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To: The Family of Brother Fred James Stuart

From: The Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization

Subject: Resolution – Brother Fred James Stuart

We, the Fifth District Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church express our sincere sympathy to the family during the passing of our beloved brother and friend – **FRED JAMES STUART**.

No matter what your trials are, or how big your mountains seem;
The Lord is there to see you through; He will go to all extremes.
So, if your cross seems hard to bear, and you know not what to do;
The One who loves you most of all will be there to see you through.

WHEREAS, the members of the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church join together in celebration of the extraordinary life of Fred Stuart. While our hearts may be heavy, we take comfort in knowing that Fred fought the good fight and finished the race. He kept the faith and is now awaiting his crown of righteousness. We know Fred will be rejoicing with the saints, who have gone before him;

WHEREAS, we are witnesses of Brother Stuart's faithful attendance, loyalty and wholehearted support for the mission of Jesus Christ, the Church, his family, and the Lay Organization. His passion and enthusiasm will resonate in our minds and will serve as a great example for those who knew and marveled at his devotion to the Lord;

WHEREAS, Fred J. Stuart's leadership contributed to the monumental expansion of the Southern California Conference Lay Organization throughout his eight year tenure as President. He devotedly and unselfishly served as President of the Fifth Episcopal District Lay Organization for eight years bringing new life into the organization. Brother Stuart continued to serve as the Connectional Lay Organization's Parliamentarian for eight years artfully demonstrating the finer points of Parliamentary Procedure with precision and in depth knowledge;

WHEREAS, an elected delegate from the Fifth District to the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church multiple times, Brother Stuart served as an elected Lay Representative on the Episcopal Committee for three consecutive General Conferences providing guidance in resolving issues impacting the assignments of Bishops to their various Episcopal Districts;

WHEREAS, after Brother Stuart concluded his terms in office, he remained faithful to the Lay Organization serving as trusted advisor and confidant to the last three Fifth District Presidents. Brother Stuart spoke with holy boldness never faltering or wavering in upholding the cause of righteousness. He did not get weary in well doing;

WHEREAS, the Fifth District Lay honored Brother Stuart through the establishment of the Fred J. Stuart Scholarship of Achievement as a means of memorializing his outstanding contributions to the organization by offering a scholarship designed to recognize and support young adults striving to further their educational endeavors. Brother Stuart recognized the importance of education in the development of our future leaders;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we bow in humble submission to Him, who never makes a mistake and extend words of encouragement to the family in their time of sorrow. We lift you up in our prayers, but remind you, that even though your loved one transformed from his earthly body to his spiritual one, Heaven rejoices as it welcomes its newest Angel. Brother Fred J. Stuart will be deeply missed, but we rejoice for we know that he is at peace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be given to the family of Brother Fred Stuart and a copy placed in the permanent archives of the 5th Episcopal District Lay Organization.

Humbly Submitted, Simeon P. Rhoden Jr. President

cc., The Executive Board, Advisory Council & The Lay Members of the Fifth Episcopal District

May God bless us, with the true spirit of Christianity, that we may live together, not as man over man, but as Lay Persons working with God

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