

***Resolution in Loving Memory of
The Reverend Doctor Autura Eason-Williams***

On behalf of the Order of Elders of the Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church, we acknowledge the transition of our sister and colleague, the Reverend Doctor Autura Eason - Williams, who departed this life and transitioned to eternal glory on Monday, July 18, 2022.

Dr. Autura Eason Williams was a woman of God, a great pastor, colleague, mentor, friend, and a loving family woman who served her community selflessly, embracing Amos 5:24, “let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” She was relentless in her efforts to ensure that all were seen and treated as children of God. She challenged us to embrace the Great Commandment not only in word, but also in action. Our hearts are heavy at the loss of such an important member of our church community. She will be missed by all who knew her or knew of her—but her legacy and kingdom impact will live on through all of those whose lives she touched through her work.


The words of Bishop William T. McAllilly captures all of our sentiments in regards to our beloved sister in Christ: “We will miss your laugh, your leadership, your love, your faithfulness, and your generous spirit. You modeled for us the words of Micah: “and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8. We give thanks to God for the ways you led and loved us well.”

This great woman of God fought a good fight finished her course and kept the faith even unto death (2 Timothy 4:7). We trust that as she stood before the Throne of Grace she heard our Heavenly Father say, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness (Matthew 25:23)!”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, We encourage the family to totally trust God to direct your paths and not lean to your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6) in the days and years to come; to continue to love one another as Christ loves us and commanded us to love in John 13:34. May you continuously hold on to God’s unchanging hand. Know that while your hearts are hurting, that you do have a Helper. Jesus sent us a Helper, a Comforter, The Holy Spirit, that will comfort every hurt. Cast all your hurts, questions and cares upon Jesus for He truly cares for you!

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we know your loss is deep and your sorrow is great, but we want you to know that we share in your sorrow. We would like you to know that we will continually pray for your strength as you go through this transition of life and that we are here if you need us to help and walk alongside you.

Prayerfully submitted


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