

## **A Resolution to Build Out the Second Floor of the New Education Building to Support SUMC's Ministries and Missions**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**Submitted by:**    **The Embrace the Spirit Steering Team** – John Swank – Team Chair and Chair of Church Council, Rev. Todd Jordan, Rev. Beth Chenault, Shirley Astwood – Chair of Trustees, Lynn Noesser – Finance Chair, David Klosterboer & Adam Mowery – Co-chairs of Capital Campaign, Bill Koerner – Lay Leader and Chair of Architecture and Engineering Committee, Kevin Larson, Jerry Dusenbery, and Burke Watson

**Recommended by:**    **Strawbridge UMC Architecture and Engineering Committee**

**To be approved by:**    **Texas Annual Conference, Southwest District Building and Location Committee**

WHEREAS Strawbridge United Methodist Church (SUMC) is a community compelled by the love of Christ to make a difference in a world of need, and is a welcoming and inclusive community that strives to help *all* find a place to connect and serve, and

WHEREAS SUMC conducted a congregation survey and visioning exercise in 2023 in response to an increase in weekly worship attendance from 250 to 450 per week, and followed that with conceptual design studies that identified several facilities needs including a new two-story education building, and

WHEREAS following the conclusion of a capital campaign and further design development activities, a Church Conference was held in October 2024 which approved proceeding with a project that included the two-story education building but left building out the interior of the second floor to a future project due to financial constraints, and

WHEREAS during further development of the finance plan for the project, a SUMC member's family foundation stepped forward and offered to lend funds on attractive terms for not only the base project as then defined but also for finishing the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the new education building, and

WHEREAS finishing the second floor now would provide enlarged and updated space for youth education and activities, dedicated space for Missions, additional adult classrooms and expanded robing/storage space for the music program and would avoid additional mobilization cost and disruption associated with future construction, and

WHEREAS in conjunction with final approval of the base project, on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Charge Conference approved funds to finalize construction drawings and obtain a cost estimate for building out the second floor and bringing a proposal to a Church Conference for approval, and

WHEREAS The United Methodist Book of Discipline calls for approval by a Church Conference before proceeding to construction:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Strawbridge United Methodist Church shall proceed with construction to build out the second floor of the new education building, with a supporting financial plan as follows:

- Scope:
  - A large gathering space and 5 classrooms for youth education and activities
  - Furnishings to adapt space vacated by the youth for use by Missions, adult classrooms and choir robing/storage
- Incremental Funding of \$0.56 million dollars, to be provided by a loan on attractive terms from a member's family foundation
- The work is planned to be completed in phase with the construction of the building with no delay to the planned occupancy date in May 2026 and will be treated as a change order under existing contracts

Certified As Adopted:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Marilyn Mann, Secretary, Charge Conference

Strawbridge United Methodist Church

Date Adopted: August 3, 2025

**A Resolution to Supplement Mortgaging of Church Properties as  
Necessary to Fund Construction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the New  
Education Building**

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**Recommended by:**    **Finance Committee, Lynn Noesser - Chair**

WHEREAS Strawbridge United Methodist Church (SUMC) plans to increase the scope of construction of a new building to include building out the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor via a Church Conference on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, and

WHEREAS the funding plan for this construction consists of a loan from a member's family foundation, and

WHEREAS The United Methodist Book of Discipline calls for approval of a Charge Conference prior to mortgaging church property (SUMC and our District Superintendent have opted to expand the Charge Conference to a Church Conference), and

WHEREAS SUMC is organized as a non-profit corporation under the laws of Texas, and

WHEREAS the Articles of Incorporation of Strawbridge United Methodist Church vest the management of the affairs of the corporation in its members through the operation of the Charge Conference:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that SUMC shall increase the value of a mortgage to a member's family foundation by \$0.56 M to fund buildout of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the new education building, as approved by a Church Conference on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charge Conference authorizes and directs the Chairperson and Secretary of the Board of Trustees (or, if they are unavailable or unwilling to serve, any two officers of the Board of Trustees) to take such actions and to execute and deliver such instruments and documents as they in their discretion deem necessary or appropriate to fully effectuate the foregoing, including, but not limited to, one or more promissory notes, deeds of trust, security agreements, financing statements, modification agreements, renewal and extension agreements, commitment letters, loan agreements, affidavits, certificates, closing statements, agreements and other instruments and documents, and that all actions so taken and all instruments and documents so executed and delivered are hereby ratified and approved as the binding act and deed of SUMC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any two officers of the Board of Trustees of the Borrower are authorized to take such actions and execute and deliver such instruments and documents as they in their discretion deem necessary or appropriate to renew, extend, rearrange, modify, amend or otherwise change the terms of the loan without further action of the Charge Conference or any other board, council, commission, conference, committee or other body of the Borrower, including, but not limited to, the execution and delivery of one or more renewals, extensions, modification agreements, and new notes, deeds of trust, security agreements and financing statements; and that the actions so taken and the instruments and documents so executed and delivered are hereby ratified and approved as the binding act and deed of SUMC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions taken or to be taken and instruments and documents executed and delivered or to be executed and delivered in connection with the foregoing by or on behalf of the Borrower have been, and hereby are, approved and confirmed as required by the articles of incorporation, and by the Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Marilyn Mann, Secretary, Charge Conference

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