

## **CR-2 Courtesy Resolution for the Rev. Vincent Hodge**

Whereas, the Reverend Captain Vincent Hodge, vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, West Point, who has faithfully served the Diocese of Virginia for fifty-five years, is retiring at the end of December 2020, and

Whereas, Father Hodge was born and educated in Anguilla, British West Indies, commissioned Captain in The Church Army in 1966, studied at The University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, V.I., The Church Army Training Center, New York, the College of William and Mary, and Union Theological Seminary, and Clinical Pastoral Education MCV, Richmond, and

Whereas Father Hodge began his service in the Diocese of Virginia in 1965 as a Lay Evangelist at Grace Church, Miller's Tavern, and St. Paul's, West Point, and then became Vicar of those two churches after his ordination to the priesthood in 1974, and

Whereas, Father Hodge also served at Calvary Church, Hanover, from 1993 to 2004, having three widely dispersed parishes in his charge, and

Whereas, Father Hodge served as Dean of Region Two (1977-1984), served on the Commission on Congregational Ministries (1977-85), was Secretary of The Diocesan Missionary Society Board of Directors (1977), served on the Diocesan Commission on Evangelism (1983), and several committees at diocesan council, including Chair of the Committee on Credentials, and

Whereas, Father Hodge served on two national Episcopal task forces: one on Poverty (1967-69), and another on Recruitment, Training, and Deployment of Blacks for the Ordained Ministry (1981-84), and attended the Ecumenical Institute program on Spectrum of Ministry, Bossey, Switzerland, 1992, initiated by Bishop Peter Lee, and.

Whereas Father Hodge undertook a preaching mission in the Diocese of Kinkizi, Uganda, in 2001, representing Bishop David Jones, and

Whereas Father Hodge conducted the following programs for over fifty years at Grace, Miller's Tavern, St. Paul's, West Point, and Calvary Church, Hanover: Annual revivals, Youth revivals, Women and Men's services, and Homecoming to fit in with local Baptist churches. Father Hodge led didactic preachings as well as provided pastoral care and outreach, and helped oversee the Annual Miss Winter Melody Pageant Sponsored by St. Paul's ECW. Father Hodge also used his skills as a chef in the annual Indonesian Rice Table buffet and Caribbean Steel Band celebration. Lastly, Father Hodge was a founding member and President of the Community Development Association of West Point and Vicinity, Inc., and

Whereas, Father Hodge's love of the gospel and hymns was manifest in his repertoire for weekly services. and be it

Resolved the 226<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia thanks the Reverend Captain Vincent Hodge for his exemplary lifelong service to his three parishes and hopes that his commendable service to the church and to his community will continue for many years to come, and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Father Hodge and that it be recorded in the minutes of the 226<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

Submitted by the vestry of St. Paul's West Point