A Resolution Expressing Gratitude for the Faithful Ministry of Cookie Cantwell

Whereas, Cookie Cantwell served the Diocese of East Carolina with devotion, passion, and extraordinary faithfulness for over thirty years as the Lay Director of Happening; and

Whereas, through her steadfast leadership, vision, and tireless efforts, hundreds of young people have encountered the transformative love of Jesus Christ, deepened their faith, and found a spiritual home within the Church; and

Whereas, Cookie's gentle guidance, exuberant spirit, and unconditional care have nurtured generations of youth leaders, lay ministers, and clergy across this Diocese, Province IV, and beyond, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of so many across the Church; and

Whereas, her commitment to youth ministry has modeled servant leadership, authentic fellowship, and the joy of the Gospel, enriching the life and mission of the entire Episcopal Church; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that this 143rd Annual Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina, gathered on November 13 -14, 2026, gives profound thanks to Almighty God for the fruitful life, witness, and ministry of Cookie Cantwell; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention extends its heartfelt gratitude and deepest appreciation to Cookie for her over thirty years of dedicated service as Lay Director of Happening, celebrating the legacy of love, faith, and transformation she leaves behind; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Cookie Cantwell as a token of our love, affection, and enduring gratitude, with our prayers for God's abundant blessings upon her in all her future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee - St. Paul's, Wilmington
The Reverend Thomas P.H. Warren - St. Mary's, Kinston
The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr. - St. James, Wilmington
The Reverend Melody Perdue - St. Paul's, Edenton
The Reverend Ashley D. Simpson - St. Paul's, Beaufort
The Reverend Deacon Andy Atkinson
Allen, Cabe, Hazel, and Isabel Lee - St. Paul's, Wilmington
Isaac McDowell - St. Paul's, Wilmington
Alison, Rob, Mary Jeffreys, and Charlie Nipper - St. Paul's, Wilmington
Jane Rippy - St. James, Wilmington
Barbara and Ed Whitesides - St. James, Wilmington
Ginny Woodruff - St. James, Wilmington