



RESOLUTION

In Loving Remembrance of
Rev. Dr. Aтура Eason-Williams
August 3, 2022

*“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.”
John 12:26 NRSV*

Whereas; Rev. Dr. Aтура Eason-Williams faithfully embodied our shared calling to Word and Service, and through her calling as an elder, many of her ministries were exemplary models of the diakonia’s calling to Compassion and Justice;

Whereas; Rev. Dr. Aтура Eason-Williams, an ordained clergywoman, demonstrated a great faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and a strong commitment to building the kingdom of God and living into the mission of The United Methodist Church, to “Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”;

Whereas; Rev. Dr. Aтура Eason-Williams worked with congregations to bridge the church and the world through multi-generational activities, acts of love and justice that demonstrated putting faith into action and unconditional love of neighbor;

Whereas, Rev. Dr. Aтура Eason-Williams organized community outreach ministries, ministries to address hunger, food and home insecurity;

Whereas; Rev. Dr. Aтура Eason-Williams, was a voice for the concerns of mental illness and devoted to eliminating health disparities of African American women through My Sister’s Keeper and The Congregational Health Network;

Whereas; Rev. Dr. Aтура Eason-Williams advocated and engaged faith and community leaders, law officials and elected representatives to eliminate the school-to-prison pipeline and support academic achievement of children and youth;

Whereas; Rev. Dr. Aтура Eason-Williams shared her voice to teach awareness of and engage communication about the healing of systemic racism, a voice for human rights and equality, and an advocate for reconciling ministries;



Therefore, be it resolved that we recognize, celebrate, and honor the ministry, advocacy, work, and memories of Rev. Dr. Autura Eason-Williams and encourage her work to be carried on by colleagues, community leaders, friends, and family;

Therefore, let it be known that Rev. Dr. Autura Eason-Williams has left a legacy of justice work and unconditional love, living out the scripture of Micah 6:8, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God”;

Therefore, be it further resolved that one day we all will bow to a greater Will than our own. We must now rest in the knowledge that if we just continue to follow and honor Christ that we will be reunited with Rev. Dr. Autura Eason-Williams and our loved ones again in the fullness of God’s grace and mercy.

Humbly submitted in faith and love on this 3rd day of August 2022

Order of Deacons and those who serve in the spirit of diakonia

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Lewis, Chairperson

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