

Resolution 2016 – 21 (Approved)
Relating to the Discontinuance of Park United Methodist Church of Freeland
Presented by Northeast District of the Eastern PA Conference

WHEREAS, the Freeland: Park United Methodist Church of Luzerne County, founded in 1905 and first known as Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church founded in 1874, has a long and proud history of serving the people of Freeland,

WHEREAS, the Freeland: Park United Methodist Church contacted the Northeast District Office of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference on March 7, 2016 to inform the Superintendent of the congregation's decision to close due limited resources and extreme decline in membership,

WHEREAS the district superintendent and the NE District Board of Church Location and Building have recommended discontinuance of Freeland: Park United Methodist Church and the sale of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Freeland: Park United Methodist Church voted at a special charge conference held on May 18, 2016 to discontinue the church on June 30, 2016,

WHEREAS the consent to discontinue has been granted by the presiding bishop and a majority of the district superintendents on May 19, 2016, and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Freeland: Park United Methodist Church will be discontinued effective June 30, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference distribute the assets resulting from the sale of the property and other remaining assets held by the Freeland: Park United Methodist Church, following the guidelines of the Book of Discipline and the actions of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that historical records be forwarded to the archives of the St. George's United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, PA.

Person responsible for presenting resolution: The Rev. Dr. Irving Cotto