**PROPOSED AGREEMENT OF AMALGAMATION**

**BETWEEN**

**ABC UNITED CHURCH, XYZ UNITED CHURCH**

# NAME

The name of the new Community of Faith shall be *Hope* United Church.

# DATE

The effective date of amalgamation shall be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**MISSION AND VISION**

The Mission of Hope United Church shall be “To worship and work to God’s Glory”.

It is the Vision of Hope United Church that we will:

1. Be a Community of Hope.
2. Be A Community which is Accepting, Welcoming and Sharing.
3. Share our faith story with all, especially our children and youth.
4. Take special care of our elders.

**GOVERNANCE**

The governing body of Hope United Church shall be a Church Council, which shall meet not less than quarterly. Quorum shall be one third of the eligible members (6)

It shall consist of:

1. Officers: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer (3)
2. The Board of Trustees (4).
3. Representative to the Ministry and Personnel Committee of the Community of Faith (2)
4. The covenanted ministry personnel and/or the Presbytery Supervisor. (1)
5. Representatives from groups responsible for Worship and Spiritual Care (2) and Faith Formation (2), Stewardship and Finance (2), Property (2)
6. Representative to Regional Council (1)

Total: 19

There shall be working groups for Worship and Spiritual Care, Faith Formation, Stewardship and Finance, and Property.

Each working group shall have two lead members who are representatives to the Church Council. Working groups are not limited in numbers of members.

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There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of the Chair and a representative of each working group.

Terms of Office shall normally be four years. There shall be a sabbatical year before re- nomination to the Church Council for another term. The Treasurer shall be exempt from this term limit.

The Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, one Ministry & Personnel Committee Representative and the Regional Representative shall represent Hope United Church to the Official Board of the Pastoral Charge. (5)

**REAL PROPERTY**

The Real Property of both congregations shall be combined for the use of Hope United Church and held by the Trustees of Hope United Church.

The portions of the Sale of the Manse shall be combined and the interest continue to be provided to the treasurer of the pastoral charge for the support of the salary of the ministry personnel. Other congregational investments shall be combined for the benefit of Hope United Church, respecting any directions from the original donor, if any. (List of Investments to be attached)

**CONSENT FOR SALE OF XYZ UNITED CHURCH**

Consent shall be requested by the congregation of XYZ United Church of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Regional Council to sell the building and property currently occupied by XYZ United Church known as *[legal description of property]*, and the proceeds from the sale after expenses be applied to the work of Hope United Church.

**PROPOSED AMALGAMATION SCHEDULE** - Subject to Regional Approval

March 5 & 12 Announcement of Congregational Meetings

March 19, Noon Congregational Meeting of XYZ.

Quorum 10 Full Members

March 26, Noon Congregational Meeting of ABC.

Quorum 10 Full Members

April 4 7:00 PM Presentation and Request for Concurrence of Amalgamation and Sale of Property by Official Board

April 25 Presentation and Request for Concurrence of Amalgamation and Sale of Property by Covenant Commission of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Regional Council

May 21 9:45 AM Service of Closing, XYZ United Church

May 28 9:45 AM Service of Closing, ABC Church, Keady

June 4 10:30 AM Service of Constitution of Hope United Church.

Joint Pastoral Charge service including Communion