

RESOLUTION NO. 12953-16

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Newport News, Virginia, would like to recognize the 130th anniversary of the Trinity United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, in 1881, a small group began meeting on the docks of Newport News to worship. The congregation moved it services to the Union Chapel built by the Old Dominion Land Company and shared by all denominations; and

WHEREAS, in 1886, a Methodist Society was formed and approved by the annual conference; and

WHEREAS, in 1887, the cornerstone was laid for the Washington Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the first service was held there in January of 1888; and

WHEREAS, the congregation grew such that a larger place of worship was required, and in 1900 the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South was built and dedicated in the 200 block of 29th Street. This remains the home of what is now known as Trinity United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Trinity United Methodist Church has served the Newport News Community since its inception. In the 1890s, Reverend James Cannon, Jr. initiated the building of housing for men working in local industries, such as shipbuilding, enabling the workers to bring their wives and children to Newport News and live together as families. During World War II, the Fellowship Hall of Trinity United Methodist Church was opened to servicemen waiting to depart overseas as a place to relax on Saturday evenings, spend the night, if needed, and have breakfast the following morning. Trinity United Methodist Church led the establishment of Susannah Wesley Hall, which originally served as a dormitory for women working in downtown Newport News, and subsequently became the home for the Youth Challenge Women's Home; and

WHEREAS, Trinity United Methodist Church has continued to serve the community, providing contributions and a facility to feed the hungry through Teens Opposing Poverty, and providing Youth Challenge women with food, supplies, computer classes, and Bible studies; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Newport News wishes to recognize the Trinity United Methodist Church family on its 130th Anniversary and the Council acknowledges the many individuals who have supported the Church and its leaders in its commitment to mankind through the numerous ministries, programs, and services offered to the citizens of City of Newport News.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News,

Virginia:

1. That it hereby recognizes and congratulates Trinity United Methodist Church on its 130th anniversary in the City of Newport News.

2. That it congratulates Trinity United Methodist Church for its dedicated service to the citizens of Newport News, and extends its best wishes for continued success and development in the City of Newport News.

3. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of this body and that a copy be presented to Trinity United Methodist Church.

4. That this resolution shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, September 13, 2016.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk