

1 PLAN OF UNION

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3 This Plan of Union is adopted by the Bethel Peniel Presbyterian Church of Granville, NY, and
4 the Granville United Methodist Church of Granville, NY.

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6 The purpose of this union is to provide for the worship of Almighty God, instruction in the
7 Christian religion, participation in the mission of the church in the world, and making disciples
8 of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by a united congregation which will share the
9 property, real and personal, of the uniting churches and provide for the services of a minister or
10 ministers of the union church.

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12 The union church shall be subject to and guided by the constitutions of the Presbyterian Church
13 (U. S. A.) and the United Methodist Church. Wherever the constitutions of the denominations
14 differ, the mandatory provisions of one shall apply in all cases when the others are permissive.
15 Wherever there are conflicting mandatory provisions, the governing body of the union church
16 will petition the governing bodies of immediate jurisdiction to provide a resolution to the
17 conflict.

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19 ARTICLE I: Name of the Union Church

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21 The union church shall be known as the United Church of Granville.

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23 The Granville United Methodist Church and the Bethel Peniel Presbyterian Church, both of
24 Granville, NY, were consolidated in accordance with Section 13 of the Religious Corporations
25 Law of the State of New York on _____ and recorded by the
26 Washington County Clerk's Office on _____.

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28 The United Church of Granville, located in Granville, NY, was incorporated by

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32 ARTICLE II: Mission Statement

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34 The United Church of Granville is committed to the maintenance and strengthening of a strong
35 Christian presence within the greater Granville community. This Christian presence will seek to
36 integrate the strengths of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and the United Methodist Church.

37 Our shared vision for this Christian presence is expressed in the following statement:

38 We envision colorful **worship** that kindles spiritual renewal, providing comfort and
39 challenge to an inclusive congregation that mirrors God's love.

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41 We envision **Christian education** for people of all ages that will deepen their faith,
42 stimulate their minds, and empower them for discipleship and mission.

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44 We envision our **mission & outreach** to be an energizing force in the congregation,
45 responding to local needs and global concerns, supporting individual interests, and
46 igniting passion for helping others.

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48 We envision **congregational life** that is loving, friendly, joyous, and memorable,
49 involving many people in a variety of events, sharing their special talents and abilities in
50 trusting fellowship.

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52 The responsibility and governing authority for the overall mission and ministry of the United
53 Church of Granville, for the implementation of the shared vision, and for the care and oversight
54 of the congregation shall be lodged in the Church Council.

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57 ARTICLE III: Property and Other Assets

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59 The United Church of Granville shall be the legal successor of the Bethel Peniel Presbyterian
60 Church and the Granville United Methodist Church, both of Granville, NY. All property, both
61 real and personal, and all other assets, including all liabilities and endowments, of the Bethel
62 Peniel Presbyterian Church and the Granville United Methodist Church, both of Granville, NY,
63 shall be transferred to the new church corporation. The United Church of Granville shall be
64 bound to administer any trust property or monies received in accordance with the provisions of
65 the original establishment of the trust.

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68 ARTICLE IV: Membership

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70 The incarnation of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ gives to the church not
71 only its mission but also its understanding of membership. Christ constitutes the church as his
72 body by the power of the Holy Spirit. The church draws new people into itself as it seeks to
73 remain faithful to its commission to proclaim and exemplify the gospel. One becomes an active
74 member of the church through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and acceptance of his Lordship in
75 all of life. All members of Christ's universal church are called to share in the servant ministry of
76 Jesus Christ to both the local and worldwide community.

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78 This congregation shall welcome all persons who respond in trust and obedience to God's grace
79 in Jesus Christ and desire to become part of the membership and ministry of Christ's church. No
80 persons shall be denied membership because of any worldly condition (such as race, sex, ethnic
81 origin, social status, etc.) or for any reason not related to profession of faith. All members will
82 seek the grace of openness to extend the fellowship of Christ to all persons. Failure to do so
83 constitutes a rejection of Christ himself and causes a scandal to the gospel.

