

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

The Reverend Roger Manuel Robillard

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Roger Manuel Robillard to his heavenly home on March 5, 2022; and,
- WHEREAS,** Roger was born on March 20, 1942 in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, one of four children born to Raymond and Monique Robillard; and,
- WHEREAS,** he earned a Bachelor of Theology degree from McGill University School of Religious Studies in 1978 and Doctorate in Theology from Montreal Theological Seminary in 1979; and,
- WHEREAS,** Roger served as an ordained priest in the Anglican Church of Canada from 1979-1997 before being received by The Rt. Rev. Gerry Wolfe on November 1, 1997; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served as rector of his hometown church from 1997-2001 prior to accepting a call to serve as Vicar of Trinity Church in Highland Springs, VA; and,
- WHEREAS,** Roger served as Priest-in-Charge at St. Barnabas Church in North Chesterfield from September 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was an avid reader, enjoyed singing, and traveled often to Canada; and,
- WHEREAS,** his favorite motto in life was known as “The 11th Beatitude” – Blessed are those who run around in circles, for they shall be known as big wheels; and,
- WHEREAS,** Roger was preceded in death by his parents, three siblings, and first wife, Lydia; and,
- WHEREAS,** He is survived by his beloved husband of five years, Harold E. Wainwright Jr; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that this 131st Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including forty-three years in the ordained ministry, offered to God’s glory by The Reverend Roger Manuel Robillard; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his husband and many friends; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to his husband, Harold.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

The Reverend Doctor Bruce Alan Gray

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Bruce Alan Gray to his heavenly home on March 17, 2022; and,
- WHEREAS,** Bruce was born in Troy, NY on May 17, 1940, the son of C. Wellington and Dorothy Gray; and,
- WHEREAS,** he married Katherine Ann Lowther on June 29, 1962, a union which produced two children; and,
- WHEREAS,** he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Syracuse University in 1963; and,
- WHEREAS,** he answered God's call to the ordained ministry and enrolled in the Episcopal Divinity School, from which he earned a Master in Divinity degree in 1966; and,
- WHEREAS,** Bruce was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 11, 1966 by The Rt. Rev. Allen Webster Brown prior to being ordained to the Priesthood on December 14 of that same year by The Rt. Rev. Charles Bowen Persell Jr.; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served in various parishes in the state of New York for the first twenty-three years of his ministry; and,
- WHEREAS,** while in New York Bruce was a devoted member of the New York State Association of Fire Chaplains and authored the book "A Fire Chaplain's Manual"; and,
- WHEREAS,** as a lifelong learner Bruce earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1984; and,
- WHEREAS,** moving to Virginia in 1987, he served parishes in Annandale, Fredericksburg, and Richmond, and in Maryland before accepting a call in 1997 to be the rector of Historic St. John's Church in Richmond, from which he retired in 2008; and,
- WHEREAS,** while in Richmond he continued to serve as a Fire Chaplain; and,
- WHEREAS,** in retirement he was of great service to our diocese serving at Christ Church in Amelia and St. Barnabas Church in Chesterfield County; and,
- WHEREAS,** Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, brother Paul, and close friend Bill Eccles; and,

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2022, our Lord called Bruce's wife Katherine to her heavenly home; and,

WHEREAS, he is survived his children, Susan and Mark and their spouses, three grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and his brother Kenneth, along with other family members and friends; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 131st Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including fifty-five years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Doctor Bruce Alan Gray; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to his children.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
The Reverend William Eugene Blottner

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call William Eugene Blottner to his heavenly home on April 16, 2022; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was born in Richmond, VA on August 9, 1929, the son of Herman and Gwynn Blottner; and,
- WHEREAS,** he earned a degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1951; and,
- WHEREAS,** upon graduation he fulfilled his military obligation by working as a civil servant for the United States Navy, during which time he prepared surveys of Bermuda and Greenland; and,
- WHEREAS,** Bill answered God's call to the ordained ministry and enrolled in Virginia Theological Seminary, from which he earned a Master in Divinity degree in 1956; and,
- WHEREAS,** around this time a cousin introduced him to Nan Scott, who he would come to marry; and,
- WHEREAS,** Bill was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 1, 1956 by The Rt. Rev. Frederick D. Goodwin, who also ordained him to the Priesthood on July 13th of the following year; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served in numerous parishes in Virginia during his distinguished career, including Leeds Parish in Markham, St. Andrew's in Lawrenceville, and St. Michael's Church in Bon Air, prior to relocating to the Diocese of Ohio; and,
- WHEREAS,** as a lifelong learner he earned a Master's degree in Sociology from Cleveland State University in 1980 and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Graduate Theological Foundation in 1994; and,
- WHEREAS,** he worked in several social service agencies and taught at the college level; and,
- WHEREAS,** upon retirement he returned to his roots in Southern Virginia and served in various capacities at St. Anne's Church in Appomattox, Church of the Good Shepherd in McKenney, and Johns Memorial Church in Farmville; and,

