

CERTIFICATE OF SUCCESSION

For

14 Depot Street, Mattawamkeag ME 04459-0243

NOW COMES, Rev. Rick McKinley, and first being duly sworn, states as follows:

- 1) That he serves as the District Superintendent of the Katahdin District of the New England Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and is an ordained clergy of the United Methodist Church.
- 2) As such, he is familiar with certain provisions of the *Discipline* of the United Methodist Church (i) concerning its history and succession of interests in its local churches, and (ii) concerning the use and disposition of real estate owned by the Conference and its local United Methodist Churches.
- 3) That the *Discipline* of the United Methodist Church contains an "Historical Statement" from which the following information is gathered:
 - (i) That local churches often begin as "societies" which then affiliate with the church structure. These societies are governed by the *Discipline* of the church. They can operate as unincorporated societies governed by a Board of Trustees, or they can be incorporated under local law.
 - (ii) That the Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in 1784.
 - (iii) That in 1939, the Methodist Episcopal Church became the Methodist Church.
 - (iv) That in 1968, the Methodist Church became the United Methodist Church.
- 4) Attached hereto are true and accurate copies of provisions of the 2020/2024 (the most current) *Discipline* of the United Methodist Church.
- 5) That under said provisions, the real and personal property of local United Methodist Churches which are declared closed or abandoned come under the control and supervision of the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church where said local church was located.
- 6) That the *Mattawamkeag United Methodist Church* of Mattawamkeag, Maine was formerly known as the *Methodist Episcopal Church* of Mattawamkeag.

- 7) That the *Mattawamkeag United Methodist Church*, Maattawamkeag, Maine was merged in 7/25/2026 with the First United Methodist Church in Lincoln pursuant to the provisions of the *Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.
- 8) That pursuant to said *Discipline*, the New England Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, acting through the First United Methodist Church of Lincoln Board of Trustees, may dispose of the real estate of the former Mattawamkeag Methodist Episcopal Church securing the approvals as required under the *Discipline*.
- 9) All such approvals have been obtained as represented by the Certificates recorded herewith.

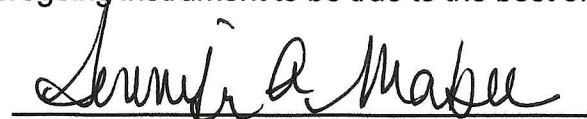
Dated: September 9, 2026


Rev. Rick McKinley,
Katahdin District Superintendent

STATE OF Maine
COUNTY OF Somerset

September 10, 2026

Then personally appeared the above-named Rev. Rick McKinley, District Superintendent, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be true to the best of his knowledge and belief.


Notary Public
My commission expires: 7-29-32

