

**Minneapolis Area Synod Expression of Appreciation**

WHEREAS, Pastor Ann Svennungsen has touched the lives of countless people and communities since she was ordained in August 1982; and

WHEREAS, Ann Svennungsen has followed her baptismal call with family, friends, church, and community; and

WHEREAS, Ann Svennungsen blazed a trail for other women leaders; and

WHEREAS Bishop Svennungsen fostered and deepened collegial relationships between leaders in our synod, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ann Svennungsen has faithfully served as Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod (MAS) for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, the role of the Bishop is demanding and near all-consuming; and

WHEREAS, the MAS has entered into new areas of ministry and has been innovative in its living out the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ann Svennungsen’s term as leader of this synod will end this summer; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Area Synod in Assembly commend Bishop Ann Svennungsen for her faithful service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we celebrate in her honor at a reception immediately following the business session of today’s assembly; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that prior to that celebration, we express our thanksgiving to God for the leadership provided by this good and faithful servant through ovation.

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