

Resolution

The Reverend Dr. Wilma R. Johnson

Whereas, When one has given her life bestowing freely and unselfishly her talents, influence and time for building the kingdom of God, touching all phases of ecclesiastical, social and public life, death is momentous. We, the “Clergy Sisters” of **Women Together in Ministry of Greater Cleveland (WTIM)** desire to place on record our love and esteem for her life and labor; ... *and*

Whereas, Dr. Johnson was an integral member of WTIM, hosting at New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, women from across the Nation in 2012 for the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, “**Women Together Lifting and Serving**” Conference, as well as joining in prayer online for WTIM Clergy Sisters as we faced various life struggles, as well as serving as a keynote speaker for WTIM’s first national conference in Cleveland, Ohio and in numerous Christian capacities, she has left an enduring impression upon our organization. We will ever cherish her memory and emulate her admirable traits... *and*

Whereas, Dr. Johnson’s homegoing was a great loss to the churches in her community and around the nation, for she was a true servant of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and a great preacher, pastor, mentor and trailblazer. She faithfully preached the Word of God and sought ever to preach the whole counsel of God. She was a Pastor’s Pastor, a Shepherd’s Shepherd and a Counselor’s Counselor who served in the spirit of love. She had a missionary spirit; ministering in love, wisdom, humility, with courage, patience, “UNSHAKABLE JOY”, and self-denial. Only God could have enabled her to serve as she served.

Be it therefore resolved, that we extend to Deacon Dave Johnson and family and the New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, our sincere sympathy in your great loss, and encourage you to remember the words of 1st Corinthians 15: 51-58,

⁵¹ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

⁵² In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

*⁵⁴ So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written,
Death is swallowed up in victory.*

⁵⁵ O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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