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## **AFFIDAVIT OF DARWIN MESCH**

STATE OF IOWA	)
	) ss:
COUNTY OF DELAWARE	)

I, Darwin Mesch, being first duly sworn on oath, hereby state as follows:

- 1. I am the President of Delhi United Methodist Church of Delhi, Iowa f/k/a Delhi Methodist Episcopal Church formed on or about April 20, 1922.
- 2. I am the Ad Council Chair for Delhi Methodist Church formed on or about June 7, 2023.
- 3. Delhi United Methodist Church of Delhi, Iowa is in the process of disaffiliating from the denomination for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of The Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues.
- 4. Delhi United Methodist Church of Delhi, Iowa is transferring its real property located at 304 Market Street, Delhi, IA 52223, legally described as:

Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block Nine (9), Delhi, Iowa, according to plat recorded in Book A L.D., Pages 128-129

to Delhi Methodist Church.

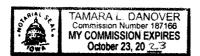
- 5. In order to acquire and/or dispose of property, the corporations must adhere to the provisions of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.
- 6. Pursuant to ¶ 2553 of The Book of Discipline, a disaffiliating local church shall have the right to retain its real and personal, tangible and intangible property and all transfers of property shall be made prior to disaffiliation.
- 7. The disaffiliation decision making process was made in accordance with ¶ 2553(3) in that the church conference was conducted in accordance with ¶ 248 and was held within one hundred twenty (120) days after the district superintendent called for the church conference. In addition to the provisions of ¶ 246.8, special attention was made to give broad notice to the full professing membership of Delhi United Methodist Church of Delhi, Iowa regarding the time and place of the church conference called for this purpose and to use all means necessary, including electronic communication where possible, to communicate. The decision to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church was approved by a

- two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the professing members of Delhi United Methodist Church of Delhi, Iowa present at the church conference.
- 8. The steps I took to procure the direction were in accordance with The Book of Discipline as required by the Restated Articles of Incorporation of Delhi United Methodist Church of Delhi, Iowa filed May 17, 1972 in Book 5, Art. of Inc., Page 100 of the records of the Delaware County, Iowa Recorder.

Dated this 23 day of June 2023.

Darwin Mesch

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Darwin Mesch on this 23 day of June 2023.



Notary Public, State of Iowa