

Resolution of Appreciation
for William Harold Tiemann, our beloved Parish Associate and Long Tall Texan,
Upon his Retirement
January 1, 2012

Whereas, William Harold Tiemann has acted with unfailing love and compassion for his flock at Davidson College Presbyterian Church, giving generously of many hours, turning his part-time job into full-time and beyond;

Whereas, Bill believes deeply in the power of the church to transform lives and to keep alive the flame of social justice in our community and in the world;

Whereas, his steady nature, his keen perspective, his sense of humor, his strong hand at the wheel, and his gracious dedication have served our church during times of transition;

Whereas, his understanding of the noble work of pastoring a congregation has served as a model for those new to the calling and those with years of experience alike;

Whereas, even though his presence is larger than life, he has worked quietly behind the scenes to organize responses to pastoral needs, to provide a listening ear, to offer a strongly held opinion, and to inspire the work of others;

Whereas, his open and bountiful heart has been especially attentive to the needs of our elderly and homebound members, residents of The Pines, and members and friends in hospitals and long-term care;

Whereas, his love for and appreciation of the arts has brought it fully into the life of our church, expanding our horizons so that we may see clearly the beauty of God's creation as expressed by human hands and spirits;

Whereas, his wellspring of knowledge, his whimsy, his delight in the accomplishments of others, and his holding fast to his beliefs have made us better and wiser;

Therefore, we hope to have lavish descriptions of those endless fields of bluebonnets William Harold Tiemann intends to see in the Texas Hill Country of his youth, and we expect postcards from all those warm places with sand and surf that he plans to visit with his beautiful Rachel. Our hearts are full of gratitude, as we wish him Godspeed, with fair winds that always bring him back home to us.

In Christ's eternal love, we are and ever shall be your devoted flock.