

## Appendix G

### **William H. Hoff Retirement Resolution**

September 1, 2021

Whereas, William H. Hoff, born of stout German Lutheran stock, as son of William and Ruth Hoff in 1954, second child between three sisters, raised in Ohio till 8, moved to Jacksonville attending public schools and graduating from Terry Parker High School, and learned the value of family, love, and grief when his father died when he was 18; and

Whereas, Bill was brought up in the Lutheran cradle of Protestantism, he was nurtured and challenged in Young Life, mentored by his early leaders Les Comee and Charlie Scott in young adulthood, attended Vanderbilt, majoring in psychology enough to understand when he met Peggy Flinn, a Vanderbilt nursing student, to get married in only 5 months, for no reason other than they both knew a good thing when they saw it and that God had, by grace, brought them together; and

Whereas, Bill, still movingly involved in Young Life after graduation, became a YL staff member in 1976 in Chicago while working on a Masters in Youth Ministry from North Park Theological Seminary, and learning from YL leader Cliff Anderson who became his third beloved mentor in faith and life; and

Whereas upon graduation from seminary he became Area Director for YL in Miami/Dade County from 1978-82, then, after he and Peggy joined a PCUS congregation bringing their their first son Bill to Baptism, saw the light of God's mysterious providence and heard the call to return to seminary at Columbia (CTS) in Atlanta for a M. Div. degree as Peggy worked on her MSN at Emory; and

Whereas, ordained in the PCUSA and Young Life still deeply imbedded in his soul, Bill stayed in Atlanta until 1988 working as YL Area Director and Regional Trainer while siring two more sons, Matt and Brian; and

Whereas, he returned to Jacksonville to become YL Area Director from 1988 through 1991, while also given David (son 4), the Hoff family became part of an intentional Christian community in Riverside, still thriving after 50 years; and

Whereas in 1992 Bill felt called to transition from his para-church work into parish ministry when he began his association with many of the PCUSA congregations in Jacksonville starting as interim associate pastor at Palms Presbyterian from 1992-1994 -

-then at South Jacksonville in from 1994-1996 while earning his third master's degree in Mental Health Counseling from UNF;  
-then interim at Murray Hill in 1996;  
-then pastor of the nascent church community of Kirkwood 1997-2011;  
-then in June 2011, as associate pastor at Riverside, where all his talent and experience with young adults and youth brought forth much fruit and joy to his congregation and to his colleague and friend Steve Goyer with whom he served more as co-pastor than associate before retiring from formal church ministry on August 31, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Presbytery of St. Augustine that it offers her deep gratitude and appreciation for Bill's faithful work with God's people of all ages, races, nationalities, and denominations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Presbytery gives thanks for all the many roles Bill served this body, from Moderator, to Camp Montgomery supporter, from COM to Treasurer, as well as almost every committee and need imaginable.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the permanent minutes of the October 5th meeting of Presbytery and that copies be sent to Bill's wife Peggy and his four sons, Bill, Matt, Brian, and David, to be shared by them with Bill and Peggy's (as of now) seven grandchildren when appropriate.