

CR-4 The Reverend Canon Carol Cole Flanagan

Whereas, the Reverend Canon Carol Cole Flanagan served the congregation of St. Barnabas' Church for more than three years as Interim Rector, strengthening the congregation and its spiritual ties to the community; and

Whereas, Canon Flanagan supported the congregation with her kind pastoral care, provided wise guidance with the Vestry, and shared her inspiring congregational development expertise; and

Whereas, Canon Flanagan ensured that meetings ended on time, oversaw improvements to the chancel, and supervised the resurfacing of the parking lot; and

Whereas, while serving at St. Barnabas', Canon Flanagan was steadfast in her faith and ministry through a time of extraordinary personal loss and bereavement; and

Whereas, Canon Flanagan shared with the congregation her joy and passion for stewardship, which was among her first great joys in faith as a young girl; and

Whereas, Canon Flanagan generously provided help to those in need through her Discretionary Fund as well as through her support for other ongoing outreach ministries with St. Barnabas' Church, including Annandale Christian Community for Action; let it now be

Resolved, that this 226th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia give thanks for the ministry of the Reverend Canon Carol Cole Flanagan, former Interim Rector of St. Barnabas', Annandale and wish her well in her next chapter; and be it further

Resolved, that we send her our best wishes, and offer our prayers for her continuing ministry in retirement, in the Diocese of Washington.

Submitted by Rev. John Bolin Shellito, Rector, St. Barnabas' Church, Annandale, VA