

Resolution for the *Formation* of United Church of Christ of Robesonia

RESOLUTION

We the congregation of St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Robesonia, and we the congregation of Zion United Church of Christ of Womelsdorf, to create a new unified congregation, that shall be called United Church of Christ of Robesonia, upon an affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast by the members of both congregations, on this _____ day of _____, 2022, hereby resolve:

Constitution & By-Laws

To adopt the Constitution & By-Laws as presented and recommended by the consistories of both St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Robesonia and Zion United Church of Christ of Womelsdorf (the "Consistories").

Effective Date

To cease existing as two separate congregations on December 31, 2022, and begin operating as a new unified congregation on January 1, 2023.

Reaffirmation of Call of Pastors

To affirm our call of the Reverend Dr. Benjamin Motz and the Reverend Mary Etta Mest to continue per their original call to serve as "Pastor and Teacher" of the new congregation, with the Reverend Dr. Motz continuing to serve three-quarters (3/4) time and the Reverend Mest continuing to serve one-half (1/2) time, per their Call Covenants and Call Agreements, and as clarified in the "Affirmation of the Call of Pastors and Clarification of Covenant Relationships." The congregation affirms its responsibility in adhering to "The Local Church in Relation to Its Pastor Ethical Code," and likewise calls upon the pastors to adhere to the "UCC Ministerial Code of Ethics."

Behavioral Covenant

To adopt the Congregational Behavioral Covenant as presented and recommended by the Consistories.

Transition Resolution

To adopt the "Resolution for the Transition from Two Congregations to One" as presented and recommended by the Consistories.

Open Charter

To have an open charter from January 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023, with the process of joining as outlined in the "Process for Joining the newly unified United Church of Christ of Robesonia."

Property and Assets

To vest title in United Church of Christ of Robesonia, under its stewardship and in accordance with and adherence to any designations of gifts received, the property and assets of both St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Robesonia and Zion United Church of Christ of Womelsdorf. This is to be done with the advisement of an attorney, the advisement of appropriate Pennsylvania Southeast Conference staff, and with Court approval by any court having jurisdiction over such matters, where necessary. The Consistories shall be empowered, upon receiving a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the current Consistories or two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the new consistory of United Church of Christ of Robesonia, to act as may be necessary to facilitate the transfer of the property and assets of the individual congregations to United Church of Christ of Robesonia, acting in the best interests of United Church of Christ of Robesonia and its future mission and ministries.

Legal

To empower the Consistories, with the advisement of an attorney, to file the appropriate legal documents with the appropriate governmental bodies, and to file the appropriate financial documents with the appropriate financial institutions, to facilitate the dissolution of Zion United Church of Christ of Womelsdorf under section 5975 of the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, as amended, and any other action contemplated in this resolution.

Budget

To authorize the Consistories to exceed each church's budget by up to \$5,000.00 (for a total combined \$10,000.00) for fees and expenses associated with the creation of United Church of Christ of Robesonia, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, filing fees of legal documents, updates to office wiring and phone system, web hosting, and advertising. Expenses in excess of this amount shall require additional congregational approval.

Grammatical Changes

To empower the current Consistories with mutual agreement, or the new consistory with a two-thirds (2/3) majority to correct any spelling, punctuation, or similar grammatical or typographical errors in the documents presented, which are not substantive without the need of calling a congregational meeting. Substantive amendments shall require congregational approval.

Motion by: Sheri Rowe, President of St. Paul's UCC and George McLain, President of Zion UCC
Seconded by: Elsa Wertz, Vice President of St. Paul's UCC and Cory Putt, Vice President of Zion UCC