



UNITED METHODISTS OF GREATER NEW JERSEY

Church Name: _____

City: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

WHEREAS the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) filed for bankruptcy after numerous suits were filed for sexual abuse. As part of the bankruptcy process, United Methodist local churches across the country had the opportunity to file a proof of claim. Filing a proof of claim indicated, among other things, that the local church had a right to be indemnified/protected by BSA as well as BSA insurance policy coverage for any claim filed against the local church by a scout survivor.

WHEREAS as our congregation was in the past and/or is presently a charter organization and could have a lawsuit filed against the church by an abuse survivor.

WHEREAS local churches' votes must be received by December 14, 2021, and because we will not know if our local church will be covered against BSA claims until November 23, 2021.

WHEREAS the charge conference's vote is critical to help ensure our local church is protected from a lawsuit filed concerning an individual claiming they were abused while in a scouting program associated with our local church.

THEREFORE, this charge conference authorizes our Board of Trustees, as allowed in the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, par 2529, to complete forms related to the BSA Bankruptcy Lawsuit, in consultation with our lead pastor, following the guidance that will be provided by GNJ.

VOTES: YES, _____ NO, _____

Recording Secretary

District Superintendent