to return it to a condition equal to that when s/he received it to use. If an item of furniture is damaged beyond repair, s/he is obligated to replace it.

6. In order to respect the privacy of clergy and his/her family, the church has responsibility to make an appointment and secure the approval of the pastor or an adult member of the household, prior to visiting the parsonage at any time.

Appeals

Appeals by the churches or pastors should be made to the district superintendent as the final authority to interpret and implement the foregoing standards.

Recommendation

Closure of Allerton UMC

Be it resolved that the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference expresses its thanksgiving for all the blessings made possible by the clergy and laity who have contributed to the ministry and mission of the Allerton United Methodist Church in Annandale, NJ.

Be it further resolved that, in keeping with provisions of Paragraph 2549.4 of the Book of Discipline, 2012 edition, the congregation is discontinued and the assets of the church are transferred to the Trustees of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.

Be it further resolved that in keeping with the provisions of ¶229 of the Book of Discipline, 2012 Edition, the remaining members of the church may be transferred to a United Methodist Church of their choice.

Be it further resolved that the Trustees of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference shall be directed to distribute net proceeds from the disposition of the assets as follows:

a) All outstanding loans and other obligations owed to the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference shall be repaid upon the sale of the property, and liquidation of any other assets, and

b) Upon receipt, the remainder shall be directed to the Strategic Disciple Making Fund.

Be it further resolved that, in keeping with provisions of Paragraph 2549.4 of the Book of Discipline, 2012 edition, all deeds, records, legal papers and other official documents shall be maintained in permanent safekeeping with the Conference Commission on Archives and History.

Respectfully Submitted,

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