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85 The members of the Bethel Peniel Presbyterian Church and the Granville United Methodist
86 Church, both of Granville, NY, will constitute the membership of the United Church of
87 Granville.

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89 **Active Membership:** Persons may enter into active church membership in the following ways:
90 by baptism and/or profession of faith; reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ; or, transfer from
91 some other church. New members will have the option of affiliating with the Presbyterian

92 Church (U. S. A.), affiliating with the United Methodist Church, or, being a member of the union
 93 church with dual membership in both denominations.

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95 **Responsibilities of Membership:** A faithful member accepts Christ's call to be involved
 96 responsibly in the ministry of the Church. Such responsible involvement includes

- 97 a. Proclaiming the Good News
- 98 b. Taking part in the common life & worship of the congregation
- 99 c. Praying & studying the Scriptures and the faith of the Christian Church
- 100 d. Supporting the work of the Church through the giving of money, time, and talents
- 101 e. Participating in the organizational responsibilities of the Church
- 102 f. Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the Church
- 103 g. Responding to God's activity in the world through service to others
- 104 h. Living responsibly in the personal family, vocational, political, cultural, and social
 105 relationships of life
- 106 i. Working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment.

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108 Accepting the privilege and responsibility of membership in the church is a commitment to Jesus
 109 Christ that binds the individual to fulfillment of the obligations of membership. Members shall
 110 be encouraged to regularly review and evaluate the integrity with which they are involved in the
 111 ministry of the church and consider ways in which their participation in the worship and service
 112 of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

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114 **Categories of Membership:** The membership of the United Church of Granville includes:

- 115 a) Active members: persons who have made a profession of faith in Christ, have been
 116 baptized, have been received into membership and voluntarily accepted the government
 117 of this church, and who participate in the church's work and worship;
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- 119 b) Inactive members: previously active members who no longer participate in the church's
 120 work and worship;
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- 122 c) Baptized members: persons who have received the Sacrament of Baptism but who have
 123 not made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior;
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- 125 d) Affiliate/Associate members: active members of other Presbyterian or United Methodist
 126 congregations (affiliates) or active members of other denominations (associates) who
 127 reside temporarily in this congregation's ministry area;
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- 129 e) Constituents: persons who are not members of the church but who participate in the work
 130 and worship of this congregation and for whom this congregation acknowledges pastoral
 131 responsibility.

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133 The categories of membership in the constituent churches will be transferred to the same
 134 category of membership in the union church. The United Church of Granville will maintain
 135 accurate rolls of the categories of membership. The Church Council shall review the rolls of
 136 membership at least annually, and shall counsel with those who have neglected the
 137 responsibilities of membership.

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139 All persons who are part of the membership are entitled to participate in the life, worship, and
140 ministry of the church and to receive pastoral care and instruction. Only active members may
141 vote in meetings of the congregation and be eligible for election to the Church Council.

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143 The Church Council shall determine the category of membership into which a particular person
144 will be placed. When an active member intentionally fails to participate in the work and worship
145 of the church for a period of one year, the Church Council shall make a diligent effort to discover
146 the cause of the member's non-participation and shall work to restore the member's active
147 participation in the work and worship of the church. If such efforts are unsuccessful, the Church
148 Council may place the member on the Inactive Roll. Written notification of the transfer shall be
149 given in a timely way before the transfer is effective. Periodic efforts shall be made to restore
150 inactive members to participation in the work and worship of the church. When an inactive
151 member again participates in the work and worship of the church, the Church Council shall
152 transfer the member to the Active Roll.

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154 **Removal from Membership:** The Church Council will remove a member from the membership
155 rolls of the church when the member makes a personal request to be removed or when it is
156 discovered that the member has joined and/or is active in the worship and work of another
157 church.

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159 **Church Registers:** The Church Council shall also maintain the following church registers:
160 (1) Marriages, including all marriages of the church, all marriages conducted by the pastor of
161 the church, and all marriages performed on church property;
162 (2) Baptisms (adults and children), taking care to record all required information;
163 (3) Deaths, including all deceased members of the congregation, and non-members whose
164 funerals at which the pastor officiated;
165 (4) Elders and Deacons, taking care to record all required information;
166 (5) Pastors serving the church and their dates of service.