WHEREAS, Bill founded the campus ministry programs at Longwood University and at Hampden-Sydney College while at the same time becoming an Education for Ministry (EfM) Mentor; and,

WHEREAS, he loved reading mysteries, partaking in deep intellectual discussions, and ice cream; and,

WHEREAS, Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and brother Frederick; and,

WHEREAS, he is survived his children Paul, Mary, and Mark, a son-in-law, two grandchildren, a great-grandson, and numerous other family members and friends; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 131st Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including sixty-five years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend William Eugene Blottner; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to his children, Paul Blottner of Scranton, PA, Mary McCarthy of Middleburg Heights, OH, and Mark Blottner of Chicago, IL.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
Ross Franklin Hawkins, Jr.

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Ross Franklin Hawkins, Jr. to his heavenly home on May 11, 2022; and,
- WHEREAS,** this native of Richmond, Virginia graduated from Virginia Tech in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree; and,
- WHEREAS,** Frank met and married Peggy Langston Burnett of Danville, VA in 1953; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served for two years as a First Lieutenant in the Army at the base in Frankfurt, Germany prior to serving stateside in the reserves for an additional eight years and being promoted to Captain; and,
- WHEREAS,** they and their two children spent most of their lives either in Richmond or the Hampton Roads area; and,
- WHEREAS,** Frank earned a Master's degree in Commerce from the University of Richmond and Doctor of Business Administration degree from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was a faithful and active member of St. Christopher's in Portsmouth, serving on the Vestry, as Senior Warden, Treasurer, Chair of the Endowment Committee, and as a Trustee of the parish; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was active in the community, serving as the Chairman of the Portsmouth School Board, Portsmouth Area United Fund, Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce, Portsmouth Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Virginia College Fund, and on various bank boards; and,
- WHEREAS,** Frank was a devoted father and grandfather who made it possible for both of his children and all six of his grandchildren to attend college; and,
- WHEREAS,** he retired in 1985 as Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of the Eastern Region of Central Fidelity Bank after being with them for thirty years; and,
- WHEREAS,** upon retirement, Frank served for twelve years as Treasurer and Director of Finance & Administration of our diocese; and,
- WHEREAS,** Frank was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of sixty-five years, and his sister; and,

WHEREAS, he is survived by his daughter, Debra Hawkins Woodyard of Suffolk, his son, Keith Brantley Hawkins and his wife Stephanie of Chesapeake, six grandchildren, and great-grandson and numerous other family members and friends; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 131st Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia give thanks for the loving and faithful witness offered to the Glory of God by Ross Franklin Hawkins, Jr.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to Frank's family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council, and that a copy be sent to his children, Debra and Keith.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
The Reverend Doctor Howard Hanchey

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Howard Hanchey to his heavenly home on May 17, 2022; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was born in Richmond, VA in 1941, the son of Daniel and Louise Hanchey; and,
- WHEREAS,** he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina in 1963; and,
- WHEREAS,** he married Anne Summers on August 17, 1963, a union which produced two children; and,
- WHEREAS,** Howard answered God's call to the ordained ministry and enrolled in Virginia Theological Seminary, from which he earned a Master in Divinity degree in 1967; and,
- WHEREAS,** he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary in 1967; and,
- WHEREAS,** Howard was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 10, 1967 by The Rt. Rev. Robert Fisher Goodwin Jr., who also ordained him to the Priesthood on July 10th of the following year; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served in several parish and clinical settings prior to accepting a call to be the Associate Rector at Eastern Shore Chapel in Virginia Beach, VA in 1972; and,
- WHEREAS,** Howard sensed a call to academia in 1978, a move which eventually led him to hold the seat of Arthur Lee Kinsolving Professor of Pastoral Theology at Virginia Theological Seminary from 1978 to 2001; and,
- WHEREAS,** he authored numerous books, papers, and articles over the course of his career, most aimed at making Christian education and evangelism understandable to the average priest and lay person; and,
- WHEREAS,** upon retirement Howard served as Interim Rector at several parishes, including Old Donation in Virginia Beach, and Trinity Church in Portsmouth and as Chaplain to the retired clergy of our diocese; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was an avid gardener who created stunning gardens everywhere he lived; and,
- WHEREAS,** he is remembered fondly by parishioners, colleagues, and students for his warm smile, affable demeanor, and gentle spirit; and,

