**RESOLUTION 2022 - 2
RESOLUTION to the 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION Relating to the Discontinuance of Shamokin: Zion United Methodist Church
Presented by The Rev. Steven Morton, North District Superintendent**

**WHEREAS**, Shamokin: Zion United Methodist Church, established on February 16, 1916 in Shamokin, Pennsylvania has a long and proud history of serving the people of Shamokin; and
**WHEREAS,** Shamokin: Zion United Methodist Church contacted the North District Office of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference to inform the District Superintendent that the congregation, after prayerful assessment of its potential for effectiveness, has concluded that it no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized and intends to close, and
**WHEREAS** a letter was sent to each member household of the congregation, requesting information as to where that membership, and
**WHEREAS,** Bishop Peggy Johnson and the Cabinet of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference gave its approval on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 (para 2549.4b); and
**WHEREAS,** the North District Board of Church Location and Building gave its approval at a meeting on August 30, 2021 (para 2549.4b), and
**WHEREAS** that Shamokin Zion United Methodist Church discontinue, with deep gratitude for 104 years of faithful service to the Shamokin area, effective Sunday, September 12, 2021 following a final worship service and subject to Annual Conference approval in May 2022.
**WHEREAS** the people of Shamokin: Zion United Methodist Church requested that proceeds from the sale of the church property be used for ministry in the Shamokin area.
**WHEREAS** theEastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference Board of Trustees was granted full responsibility for the care and disposal of its assets.
**WHEREAS** the physical church building was sold on December 3, 2021 under the guidance and direction of the North District Board of Church Location and Building Committee and Eastern PA Conference Chancellor, along with the full support of Bishop John Schol, the Cabinet and Eastern PA Conference Board of Trustees.
**WHEREAS** the historical records of Shamokin: Zion United Methodist Church were forwarded to the archives of St. George’s United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, PA.
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Shamokin: Zion United Methodist Church be discontinued effective June 30, 2022.
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Trustees of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference distribute after all financial obligations have been met, the remaining assets from the sale of the property and other financial assets for use for local ministry in the Shamokin area under the direction of the North District Superintendent.

Person responsible for presenting this resolution: The Rev. Steven C. Morton