

5. Mt. Bethel UMC's Motion for Entry of Default Judgement; and
6. NGC, Bishop and District Superintendent's Second Motion to Strike.

With the Consent of the parties, resolving each of these motions, the Court hereby FINDS and ORDERS as follows:

The NGC, Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, and District Superintendent Jessica E. Terrell (the "Third Party Defendants") have withdrawn their objection to Mt. Bethel UMC's Motion for Joinder. The Motion for Joinder is therefore GRANTED.

Mt. Bethel UMC has withdrawn Motion for Default Judgement against the Third-Party Defendants.

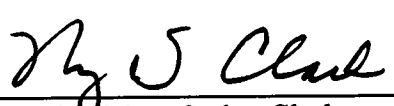
The Third-Party Defendants have withdrawn each of their First Motion[s] to Strike and their Second Motion to Strike.

FURTHERMORE, Third-Party Defendants and Defendants in Counterclaim shall have 30 days from the date of this Order to serve Answers to Mt. Bethel UMC's Third-Party Complaint and Counterclaim and to respond to Respondent Mt. Bethel's First Interrogatories and Requests for Admission to each. Discovery shall extend up to and through October 15, 2022.

The parties seek to maintain the status quo pending an effort to resolve this matter via mediation. Accordingly:

- a. No action or vote will be taken at the June 2022 Annual Conference of the North Georgia Conference to "close" Mt. Bethel pursuant to ¶2549 of the UMC Book of Discipline; and
- b. No clergy or lay delegate of Mt. Bethel at the June 2022 Annual Conference shall raise the issue of Mt. Bethel's closure or the declaration of exigent circumstances.

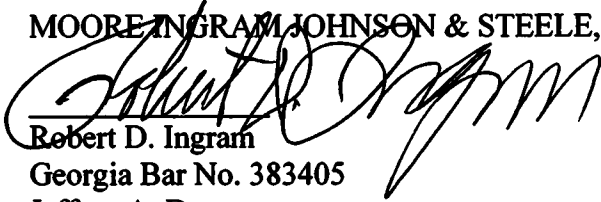
SO ORDERED, this 15 day of March 2022



The Honorable Mary Staley Clark
Cobb County Superior Court

Prepared and presented by:

MOORE INGRAM JOHNSON & STEELE, LLP



Robert D. Ingram
Georgia Bar No. 383405
Jeffrey A. Daxe
Georgia Bar No. 213701
David P. Conley
Georgia Bar No. 141760

Keith Boyette
(Pro hac vice)

DOWNEY & CLEVELAND, LLP

David P. Darden
Georgia Bar No 205350

Attorneys for Mt. Bethel UMC

And:

CAUTHORN NOHR & OWEN



T. E. Cauthorn
Georgia Bar No. 117400
tec@cauthornohr.com
Brittany E. Schmidt
Georgia Bar No. 774837
bes@cauthornohr.com

The Cauthorn Firm

J. Wickliffe Cauthorn
Georgia Bar No.
wick@thecauthornfirm.com

Attorneys for The Trustees Of The North Georgia Conference Of The United Methodist Church, Inc; The North Georgia Conference Of The United Methodist Church, Inc; Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson and District Superintendent Jessica E. Terrell