

CONEJO VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Resolution 06-06-10

MINISTER EMERITA

WHEREAS, the title Minister Emeritus or Minister Emerita may be granted to honor long and meritorious service to a Unitarian Universalist congregation where the minister has given devoted and competent ministerial leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Doctor Betty Stapleford has served the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (CVUUF) for 12 years as the first full-time called minister of the congregation and concurrently obtained her Doctor of Ministry degree at Claremont School of Theology; and

WHEREAS, under her ministerial leadership, CVUUF met its long-term goal of acquiring and moving into its own fellowship and sanctuary facilities; and

WHEREAS, during her term as minister, the membership of the Fellowship doubled and made the commitment to become a Welcoming Congregation; and

WHEREAS, under her guidance, new programs were implemented that help to actualize the goal of "shared ministry" including the Lay Ministry Program, Neighborhood Networks and the Chalice Players; and

WHEREAS, the members and friends of the congregation have been well-served by her devoted pastoral care and the conducting of life-cycle ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, she has represented CVUUF in the community through her work with the Conejo Valley Interfaith Association and by providing a liberal religious perspective in local newspapers through the writing of articles and participation in publicized events; and

WHEREAS, through her encouragement and example, CVUUF participation with the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) of Congregations and the Pacific Southwest District of the UUA, has been strengthened and expanded;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship hereby bestows the honorary title of Minister Emerita to the Reverend Doctor Betty Stapleford in recognition of her long and meritorious service to the Fellowship.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of June, 2010 by a vote of the members of the Conejo Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Thousand Oaks, California.

Claudia Barton, President