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ARTICLE V: The Church Council

171 **Responsibility and Authority:** The Church Council is responsible for the whole life of the
172 congregation and shall possess all authority and powers necessary for the fulfillment of this
173 responsibility. The Church Council shall be responsible for the worship life of the congregation,
174 for the administration of the Sacraments, and for the education, nurture, and pastoral care of the
175 members of the congregation. The Church Council shall be responsible for receiving new
176 members, transferring members to other churches, and removing persons from membership as
177 provided in Article IV. The Church Council shall have responsibility for the recruitment,
178 training, and development of members for leadership in the life of the congregation. The Church
179 Council shall have responsibility for the care and use of all church properties, including
180 provision for capital improvements. The Church Council shall have responsibility for
181 establishing and administering an annual operating budget, including provision for receiving
182 offerings and disbursing funds. The Church Council shall have the responsibility for the care
183 and maintenance of pastoral leadership. The Church Council shall have responsibility for the
184 promotion of stewardship and participation in the mission of the Church in the world.

185 This Church Council shall have the responsibilities and powers of the Session as enumerated by
186 the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and the Church Council as enumerated by
187 the Constitution of the United Methodist Church.

188 **Trustees:** The members of the Church Council shall serve as trustees of the United Church of
189 Granville. As trustees, they shall be responsible for the supervision, oversight, and care of all
190 property, real and personal and will have the responsibilities and powers of trustees as
191 enumerated by the Constitutions of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and the United Methodist
192 Church. Trustees will be elected at the meeting of the congregation called for the election of
193 officers. Trustees will be elected in accordance with the provisions of the Constitutions of the
194 Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and the United Methodist Church and the laws of the State of
195 New York.

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197 **Limits:** The responsibility and authority of the Church Council is limited only by the rights
198 reserved to the congregation, the rights reserved to the pastor or pastors, and the rights reserved
199 to the denominational governing bodies to which the union church relates.

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201 **Membership:** Any Active Member of the United Church of Granville shall be eligible for
202 election to the Church Council. The Church Council will be composed of twelve (12) persons
203 elected by the congregation. Membership of the Church Council should reflect the membership
204 of the congregation. The pastor shall be a member of the Church Council and shall serve as
205 Moderator of the Church Council. There shall be proportional denominational representation on
206 the Church Council.

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208 **Terms of Membership:** Membership on the Church Council shall be divided into three (3)
209 classes of four (4) members each. The term of membership on the Church Council is three (3)
210 years. Members may be re-elected once. Active service on the Church Council shall ordinarily
211 be limited to six (6) years consecutively, unless provision for an additional term of service is
212 made in a constitutional manner. Members who have completed six (6) years of consecutive
213 service will be eligible for election one (1) year after the completion of their second term.

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215 **Election and Installation:** The members of the Church Council shall be elected by the
216 congregation in a meeting called for the purpose of election. This meeting shall ordinarily be
217 held on the last Sunday in September. A representative nominating committee of the
218 congregation shall nominate members of the Church Council. Additional nominations may be
219 made by members in attendance at the congregational meeting for the purpose of election. The
220 elected members of the Church Council shall ordinarily be installed in office on the Sunday
221 designated as the Baptism of the Lord. During the time between election and installation the
222 Church Council shall prepare and train the newly elected members for the discharge of their
223 responsibilities. Members of the Church Council from the Presbyterian tradition shall be
224 ordained as elders and be subject to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.)
225 regarding the qualifications and responsibilities of elders.

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227 **Meetings:** The Church Council shall hold stated meetings at least quarterly. The Church
228 Council may meet as often as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. Special meetings of the
229 Church Council may be called by the Moderator or at the request of three (3) council members.

230 Adequate notice of special meetings and the purpose for which the meeting is called shall be
231 made to members of the Church Council.

