

## ***A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION***

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**

**WHEREAS**, the United Methodist Women have contributed tirelessly to the needs and growth of the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone, Virginia for many decades; and

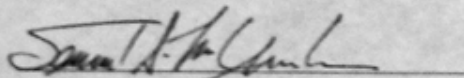
**WHEREAS**, it was the women who came together on April 17, 1975 for a Special Conference-wide Meeting to consider how they could assist in the development of the Assembly Center; with more than 700 women present and took on the challenge of repairing peeling plaster, cleaning layers of dirt, fixing crumbling shower stalls, replacing bare light bulb ceiling fixtures, sewing over 6,000 yards of drapes, and numerous other projects for the benefit of the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center;" and

**WHEREAS**, it was the vision of these dedicated women that did not give up, but saw enormous possibilities; through their Dimes and Dollars program, the United Methodist Women annually contributed thousands of dollars for the upkeep of Blackstone; and

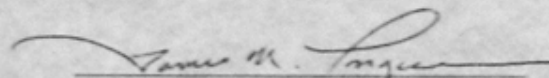
**WHEREAS**, it is the United Methodist Women's energy, leadership, generosity, and indomitable closeness to the one God we serve which has enabled the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center to become stronger, and sustainable to those it serves,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of Blackstone: Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center hereby express its sincere appreciation to the Virginia United Methodist Women for their exemplary leadership and vision and for their significant contributions to the Assembly Center, and

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER**, that a copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the United Methodist Women as an expression of respect and sincere gratitude by the members of the Board of Directors of Blackstone: Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center.



Samuel A. McCracken, Executive Director  
Blackstone:  
Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2011



Reverend James M. Tongue, Chairman  
Blackstone:  
Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2011