

SALUTE TO THE INSTALLATION OF REVEREND INNIS MILLER

WHEREAS Kelly Woodlawn United Methodist Church has a rich history that dates back to the merger of Kelly United Methodist Church and Woodlawn United Methodist Church in 2007, forging a congregation that has thrived through the years; and

WHEREAS Kelly Woodlawn United Methodist Church has been a beacon of faith, hope, and community in the Park Manor neighborhood of Chicago, and has evolved with grace and resilience in response to the changing dynamics of its surroundings. The church building, that has stood since 1911, has been a place of worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth for generations of faithful individuals; and

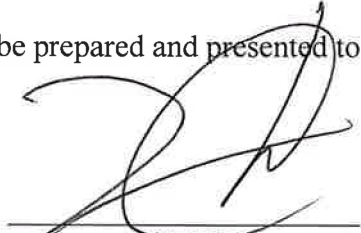
WHEREAS the leadership of Kelly Woodlawn United Methodist Church has been marked by dedicated pastors who have faithfully shepherded the congregation and nurtured its spiritual growth throughout its history. The remarkable service of Reverend Colleen M. Norman played a pivotal role in guiding the congregation through the merger and fostering unity within the church. The passionate and transformative ministry of Reverend Dr. Michelle Taylor Sanders, who continued to build upon the strong foundation laid by Reverend Norman, inspired spiritual growth and community engagement. The Reverend Andrea Davidson's pastoral gifts and creative leadership enriched the congregation and its community; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2023, Kelly Woodlawn United Methodist Church welcomed Reverend Innis L. Miller, a native of the West African nation of Liberia, and his family as they embark on their new journey of ministry during the celebration of his installation as its pastor. Reverend Miller brings years of pastoral experience and cross-cultural knowledge; and

WHEREAS the Honorable William E. Hall, Alderperson of the 6th Ward, has brought to the attention of this august body the spiritual leadership, wisdom, and pastoral care that Reverend Miller brings to instill hope and enthusiasm to all of this city's faith-based community; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 4th Day of October 2023 AD, do hereby express our congratulations to Reverend Innis L. Miller and the congregation of the Kelly Woodlawn United Methodist Church on the occasion of the installation of its newest pastor and extend our very best wishes for success in the years to follow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Reverend Innis L. Miller and his family.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William E. Hall', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

William E. Hall
Alderperson – 6th Ward