

## Bridge Church Resolution

All that is required to pass the vote is a simple majority. This is also not a Charge Conference action.

*Our congregation, \_\_\_\_\_ insert church name \_\_\_\_\_, moves that we become a Bridge Church of The Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. In doing so, not only do we commit to remaining a part of the United Methodist Church, but we also commit to serving those who have lost their church homes through disaffiliation or closure. We will partner in this work in the following ways:*

- 1) Provide a welcoming place to belong during this time of grief and transition, **which might be for just a season, or forever**. This includes a safe space with caring relationships, listening hearts, and unconditional love within a congregation that is confident it is remaining in the UMC.
- 2) Offer “No pressure” ministry opportunities (for just a season, or forever). These will include worship, discipleship, and mission.
- 3) Organize local groups of those who wish to remain UMC by proactively finding and connecting with individual persons and groups that feel displaced by disaffiliating churches.
- 4) Connect persons or groups with Conference and District resources to help them discern their next steps as they consider a new church home.