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Court Finalizes Agreement Between GLIDE and California-Nevada Annual Conference

Dear GLIDE Community,

We have good news to share. Today marks a momentous day. The agreement between GLIDE and the California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (CNAC) has received final court approval by the San Francisco Superior Probate Court and the California Attorney General's Office. The court approval formalizes the end to a longstanding partnership between these entities and the beginning of a new chapter for GLIDE.

The resolution brings clarity, reinforces our values, and sets us up for a future free to create meaningful change to address the biggest challenges facing San Francisco. Our transformative programs will continue without interruption as we deepen our impact and extend our reach across the city. We retain title to our iconic building and will continue to use it to benefit all San Franciscans.

It's a new era at GLIDE. We are implementing a bold, large-scale plan to help more people off the streets and out of poverty to reach self-sufficiency and thrive. At the same time, we are driving systems change — doing more to advance equitable policy solutions, influence institutions of power, and break cycles of poverty and homelessness. GLIDE is focused on impact, from transforming individual lives and changing systems to influencing the entire landscape of need in our city.

GLIDE remains committed to fighting against systemic racism and injustice, as the national reckoning on race moves forward. New racial justice and reconciliation initiatives through our Center for Social Justice address racial disparities and challenge public and private leaders to examine and change inequitable laws, policies, and practices. Our work remains rooted in building empathy and equity for all.

GLIDE Memorial Church will continue to operate, post COVID restrictions, in its current location—still radically inclusive, and open and welcoming to all. Unaffiliated with the United Methodist Church, our spiritual community remains healthy, rooted in liberation, and is moving forward to establish a formal charter and statement of faith and practice.

Both GLIDE Foundation and GLIDE Memorial Church continue to evolve to serve San Francisco. In the months to come, we will update our non-profit legal status to become a public benefit 501(c)3. This will allow us to continue to meet the rapidly escalating need in San Francisco while more clearly delineating the social service and advocacy work of the GLIDE Foundation from the spiritual work of GLIDE Memorial Church. Together, we will partner under GLIDE's core values of unconditional love, advocating for the people, working to heal and help those in need, transforming lives, and celebrating the gifts of all people.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a member of the GLIDE community. We are stronger, more committed than ever, and always will be GLIDE.

Sincerely,

Karen Hanrahan President & CEO