## RESOLUTION

Metropolitan Community Church-United Church of Christ in the Valley 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Community Church-United Church of Christ in the Valley (MCC UCC in the Valley) celebrates its 50th Anniversary on November 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, MCC UCC in the Valley traces its history to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) founded by the Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles, California in 1968 with a specific outreach to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Allied communities; and

WHEREAS, MCC UCC in the Valley was formed by a small group of of UFMC members who met in the San Fernando Valley for the first time in November 1972; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Community Church in the Valley became affiliated with the United Church of Christ in 2014 to become MCC United Church of Christ in the Valley; and

WHEREAS, MCC UCC in the Valley has faithfully continued to serve the LGBTQIA communities for five decades, providing a safe place not only to worship together but to strengthen community; and

WHEREAS, MCC UCC in the Valley provided assistance to those living with and dying from AIDS at a time when no one else would; and

WHEREAS, MCC UCC in the Valley partners with other community organizations to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, hosts 12-Step programs where thousands have found recovery, and provides a safe space, free from ridicule and bullying, for young people to further their education; and

WHEREAS, because MCC UCC in the Valley lives its belief that with God there are no boundaries and that it is called to be a Church Without Walls, its humanitarian efforts have extended beyond our borders to assist asylum seekers, victims of natural disasters and children in need;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that by the adoption of this resolution, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles does hereby congratulate the Rev. Dr. Pat Langlois and the congregation and friends of MCC United Church of Christ on this milestone in their history, and we thank the church leadership, members and friends for gifts of fellowship, volunteerism and community awareness that have changed lives and strengthened the community of North Hollywood.

PRESENTED BY:

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