

Incorporation of the Local Church – Sample Charge Conference Resolution 3

Suggested Form of Resolution Amending Articles of Incorporation of Evangelical United Brethren Church to Change Name to United Methodist Church

WHEREAS, the General Conferences of The United Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church did vote on November 11, 1966, in Chicago, Illinois, to enter into a plan of union and whereas this was ratified by the requisite number of votes in the annual conferences of the two churches, and whereas the union was consummated at Dallas in April 1968, creating The United Methodist Church as the ecclesiastical and legal successor of the two uniting churches, and

WHEREAS, according to Article VI of Division One of the Constitution “Titles to Properties in The Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Church shall, upon consummation of the Union automatically vest in The United Methodist Church”, but continues to say that “nothing in the Plan of Union at any time after the Union is to be construed so as to require any local church or any other property owner of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church of the former The Methodist Church to alienate or in any way to change the title to property contained in its deed or deeds at the time of union; and lapse of time or usage shall not effect said title or control.” And whereas this guarantee of title is repeated in subsequent Paragraphs of the *Discipline*, and

WHEREAS, the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church provides that all provisions of the *Discipline* relating to property, both real and personal, and relating to the formation and operation of any corporation, and relating to mergers, are conditioned upon their being in conformity with the local laws; and in the event of conflict therewith the local laws shall prevail;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the corporation formerly known as now to be known as _____ desiring to amend the Articles of Incorporation to include the new name and to comply with all provisions of the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church and the laws of the State of _____ does hereby adopt these amended Articles and does hereby submit this Certificate of Amendment and does hereby authorize and direct the Board of Trustees to do all things necessary to comply with these provisions, including the recording of title under the new name at the County Recorder’s office.