

Southside Presbyterian Church
Resolution to confer the title of Pastor Emeritus upon
The Reverend Casper Isaiah Glenn
January 30, 2022

Whereas, the Reverend Casper Isaiah Glenn faithfully served Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Arizona from 1956-1964 as Minister of Word and Sacrament; and

Whereas, during that time Pastor Glenn lead the congregation with exceptional energy, intelligence, imagination and love; and

Whereas, Pastor Glenn also served as the President of the local chapter of the NAACP, leading the community in the fight to desegregate public facilities and in the fight for equal rights for all of God's children; and

Whereas, through his prophetic leadership Southside became a hub for the Civil Rights Movement in Tucson; and

Whereas, Pastor Glenn carried forth the vision of Southside as an inter-racial community committed to living out the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the affection between the Southside congregation and Pastor Glenn has lasted far past the length of his pastorate; and

Whereas, Pastor Glenn faithfully served as pastor not only of Southside Presbyterian Church but also of Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland, Berean Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, Louisiana and Bel-Vue Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, California; and

Whereas, Pastor Glenn went on to serve the denomination as the Associate Director of the Greater Parish Ministry of San Diego, as the first Black Synod Executive for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to be assigned to the Alaska-Northwest territory, and as a church developer in Nairobi, Kenya where he was also the pastor of the Loresho Presbyterian Church of East Africa; and

Whereas, throughout his years of ministry he as been a steadfast voice for justice for all of God's children and a champion for racial justice; and

Whereas, there is a long tradition in the Presbyterian Church (USA) of conferring the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus to celebrate the ministry of its retired pastors; and

Whereas the giving of the honor of Pastor Emeritus celebrates the lifetime of ministry of Pastor Glenn, recognizes the conviction that ordination continues until life ends and brings honor to the congregation bestowing the title; and

Whereas, this resolution arises out of our deepest affection, respect, esteem and gratitude, therefore

Be it resolved, that Southside Presbyterian Church bestow the title of Pastor Emeritus upon the Reverend Casper Isaiah Glenn on January 30, 2022.

Pastor, Alison Harrington

Clerk, Tom Anderson