill vacancy.  
Elect Rev. Karen Radcliffe (Class of 2029) to fill vacancy.  
Elect Rev. C. E. Kanipe (Class of 2029) to fill vacancy.  
Re-Elect Rev. Kathy James (Class of 2030)  
Re-Elect Rev. Millie Nelson Smith (Class of 2030)  
Elect Rev. Laurie Brandes (Class of 2030) to fill vacancy.  
Elect Scott Vanvick (Class of 2030) to fill vacancy.

### TRUSTEES OF WOFFORD COLLEGE

Elect Betty James Montgomery (Class of 2028) to replace and fill the unexpired term of Jodi W. McLean

### CHARGE DISTRICT LINE CHANGES (effective June 24, 2026)

#### FROM FLORENCE DISTRICT TO HARTSVILLE DISTRICT

- Aaron Temple, Bennettsville Charge, Bennettsville
- Asbury, Asbury/Clio Charge, Clio
- Asbury, Shiloh Charge, Lynchburg
- Bethel, Bethel, Bennettsville Charge, Bennettsville
- Bethsaida, Quinby Charge, Effingham
- Beulah, Dillon Parish, Hamer
- Bowling Green, Little Rock Parish, Dillon
- Central, Central Charge, Florence
- Cumberland, Cumberland Charge, Florence
- Dawsey, Dawsey Charge, Florence
- Ebenezer, Bennettsville, Bennettsville Charge, Wallace
- Highland Park, Highland Park Charge, Florence
- Level Green, Level Green Charge, Bennettsville
- Lynchburg, Lynchburg Charge, Lynchburg
- Manning Chapel, Oakland-Manning Chapel Charge, Dillon
- McCoy Chapel, Little Rock Parish, Little Rock
- Mt. Zion (Timmonsville), Mt. Zion (Timmonsville) Charge, Timmonsville
- New Haven, New Haven Charge, Timmonsville
- New Holly, Little Rock Parish, Dillon
- Oakland, Oakland-Manning Chapel Charge, Hamer
- Old Clio, Asbury/Clio Charge, Clio
- Parnassus, Parnassus Charge, Blenheim
- Quinby, Quinby Charge, Florence
- Shiloh, Bennettsville Parish, McColl
- Smyrna, Bennettsville Parish, Bennettsville
- St. Luke, Dillon Parish, Hamer
- St. John (Shiloh), Shiloh Charge, Lynchburg
- St. Luke (Timmonsville), St. Luke (Timmonsville) Charge, Timmonsville
- St. Luke (Lynchburg), Lynchburg Charge, Elliott
- St. Michael, Bennettsville Parish, Bennettsville
- St. Paul-Elliott, St. Paul-Elliott Charge, Elliott
- St. Paul (Florence), St. Paul (Florence) Charge, Florence
- St. Paul/Wisacky, Warren Chapel/St. Paul-Wisacky Charge, Bishopville
- St. Stephen, Dillon Parish, Dillon
- Trinity, Lynchburg Charge, Lynchburg
- Trinity, Trinity, Bennettsville Charge, Bennettsville
- Wesley (Florence), Wesley (Florence) Charge, Florence
- Warren Chapel, Warren Chapel/St. Paul-Wisacky Charge, Lynchburg

#### **FROM FLORENCE DISTRICT TO MARION DISTRICT**

- Asbury, Asbury Charge, Andrews
- Bethel, Bethel Charge, Kingstree
- Bethesda, Bethesda-Cades Charge, Lake City
- Bethlehem, Bethlehem/Johnsonville Charge, Pamplico
- Browns Chapel, Lake City Charge, Johnsonville
- Elijah, Elijah Charge, Kingstree
- Elim, Union/Elim Charge, Andrews
- Faith, Faith Charge, Cades
- Friendship, Friendship (Florence) Charge, Florence
- Friendship (Nesmith), Friendship (Nesmith) Charge, Nesmith
- Jeremiah, Jeremiah Charge, Hemingway
- Jerusalem, Jerusalem Charge, Salters
- Johnsonville, Bethlehem/Johnsonville Charge, Johnsonville
- Kennedyville, Kennedyville Charge, Nesmith
- Kingstree, Kingstree Charge, Kingstree
- Lake City, Lake City Charge, Lake City
- Lake Point, Lake Point-Ninevah Charge, Lake City
- Mt. Beulah, Mt. Beulah Charge, Lake City
- Mt. Seal, Mt. Seal Charge, Hemingway
- Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion Charge, Kingstree
- Mt. Zion (Florence), Mt. Zion (Florence) Charge, Florence
- Nazareth, St. John (Scranton) Charge, Olanta
- Ninevah, Lake Point-Ninevah Charge, Lake City
- Pamplico, Pamplico Charge, Pamplico
- Salem (Florence), Salem (Florence) Charge, Florence
- Scranton, St. John (Scranton) Charge, Scranton
- St. John (Lake City), St. John (Lake City) Charge, Lake City
- St. John (Scranton), St. John (Scranton) Charge, Lake City
- St. Luke (Lake City), St. Luke (Lake City) Charge, Lake City
- St. Mary, St. Mary Charge, Kingstree
- St. Michael, St. Michael Charge, Kingstree
- St. Paul (Kingstree), St. Paul (Kingstree) Charge, Kingstree
- St. Paul (Morrisville), St. Paul (Morrisville) Charge, Nesmith
- Union, Union/Elim Charge, Georgetown
- Vox Memorial, Bethlehem-Johnsonville Charge, Johnsonville
- Wesley Chapel, Wesley Chapel Charge, Lake City