WHEREAS, Howard was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Neal; and,

WHEREAS, he is survived his wife of fifty-eight years, children Stephanie and Ashley, their spouses, six grandchildren, and numerous other family members and friends; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 131st Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including fifty-four years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Doctor Howard Hanchey; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to his beloved wife, Anne.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
Chaplain Richard Hedge Holley

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Richard Hedge Holley to his heavenly home on August 9, 2022; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was born in Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1936, the son of James and Constance Holley; and,
- WHEREAS,** he married Lois Holley on November 26, 1959, a union which produced three children; and,
- WHEREAS,** he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1961; and,
- WHEREAS,** Richard answered God's call to the ordained ministry and enrolled in Virginia Theological Seminary, from which he earned a Master in Divinity degree in 1964; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 20, 1964 by The Rt. Rev. Chilton R. Powell and to the Priesthood on December 21st of that same year by The Rt. Rev. Frederick Warren Putnum; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served as a Chaplain in the United States Army from 1968 to 1994, rising to the level of Colonel; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served as Priest-in-Charge at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Portsmouth in 1995 prior to accepting a call to serve as Assistant to the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Newport News, a position he held from 1997 through 2017; and,
- WHEREAS,** he is survived his wife Lois, his son, Christopher Holley of Bristow, VA, his daughter Ann Gregorek of Plano, TX, their spouses, and four grandchildren; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that this 131st Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including fifty-six years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Richard Hedge Holley; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to his beloved wife, Lois.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

The Reverend Catherine Mae Bakely

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Catherine Mae Bakely to her heavenly home on August 11, 2022; and,
- WHEREAS,** she was born in Baltimore, MD on February 4, 1939, daughter of Herman and Ruth Boellner; and,
- WHEREAS,** she married Ronald Herbert Bakely on September 23, 1961; and,
- WHEREAS,** the couple owned a florist shop in New Jersey, managing it for many years before retiring and moving to the Eastern Shore; and,
- WHEREAS,** Cathy answered God's call to the ordained ministry and enrolled in the Diocesan School for Ministry, graduating in 2008; and,
- WHEREAS,** she was ordained to the Vocational Diaconate in the Episcopal Church on November 11, 2008 by The Rt. Rev. John Clark Buchanan; and,
- WHEREAS,** she faithfully exercised her ministry serving at Holy Trinity Church in Onancock, VA and Emmanuel Church in Jenkins Bridge, VA, working on church activities and tending to the spiritual needs of hospice patients and their families; and,
- WHEREAS,** she loved floral arranging, gardening, reading, going to the beach, and spending time with her family; and,
- WHEREAS,** after Ron's death in 2015 Cathy moved to Thorn Hill, TN to live with one of her children; and,
- WHEREAS,** Cathy is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and her beloved husband of almost 60 years; and,
- WHEREAS,** she is survived by her three children, Jeff Bakely, Karen Sihr, and Chad Bakely, their spouses, seven grandchildren, and numerous nephews and nieces; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that this 131st Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including thirteen years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Catherine Mae Bakely; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to her family; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to her children Jeff, Karen, and Chad.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
The Reverend Claire Morfit Hunkins

