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Memorial Resolution Lloyd S. Alamsha September 23, 1934 – June 14, 2022

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Whereas the Rev. Lloyd Stanley Alamsha was born on September 23, 1934 and passed from this life on June 14, 2022, at the age of 87, in Jacksonville, Florida, the Presbytery of St. Augustine gives thanks for his life and ministry with the following resolution:

Rev. Lloyd Stanley Alamsha, was born in Gary, Indiana. He grew up in the southside of Chicago and went to the University of Dubuque for undergraduate studies and seminary. Lloyd played high school and collegiate football. He remained a sports enthusiast his entire life. While at the University of Dubuque he met his wife, Marilyn, who also became a pastor and served in the Presbytery of St. Augustine until her death.

Lloyd was a minister and an educator always concerned about the community in which he lived. Lloyd was ordained in 1960, and served churches in Iowa, Ohio, New Jersey, Michigan and Florida as Head of Staff, Interim Head of Staff and Associate Pastor.

As an educator involved in his community, Lloyd helped create and teach a program for at-risk students in Ohio during the 1970's and was the recipient of the Ohio Education Association's John F. Kennedy Scholarship in 1972. He served on the Iowa Governor's Commission tasked with revising the juvenile penal code in 1962. He was part of the Ohio State Public School Commission creating and implementing the Occupational Work, High School Program from 1970-1971. He served in many ways through presbyteries as well as on several committees for the Council of Churches. He was active in planning CROP walks locally and statewide and was on the Board of Directors for Hope Homes, a non-profit organization that created and ran group homes for mentally and physically challenged adults. He volunteered his time to assist with programs at UNF for students with dyslexia. Lloyd had been told during his school years that he was wasting his time with school. While studying for his second Master's degree, he was finally diagnosed with dyslexia. That was what he described as his "AHA" moment. He often told others with learning impediments this was the moment he felt free; he wasn't stupid, he merely learned in a different way. Lloyd was presented with the

University of Dubuque Alumni Professional Achievement Award in 2012 for all he had done for his community throughout his life.

As a pastor he loved caring for people. Lloyd was a people magnet. He really listened to you when you spoke. With his entire being he listened. And he remembered- your family details, your highs and lows. Lloyd would ask you about these details each and every time you met. Many of his fellow pastors called him a pastor's pastor due in no small part to his incredible witness of love, generosity, wisdom and care. A plaque in Lloyd's office read "The best sermon is a good example." He was living proof this was truth. A phone call from Lloyd always ended with Lloyd saying..."let's have prayer and then be on our way..." His prayers reflected his deep listening and compassion.

Lloyd and his wife, Marilyn, spent several years as interim pastors. During this period, Lloyd served as Interim Head of Staff at St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Orange Park while Marilyn served as Interim Associate Pastor and then Interim Head of Staff at Riverside Presbyterian Church. Although he "retired" in 1999, he never really understood the concept. He served as Palms Presbyterian Church's Parish Associate until his final breath. Lloyd was a creative educator, pastor, community leader and talented rug maker, creating lovely hooked rugs for his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Therefore, we as the Presbytery of St. Augustine give thanks to God for Lloyd Alamsha. We affirm the example of his life as a disciple of Christ, faithfully carrying out the command to love God and neighbor. We are grateful for his ministry and service within this Presbytery and beyond and that Lloyd now lives on in God's eternal glory. Thanks be to God!