#### **FROM FLORENCE DISTRICT TO ORANGEBURG DISTRICT**

- Andrews Chapel, Pinewood Charge, Pinewood
- Bethlehem, Jordan Charge, Davis Station
- Jordan, Jordan Charge, Jordan
- Manning, Manning Charge, Manning
- Charge, Summerton
- Paxville, Pinewood Charge, Manning
- Pinewood, Pinewood Charge, Pinewood
- Summerton, Summerton

#### **FROM HARTSVILLE DISTRICT TO COLUMBIA DISTRICT**

- Camden First, Camden First, Camden
- Emmanuel, Camden, East Camden , Camden
- Good Hope Wesley Chapel, Good Hope Wesley Chapel, Camden
- Lyttleton Street, Lyttleton Street, Camden
- Mt. Joshua, Lugoff, Ridgeway
- Mt. Prospect, Lugoff, Lugoff
- Rock Spring, West Camden Charge, Camden
- Shiloh, Lugoff, Lugoff, Lugoff
- St. Matthews, East Camden , Camden
- St. Paul, Camden, St Paul, Camden
- St. Peter, West Camden Charge, Camden
- St. John's, St. John's Lugoff, Lugoff
- Unity, Unity, Lugoff

#### **FROM GREENVILLE DISTRICT TO ANDERSON DISTRICT**

- Antioch/Easley, North Easley Charge, Easley
- Augusta Road, Augusta Road Charge, Pelzer
- Berea Friendship, Berea Friendship Charge, Greenville
- Bethlehem/Greenville, Bethlehem/Greenville Charge, Greenville
- Christ, Christ/Greenville Charge, Greenville
- Dacusville, North Easley Charge, Easley
- Hopewell, Hopewell/Simpsonville Charge, Simpsonville
- John Wesley, John Wesley/Greenville Charge, Greenville
- Laurens Road, Laurens Road Charge, Greenville
- Lebanon, Lebanon-Fork Shoals Charge, Honea Path
- Minus Chapel, Greenville Parish, Greenville
- Monaghan, Monaghan Charge, Greenville
- New Beginnings Mission, Greenville Parish, Greenville
- New St. Luke, New St. Luke Charge, Traveler's Rest
- Oak Hill, Pisgah-Oak Hill Charge, Belton
- Open Hearts, Open Hearts Charge, Greenville
- Piedmont, Piedmont Charge, Piedmont

- Pisgah, Pisgah-Oak Hill Charge, Fountain Inn
- Salem/Greenville, Salem/Greenville Charge, Greenville
- Slater, Slater Charge, Traveler's Rest
- St. John/Greenville, St. John/Greenville Charge, Greenville
- St. Mark/Greenville, St. Mark/Greenville Charge, Greenville

- St. Matthew/Greenville, St. Matthew/Greenville Charge, Greenville
- St. Paul/ Greenville, St. Paul/Greenville Charge, Greenville
- Travelers Rest, Travelers Rest Charge, Traveler's Rest

**FROM GREENVILLE DISTRICT TO SPARTANBURG DISTRICT**

- Advent, Advent Charge, Simpsonville
- Aldersgate/Greenville, Aldersgate/Greenville Charge, Greenville
- Allen View, East Greenville Charge, Reidville
- Bethel/Greer, Greer Circuit, Greer
- Bethel/Simpsonville, Bethel-Ebenezer/Greer Charge, Simpsonville
- Disciples, Disciples Charge, Greenville
- Ebenezer, Bethel-Ebenezer/Greer Charge, Greer
- Emma Gray, Emma Gray Charge, Woodruff
- Faith/Greer, Faith/Greer Charge, Greer
- Few's Chapel, Few's Chapel Charge, Greer
- Francis Asbury, Francis Asbury Charge, Greenville
- Grace/Greer, Grace/Greer Charge, Greer
- Gray Court, Gray Court Charge, Gray Court
- Greenville Korean Mission, Greenville Korean Mission Charge, Greer

- Jackson Grove, Jackson Grove Charge, Traveler's Rest
- Laurel Creek, Laurel Creek Charge, Greenville
- Lee Road, Lee Road Charge, Taylors
- Liberty Hill, Liberty Hill Charge, Greer
- Memorial, Memorial Charge, Greer
- Owings, Owings Charge, Gray Court
- Simpsonville, Simpsonville Charge, Simpsonville
- St. Mark/Taylors, St. Mark/Taylors Charge, Taylors
- St. Matthew/Taylors, St. Matthew/Taylors Charge, Greenville
- St. Paul/ Greer, Greer Circuit, Greer
- Trinity/Fountain Inn, Trinity/Fountain Inn Charge, Fountain Inn
- Wesley Chapel/Greer, East Greenville Charge, Greer

**FROM ANDERSON DISTRICT TO GREENWOOD DISTRICT**

- Calhoun Falls, Calhoun Falls Charge, Calhoun Falls

**FROM SPARTANBURG DISTRICT TO GREENWOOD DISTRICT**

- Whitmire, Whitmire Charge, Whitmire

**FROM SPARTANBURG DISTRICT TO ROCK HILL DISTRICT**

- Sardis, Blacksburg Charge, Gaffney
- St. John, Blacksburg Charge, Blacksburg

**FROM HARTSVILLE TO ROCK HILL**

- Zion, Zion-Zoar Charge, Pageland
- Zoar, Zion-Zoar Charge, Pageland
- Pageland, Pageland Charge, Pageland
- Sandy Grove, Sandy Grove-Mt. Elon Charge, Jefferson
- Mt. Elon, Sandy Grove -Mt. Elon Charge, Jefferson

**CHARGE LINE CHANGES**

Effective June 24, 2026

**Anderson District**

**Dissolve the Liberty-Zion Charge**

- Make Liberty (270725) a station church, effective January 4, 2026
- Close Zion (270587) Ad interim, effective January 4, 2026

Close Ariel (270485) Ad interim, effective August 7, 2025

**Columbia District**

**Dissolve the North Columbia Charge (Mt. Pleasant, St. John)**

- Make Mt. Pleasant (272941) a station church. Ad interim, effective January 1, 2026

- b. Make St. John (272586) a station church. Ad interim, effective January 1, 2026

**Dissolve the Upper Richland Charge** (Beulah, Oak Grove)

- a. Make Beulah (272952) a station church
- b. Close Oak Grove (272974)

**Dissolve the Fairfield Charge** (First, Monticello)

- a. Make First (278823) a station church
- b. Make Monticello (272473) a station charge

**Greenville District**

**Dissolve the North Easley Charge** (Dacusville, Antioch)

- a. Make Dacusville (270510) a station church
- b. Discontinue Antioch (270474) and transfer membership to Dacusville (270510)

Attach Grace (274027) to Liberty Hill (274062) to form Grace-Liberty Hill

**Greenwood District**

**Dissolve the Epting Memorial-Lebanon Charge**

- a. Close Epting Memorial (275168) Ad interim, effective August 7, 2025
- b. Close Lebanon (274698) Ad interim, effective August 7, 2025

**Dissolve the Plum Branch Charge** (Republican, St. Paul)

- a. Make Republican (274836) a station church
- b. Make St. Paul (275341) a station church

**Dissolve Central-Trinity Charge**

- a. Make Central (275066) a station church
- b. Make Trinity (273455) a station church

**Hartsville District**

Close Bethel (275705) effective date April 15, 2026

**Marion District**

**Dissolve the Johnsonville Charge** (Bethlehem, Johnsonville, Vox Memorial)

- a. Make Bethlehem, Pamplico (276276) a station church
- b. Johnsonville (275886) and Vox Memorial (276050) to continue as the Johnsonville Charge

**Orangeburg District**

**Dissolve the Swansea-Wagener Charge** (Swansea, Calvary, Oak Grove, Wagener)

- a. Calvary (277932) and Oak Grove (276436) to continue as Calvary-Oak Grove
- b. Attach Swansea (277921) to Pelion (272611) to form Swansea-Pelion
- c. Make Wagener (277943) a station church

**Rock Hill District**

**Dissolve the Richburg-Pleasant Grove Charge**

- a. Make Pleasant Grove (278275) a station church
- b. Close Richburg (278606) Ad interim, effective January 10, 2026

Merge Cornerstone (278663) and Epworth (278641) to form Cornerstone.

**Spartanburg District**

**Dissolve the Tyger River Charge (Immanuel, Duncan)**

Merge Immanuel (279383) and Duncan (273422) to become Foundations UMC. Ad interim effective June 10, 2026

Attach Gravely Memorial (279703) to Trinity, Enoree (273466) to form Gravely Memorial-Trinity, Enoree

Close El Bethel (279680) Ad interim, effective March 31, 2026

**COMMUNICATIONS EMAIL LIST**

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