

PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK CITY

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Whereas, the Reverend Mary McNamara has been an active member of New York City Presbytery since her ordination at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in 1978; and,

Whereas, Mary is transferring her membership to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities in order to accept the call to be the President of United Seminary of the Twin Cities; and,

Whereas, Mary has served New York City Presbytery and our churches with distinction these 31 years in numerous ways including, but not limited to:

Active membership on various committees;

Chairing the Committees of Nomination and Ministry, two Executive Search Committees, several Administrative Commissions, a Transition Committee during a time of restructure;

Moderating Sessions of Churches during pastoral vacancies and times of conflict;

Preaching and providing pastoral care and support to her colleagues in ministry;

Serving as a Parish Associate most recently at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church; and

Serving as Moderator of the Presbytery in 1995; and,

Whereas, Mary has shared her exceptional moderatorial skills, her gifts of administration, preaching and pastoral care always expressing her love for Christ, as well as affection and respect for fellow Presbyters and the members of our churches in all of her undertakings;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 19th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2009 the Presbytery of New York City meeting at Church of the Master expresses deep gratitude for the ministry among us of the Reverend Mary McNamara, for her wise counsel, her generosity of spirit, her graciousness in all things, her friendship and her faithfulness to the Gospel; and,

FURTHER, commends her with our prayers and continuing affection and respect to the call she has accepted; and

FINALLY, directs the Stated Clerk of New York City Presbytery to spread this resolution across the minutes of this meeting and to forward a copy to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities.