

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
PASTOR ROBERT CORNWALL
13 YEARS OF SERVICE AT CENTRAL WOODWARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

WHEREAS, Rev. Bob Cornwall was ordained in the Disciples of Christ Christian Church on June 9, 1985. He received his doctorate in Historical Theology with distinction in June 1991 from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. His dissertation was "Visible and Apostolic: The Constitution of the Church in High Church Anglican and Non-Juror Thought from 1688-1745." He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Bushnell University and Master's Degree in United States History from the University of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Bob Cornwall worked at William Carey International University as the Director of the Library and an Adjunct Professor of Religion from 1992 – 1994. In Spring of 1995 he became an Adjunct Professor of Religion at Azusa Pacific University. He also was an Adjunct Professor and Visiting Professor in Church History at Fuller Theological Seminary in 1992, 1994-1995, and in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Bob served an Associate Professor of Theology, 1995-1997 at Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, Kansas. He became a Pastor at First Christian Church in Santa Barbara, California, serving from August 1998 – December 2003. In 2004, Pastor Bob worked for the Anti-Defamation League in Santa Barbara as a Consultant/Coordinator for the *No Place for Hate Campaign*. In 2005, he became a Columnist of *Faith in the Public Square* for the Lompoc Record, until 2008; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bob became Pastor of the First Christian Church in Lompoc, California serving from July 2004 – June 2008. During his time as Pastor in Lompoc, he was the Editor-in-Chief of Sharing the Practice, a Journal of the Academy of Parish Clergy. In July 2008, Pastor Bob and his family moved to Troy, Michigan where he became Senior Minister for Central Woodward Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bob became a valuable member of the Troy community serving on the Troy-Area Interfaith Group as Chair of the Leadership Team and Convener for four years; Founding Chair of the Troy-Area Alliance Against Hate Crimes; and Troy Police Department Chaplain since 2016. He also has served on the Metro Detroit Coalition of Congregations as President and on the Board of the Michigan Region of the Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bob has also written many books, articles, encyclopedia/dictionary articles, chapters in books, and book reviews on a wide variety of topics. He has been married since July 9, 1983 to his wife Cheryl, a part-time employee of the Troy Public Library and they are the proud parents of son Brett;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy extends special recognition to **Rev. Bob Cornwall** for his selfless and tireless service to our community and his congregation at **Central Woodward Christian Church**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents congratulate **Rev. Bob Cornwall** for his 13 years of dedication and commitment and wish him continued success in all future endeavors and for a fun and peaceful retirement. **Rev. Bob Cornwall** will be missed not only by his congregation but the entire Troy community, but we know that he will continue to volunteer within our community and beyond.

Presented this 28th day of June 2021.