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233 **Quorum:** A quorum of the Church Council for the conduct of business shall be one-third of the
234 actual council membership and the council moderator. Only duly elected and installed members
235 of the Church Council may vote on matters under consideration. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

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237 **Organization:** The mission and ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ and the shared vision of
238 this congregation shall direct the organization of the United Church of Granville. The Church
239 Council shall utilize ministry groups (such as committees, teams, task forces, and commissions)
240 to fulfill its responsibilities as set forth in this Plan of Union and in the Constitutions of the
241 Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and the United Methodist Church. The Church Council shall
242 regularly organize its work and shall delineate the purpose, responsibilities and membership of
243 the ministry groups it establishes for carrying out the mission and ministry of the United Church
244 of Granville. The Church Council shall ordinarily establish standing committees to fulfill
245 ongoing responsibilities (such as worship, Christian education, mission, stewardship,
246 congregational care, budget & finance, personnel, and property). Specific responsibilities and
247 ministries may be assigned to a particular ministry group. Membership of ministry groups shall
248 be appointed by the Church Council and is open to all members of the congregation. Ministry
249 groups shall ordinarily be headed by a member of the Church Council and all ministry groups
250 shall receive oversight from and be responsible to the Church Council. Ministry groups shall
251 make regular reports to the Church Council on the progress of their work.

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253 **Officers:** The officers of the Church Council shall be: (1) the moderator; (2) the clerk of the
254 council; (3) the church treasurer; and (4) the chairperson of the trustees. The moderator shall
255 convene, conduct, and adjourn meetings of the Church Council. As a member of the Church
256 Council, the moderator is entitled to vote. The clerk of the council is responsible for the minutes
257 of Church Council meetings, for correspondence, and for assisting in the formation of the agenda
258 for meetings. Ordinarily the clerk of the council will be an active member of the Church
259 Council. The Church Council may elect a former member to serve as clerk of the council with
260 voice but not vote. The church treasurer is responsible for the receipt, care, and disbursement of
261 budgeted funds and the keeping of adequate books and records to reflect all financial
262 transactions. Ordinarily the church treasurer will be an active member of the Church Council.
263 The Church Council may elect a former member to serve as church treasurer with voice but not
264 vote. The clerk of council and the church treasurer shall be elected annually by the Church
265 Council. The chairperson of the trustees shall be elected annually by the congregation and will
266 have the responsibilities and powers of the chairperson of the board of trustees as enumerated by
267 the Constitutions of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and the United Methodist Church.

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269 **Making Decisions:** The Church Council shall ordinarily make decisions using a process of
270 consensus. The Church Council may at certain times make decisions following the most current
271 edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*. In all its decision making the Church Council shall listen to
272 and respect the opinions of all members as it seeks to discern and follow the will of Christ
273 through the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

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275 **Minutes:** The Clerk of Council shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Church Council.
276 These minutes shall be reviewed and approved regularly by the Church Council. The minutes,
277 after review and approval, shall be made public. When requested to do so the Clerk of Council
278 shall make minutes available to denominational governing bodies.

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280 **Church Finances:** The Church Council shall be responsible for the total financial life of the
281 United Church of Granville, including the collection and disbursement of funds, the
282 establishment and administration of the church operating budget, the oversight of all church
283 accounts, and the conduct of a full annual review of all church financial records. At a minimum,
284 the Church Council shall follow the standards of financial procedures set for in the Constitutions
285 of the United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) The Church Council
286 shall appoint an assistant treasurer to assist in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities of
287 the church treasurer. The Church Council shall appoint a comptroller to ensure the proper
288 disbursement of budgeted funds. The Church Council shall appoint a financial secretary (a
289 person not related to the church treasurer) to maintain all church financial records. Assistant
290 financial secretaries may be appointed to maintain the records of designated church funds (such
291 as a memorial fund or a special mission fund). The Church Council shall appoint at least two
292 persons to serve as tellers for the counting and recording of all offerings. The Church Council
293 shall receive regular reports from the church treasurer and the financial secretary and assistant
294 financial secretaries. The Church Council shall report all financial activities of the church at
295 least annually to the congregation.