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Claire Morfit Hunkins to her heavenly home on August 15, 2022; and,
- WHEREAS,** she was born in New Brunswick, NJ on October 16, 1950, the daughter of Edwin and Margaret Morfit; and,
- WHEREAS,** she earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Kentucky, graduating in 1973; and,
- WHEREAS,** she employed her degree in animal science through her work for Owens Corning Science Center in Newark, OH; and,
- WHEREAS,** in 1988 she became the proud mother of five children, ages 7 to 16, opening her heart and her home to them; and,
- WHEREAS,** Claire answered God's call to the ordained ministry by enrolling at Bexley Hall-Seabury Western Theological Seminary Federation, graduating with a Master in Divinity degree in 2006; and,
- WHEREAS,** she was ordained to the Diaconate in the Episcopal Church on May 14, 2005 by The Rt. Rev. Herbert Thompson Jr. and to the Priesthood on June 24, 2006 by The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Lester Price; and,
- WHEREAS,** after serving as Priest-in-Charge of an Ohio congregation, Claire accepted a call to be the Vicar of Emmanuel Church in Jenkins Bridge, VA in 2008; and,
- WHEREAS,** she married Robert G. Beckwith Jr. on February 25, 2017; and,
- WHEREAS,** she enjoyed gardening, hiking, traveling, reading, and playing bridge; and,
- WHEREAS,** she is remembered for her warm heart and ever present smile; and,
- WHEREAS,** Claire was preceded in death by her husband; and,
- WHEREAS,** she is survived her children, Christina, Petra, Jessica, Eric, and Larry Velasquez, her brothers Paul, John, David, Jeff, and Eddie Morfit, nineteen grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren, stepchildren Amelia and Brian Beckwith, and numerous other family members and friends; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that this 131st Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including sixteen years in

the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Claire Morfit Hunkins; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to her children Christina, Petra, Jessica, Eric, and Larry.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

The Reverend James William Henry Sell

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call James William Henry Sell to his heavenly home on September 30, 2022; and,
- WHEREAS,** Jim was born on October 1, 1942 in Charleston, West Virginia, one of two children born to James Nathaniel Sell and Helen DePue Sell; and,
- WHEREAS,** he graduated from West Virginia University (go Mountaineers!) with a BA in history in 1964; and,
- WHEREAS,** Jim married the love of his life, Ellen D. Major, on August 31, 1968 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and,
- WHEREAS,** he graduated from the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia in 1969 with a Master in Divinity; and
- WHEREAS,** he was ordained to the Diaconate in the Episcopal Church on June 11, 1969 and to the Priesthood on December 19 that same year, by The Rt. Rev. Wilburn Camrock Campbell; and,
- WHEREAS,** following ordination, he returned to the Diocese of West Virginia where he served two short tenures at St. Martin's, Summerville and Christ Memorial, Williamstown, respectively, before settling in at St. James, Lewisburg, from 1972-1980.
- WHEREAS,** during his time in Lewisburg, he built deep and lasting friendships while he led St. James to become a self-sustaining parish and he was called as Rector; and,
- WHEREAS,** from 1980-1990, Jim served five years as Rector of St. Mary's, Sparta in the Diocese of Newark, followed by five years as Archdeacon of the Diocese of Newark under the Episcopate of the legendary Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong.
- WHEREAS,** while serving in the Diocese of Newark, Jim's ministry overseeing communication resulted in a number of awards for excellence; and,
- WHEREAS,** while in Newark, Jim was runner up to the Rt. Rev. Frank Vest for Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia; and,
- WHEREAS,** in 1990 Jim was called to serve as Rector of Christ and St. Luke's, Norfolk, in the Diocese of Southern Virginia where he served; and,

WHEREAS, during his fifteen year rectorship, Christ and St. Luke's grew dramatically in numbers, programs, ministries, and a commitment to being a parish welcoming and affirming of all persons; and,

WHEREAS, these programs and ministries established under Jim's leadership included: the Great Wednesday weekly dinner and education series for all ages, a weekly feeding ministry to the homeless, the growth of children's ministries to include over a hundred children and youth and a full-time Director of Children's Ministries, the establishment of the Mission of the Holy Spirit to serve children and families at risk in economically challenged neighborhoods of Norfolk, The Homework Club which recruited parishioners to tutor children in these neighborhoods, participation in the Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team programs of housing the homeless during the winter months, the "Nudging Group" for persons who wished to explore an inner "nudge" toward ordination – out of which emerged a number of ordained and lay ministers, an international ministry to Nicaragua which brought technology, tutoring, repairs, and dental care to a small, rural village in Nicaragua, support for the establishment of the Ghent Area Ministries which gathered a number of communities of faith to provide a coordinated approach to care for families and individuals in need, expansion of the music program to include a children's choral program; and,

WHEREAS, Jim spearheaded needed renovations to the buildings and organ of Christ and St. Luke's and established a columbarium in the garden of the church; and,