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297 **Denominational Relations:** The Church Council shall take special care in maintaining the
298 relationship of the United Church of Granville to the United Methodist Church and the
299 Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.). The Church Council shall elect the Lay Member of the Upper
300 New York Annual Conference (United Methodist) and the commissioner to the Presbytery of
301 Albany (Presbyterian), or their successor governing bodies. These denominational
302 representatives shall make regular reports to the Church Council and the congregation. The
303 denominational representatives shall assist the Church Council in distributing information from
304 the denominations, giving special emphasis to the mission concerns of both denominations.

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306 **Appeals and Complaints:** Appeals or complaints against the actions of the Church Council
307 shall be made to only one of the denominational governing bodies having jurisdiction over the
308 United Church of Granville at the choice of the member(s). All subsequent appeals or
309 complaints shall be in the courts of this original choice. Decisions of the appropriate governing
310 body shall be binding on the Church Council and or the member(s). Complaints may be made
311 under the constitutional provision of only one denomination, according to the choice of the
312 complainant. Once a complaint has been made to one denominational governing body the other
313 denominational governing body shall not accept jurisdiction in the same matter.

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ARTICLE VI: The Congregation

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318 The congregation is made up of all members on the Active Roll of the United Church of
319 Granville. All such members who are present at a congregational meeting are entitled to speak
320 and to vote.

321 **Meetings:** The congregation shall ordinarily hold an annual meeting for regular business on the
322 last Sunday in January. The congregation shall ordinarily hold an annual meeting for the
323 election of officers on the last Sunday in September. The Church Council may alter these dates
324 when circumstances dictate. The congregation may hold other meetings as necessary and when
325 duly called by the Church Council, by one of the denominational governing bodies, or at the
326 request of one-fourth of the members on the Active Roll of the congregation. The pastor shall
327 moderate all meetings of the congregation, and the clerk of council shall serve as secretary for all
328 meetings of the congregation. Consultation with the denominational governing bodies shall be
329 made prior to meetings of the congregation, and denominational representatives shall be invited
330 to attend these meetings.

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332 **Notice of Meetings:** Public notice of meetings of the congregation shall be given at least ten
333 (10) days prior to the meeting, which shall include notices during worship on two (2) succeeding
334 Sundays. The meeting may be convened following the notice given on the second Sunday.

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336 **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of the congregation shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the
337 total active membership of the congregation. Only active members present at the congregational
338 meetings shall be allowed to vote. Proxy voting shall not be allowed. In the case of a tie vote,
339 the moderator shall put the question before the congregation a second time. Following
340 appropriate discussion, if there is a second tie vote, the motion is lost.

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342 **Business:** The regular business of the congregation shall include the election of the Church
343 Council, hearing reports of the Church Council concerning the mission and ministry of the
344 church, receiving financial reports and the annual operating budget from the Church Council,
345 electing the nominating committee, approving the terms of call (compensation) for the pastor as
346 recommended by the Church Council, and approving amendments to the Plan of Union. The
347 congregation shall consider matters related to the buying, mortgaging, or selling real property at
348 congregational meetings called for that purpose. The congregation shall also consider matters
349 related to the calling of a pastor at meetings of the congregation called for that purpose under the
350 provisions of this Plan of Union. All meetings of the congregation shall be conducted in
351 accordance with the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

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353 **Minutes of Meetings:** The secretary (ordinarily the clerk of council) shall prepare the minutes
354 of all meetings of the congregation. The minutes of each congregational meeting shall be
355 reviewed and approved by the Church Council at its next stated meeting. After review and
356 approval by the Church Council, the minutes of congregational meetings shall be made public.
357 When requested to do so the Clerk of Council shall make minutes available to denominational
358 governing bodies.

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360 **Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee shall be elected annually by the
361 congregation. The Nominating Committee shall be made up of six (6) members on the Active
362 Roll of the congregation. The Nominating Committee shall be divided into three (3) classes of
363 two (2) members each. No member of the Nominating Committee shall serve more than three
364 (3) years consecutively. One member of the Nominating Committee shall be a member of the
365 Church Council and shall serve as chair of the Committee. The membership of the Nominating
366 Committee shall fairly represent the active membership of the congregation.