WHEREAS, Jim was a beloved friend, mentor, and inspiration to many younger or recently ordained clergy and seminarians in several parishes, some of whom were his associates; and,

WHEREAS, after retiring in 2005, Jim was called to use his vast experience in interim ministry, serving parishes in Maryland, New Jersey, and Connecticut prior to returning to Southern Virginia where he served as Interim Rector at Eastern Shore Chapel in Virginia Beach and Trinity, Portsmouth; and,

WHEREAS, he was the author of two books, *Learning to Live*, published in 2015, and *The Face in the Jar*, published in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, Jim and Ellen were devoted to their children, James Andrew Sell and Kathryn "Katie" Sell Garcia, their spouses, five grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, Jim was a joyful, gregarious, kind, and fun loving man who loved his family and friends, cared deeply for his congregations, clergy, and staff, enjoyed telling and hearing a good story because, as he would say, "A well told story is a universal story," had a tender heart and a big, sunny

personality, loved a good book and a good golf game and embraced this gift of life abundantly and extravagantly; and,

WHEREAS, at the end of his book, *Learning to Live*, Jim summed up his life in this way: “While I have hoped I would be blessed with a long, abundant and healthy life, I recognize that the proverbial tractor-trailer truck could blow me away at any moment. So every night, rather than pray the prayer of death I was taught as a child, I have called out to God and said, ‘Oh God, I love it!’” And so he did; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 131st Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including fifty-three years in the ordained ministry, offered to God’s glory by The Reverend James William Henry Sell; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Ellen, children, Andrew and Katie, and his other family members and many friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to his wife, Ellen.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
The Honorable Reverend Doctor Canon
Joseph Nathaniel Green Jr.

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Joseph Nathaniel Green Jr. to his heavenly home on January 14, 2023; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was born in Jenkinsville, SC on April 15, 1926, the ninth of Joseph and Etta Green's eleven children; and,
- WHEREAS,** while managing the family farm, his parents made sure all their children received an education by attending a school at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in their community; and,
- WHEREAS,** during World War II he served in the Navy as a hospital corpsman; and,
- WHEREAS,** he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, NC in 1949; and,
- WHEREAS,** Joe answered God's call to the ordained ministry and enrolled in Philadelphia Divinity School, one of ten graduates from St. Augustine's to do so thereby integrating the school from which he earned a Master in Divinity degree in 1952; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on May 30, 1953 by The Rt. Rev. John J. Gravatt and ordained to the Priesthood on April 17, the following spring, by The Rt. Rev. Clarence Alfred Cole; and,
- WHEREAS,** he married Evelyn Grant on June 17, 1955; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served in several parishes in the Carolinas and as Chaplain at St. Augustine's College prior to coming to our diocese; and,
- WHEREAS,** in 1963 Joe accepted a call to serve as the Rector of Grace Church in Norfolk, VA; and,
- WHEREAS,** throughout his ministry he was a voice for equality and civil rights in the city of Norfolk and the surrounding region; and,
- WHEREAS,** he was a driving force behind the integration of our diocesan camping program; and,
- WHEREAS,** he served as a Deputy to General Convention of the Episcopal Church from 1969 through 1983, providing leadership and guidance as our church worked its way through questions of social justice, prayer book revision, and the ordination of women to the priesthood; and,

WHEREAS, he served as President of the Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) from 1975-1977; and,

WHEREAS, throughout his ministry Joe worked tirelessly on behalf of Black Colleges and Universities, especially Voorhees College, St. Paul's College, and his beloved St. Augustine's, serving on its Board of Trustees for over twenty-five years; and,

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, described Joe as a colleague, friend, and mentor who helped to form him as a priest, bishop, and Presiding Bishop; and,

WHEREAS, Joe was appointed to the City of Norfolk School Board in 1974 and then to City Council 1977; and

WHEREAS, he is remembered as being a shrewd and savvy politician who never flinched in the face of a challenge; and

WHEREAS, his compassion for people drove him to make life better for those he served; and,

WHEREAS, he advocated for fair housing, access to education, and public transformation, including the construction of light rail in the city; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in opening a downtown Norfolk campus of the Tidewater Community College in 1997, the Administration building today bearing his name; and

WHEREAS, he led the drive to restore the historic Attucks Theater (known as "The Apollo Theater of the South") when it was slated for demolition; and,

WHEREAS, he served on Norfolk City Council for twenty years, ten as Vice Mayor of the City; and,

WHEREAS, Joe received numerous awards in recognition for his ministry, service, and witness, including being named an honoree by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1984, receiving the *Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award* from Old Dominion University in 1990 and *The Dubose Award for Service* in 2009 from the University of the South's School of Theology, where his portrait now hangs in the Foyer; and,

WHEREAS, Joe earned a Master in Sacred Theology degree from the University of the South in 1965 (one of the first two Black students to do so), a Doctor of Letters degree from St. Augustine's College in 1976, a Doctor of Canon Law degree from St. Augustine's in 1985, a Doctor of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1988, a Doctor of Divinity degree from St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, VA in 1984, and a Doctor of Canon Law from the University of the South in 2010; and,

WHEREAS, Joe retired as Rector of Grace Church in 1993 after thirty years of service; and,

WHEREAS, in retirement he served from 1996-2000 as Interim Rector of St. James' Church in Portsmouth, VA and at St. Mark's Church in Suffolk, VA from 2004-2007 prior to joining the staff of Christ & St. Luke's Church in Norfolk; and,

WHEREAS, The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes designated Joe as Canon Theologian of the diocese in 2021, honoring "his lifelong voice for justice and inclusion... helping all of us to see more clearly the Way of Love"; and,

WHEREAS, he planted in the Episcopal Church, the city of Norfolk and all of Hampton Roads Virginia a zeal for racial justice, equality, and reconciliation which will be felt for years to come; and,

WHEREAS, he is survived his wife of sixty-seven years, Evelyn, his daughter, Angela Middleton, his son, Joseph N. Green III, two grandsons, one great-grandson, and numerous other family members; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 131st Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including sixty-nine years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Honorable Reverend Doctor Canon Joseph Nathaniel Green Jr.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to his beloved wife, Evelyn, to his children, and to the Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

The Reverend Isabel Fourquarean Steilberg

- WHEREAS,** it has pleased God to call Isabel Fourquarean Steilberg to her heavenly home on February 11, 2023; and,
- WHEREAS,** she was born on September 3, 1941 in South Boston, VA, the only child of Henry Jordon and Lightfoot Boyd Fourquarean; and,
- WHEREAS,** she married The Reverend Robert Hays Steilberg; a union which produced three children; and,
- WHEREAS,** she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Piano Performance from the University of North Carolina in 1962 and a Master of Arts degree in English from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1981; and,
- WHEREAS,** Isabel answered God's call to the ordained ministry and enrolled at the Virginia Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master in Divinity degree in 1992; and,
- WHEREAS,** she was ordained into the Diaconate in the Episcopal Church on June 7, 1992 by The Rt. Rev. Frank Harris Vest Jr. and was ordained into the Priesthood by Bishop Vest on December 19 of that same year; and,
- WHEREAS,** she faithfully exercised her ministry serving at St. Andrew's Church in Newport News, VA from 1992-1994, as Vicar of Christ the King Church in Yorktown, VA from 1994-1996, and as Rector of St. Paul's Church in Newport News from 1996-2013; and,
- WHEREAS,** she led St. Paul's Church to become a thriving and vibrant outreach center in an oppressed section of Newport News and labored to connect people from across the diocese with the needs of the people she served; and,
- WHEREAS,** she contributed to the life of our diocese by serving on the Executive Board, as President of the Standing Committee, as Chair of the Department of Outreach Ministries, and on the Mission and Ministry Foundation; and,
- WHEREAS,** she was a warm and supportive colleague, beloved and admired by all who knew her; and
- WHEREAS,** she served as Co-Chair of the Executive Board of the Virginia Interfaith Center and was named its Citizen Advocate of the Year in 2002; and,
- WHEREAS,** Isabel was preceded in death by her husband who passed away twenty-three years earlier; and,

WHEREAS, she is survived by her children, Robert Christopher Steilberg of Jacksonville, FL, Matthew Henry Steilberg and his wife Ann of Richmond, VA, Anne Boyd Mize and her husband Greg of Trussville, AL, and ten grandchildren; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 131st Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia gives thanks for the lifetime of dedicated service, including thirty years in the ordained ministry, offered to God's glory by The Reverend Isabel Fourqurean Steilberg; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Council extend its heartfelt sympathy to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be spread across the minutes and books of Council and that a copy be sent to her children.