ARTICLE VII: The Pastor

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Pastors are set aside within the ministry of the whole church to devote their time, energy, and training to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Pastors are set among the congregation to inspire, lead, and guide the people of God as they seek to follow in the way of Jesus Christ. Pastors are set with the elected leaders of the congregation to exercise pastoral care, oversight, and governance.

Pastors are called to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, teach the faith of the Church, and guide the people in their growth as faithful disciples of Christ. Pastors lead in worship and administer the sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. Pastors pray with and for the congregation and the world. Pastors study to increase their own faith and understanding of God. Pastors seek to serve as an example of Christian faith, life, and practice within the community of God's faithful people.

Pastors are responsible to God alone in the exercise of their duties and are free to preach and teach the Word of God, as the Holy Spirit gives them understanding. Pastors of the United Church of Granville exercise this freedom subject to the jurisdictions of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and the United Methodist Church.

Responsibilities and Duties: The pastor, in concert with the Church Council, is charged to encourage the people in the worship and service of God; to equip and empower the congregation to carry out the mission and ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ; to provide pastoral care, giving special attention to the poor, the sick, the troubled, and the dying; to exercise governance and leadership for the congregation in serving the community and the world. The pastor shall administer the life of the church according to the decisions of the Church Council. The pastor shall have all responsibilities and rights accorded to pastors by the Constitutions of the United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.).

Denominational Relations: The pastor of the United Church of Granville shall be a responsible member of both denominational governing bodies of immediate jurisdiction. The pastor shall be subject to the discipline of both denominational governing bodies. The pastor shall ordinarily participate in the pension and medical plan of the denomination of membership.

Pastoral Relationships: Ordinarily the pastor of the United Church of Granville shall be an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church or the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.). The pastoral relationship between an ordained minister and the United Church of Granville shall be established and dissolved under the appropriate authority of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and the United Methodist Church. The Church Council has the responsibility of caring for the pastoral relationship and working with denominational authorities to ensure an effective pastorate.

When seeking new pastoral leadership, the Church Council will consult with both denominational authorities. After this consultation, the Church Council will recommend to the congregation the appropriate replacement procedure to be followed. The congregation, in a duly called meeting for that purpose, will vote on the recommendation of the Church Council.

413 Ordinarily the congregation will follow the principle of alternating pastoral leadership between
414 Presbyterian and United Methodist ministers. In all cases of establishment and dissolution of
415 pastoral relationships, the rights and responsibilities of the congregation shall be honored.

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418 ARTICLE VIII: Amendments

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420 This Plan of Union may be amended at a duly called meeting of the congregation for that
421 purpose. All amendments shall be reviewed by each denominational governing body and
422 distributed in full to the active members of the congregation at least thirty (30) days prior to the
423 congregational meeting. All amendments shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote
424 of those present and voting.

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428 ARTICLE IX: Dissolution

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430 This union church may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of two (2) congregational
431 meetings, held not less than one (1) year or more than two (2) years apart, subject to the
432 concurrence of the denominational governing bodies having jurisdiction over this church.

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434 In the case of dissolution, all encumbered property of the church, real and personal, shall be
435 equally divided among its successor congregations.

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437 Encumbered property of this union church shall not be distributed until existing liens and
438 encumbrances are satisfied, after which either the property of the balance of the equity shall be
439 divided equally between its successor congregations.

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441 Any remaining trust property or funds previously held by either congregation of this union
442 church at the time of union shall revert to that congregation. Any trust property of funds
443 received by the union church shall be divided either equally between the successor congregations
444 or in a manner determined to satisfy best the provisions of the original establishment of the trust.

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446 If there is no successor congregation all property, real and personal, shall be equally divided
447 between the denominational governing bodies having jurisdiction over this church.

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449 Upon dissolution, members shall be transferred to a congregation of their choice, or otherwise
450 transferred in accordance with each denomination's policies.

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453 ARTICLE X: Other Provisions

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455 This Plan of Union was developed from and is considered to be in harmony with the
456 Constitutions of the United Methodist Church [*The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist
Church, 2008*] and the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) [*The Book of Order, 2009/2011*].