

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Day created leadership seminars and opportunities for personal
2 growth for members of First United Methodist Church and the Shreveport-Bossier
3 communities at-large, and he plans to continue to be involved in leadership seminars in
4 Texas during his retirement; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Day, in 2010, announced from the pulpit that the church would pour
6 resources into four major areas of ministry: Small Groups, Discipleship, Missions, and
7 Leadership, and hundreds of members have connected in small groups and deepened their
8 relationships with Christ; have sowed the fruits of their faith by serving not only in
9 Shreveport, but all around the globe, serving as leaders in their homes, community, state, and
10 world; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Day is gifted with unprecedented vision; he wholeheartedly prayed
12 for First United Methodist Church to devote \$1 million yearly toward local and global
13 missions and even more importantly; however, was the change of mindset on how to move
14 forward with missions; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Day led the charge away from transactional missions to
16 transformational relationships by encouraging the mission's leaders to intentionally move
17 away from doing projects for people, and instead meet the holistic needs of those with whom
18 First United Methodist partners in ministry, and as a result, First United Methodist Church
19 is known locally, nationally, and internationally for servant leadership and the ministry of
20 presence and compassion; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Day consistently places God's direction and excellence above any
22 particular special interests, he continually invests in developing lay and staff leadership, who
23 turn their gifts and talents back into making First United Methodist Church great; and

24 WHEREAS, numerous pastors currently leading large thriving Methodist churches
25 developed as associate pastors at First United Methodist Church during Dr. Day's
26 twenty-seven years; and

27 WHEREAS, from the pulpit, Dr. Day shares the message of hope and optimism of
28 a life rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in a world filled with depressing headlines
29 and daily changes, his ever-relevant message of the Gospel delivers hope to those listening
30 in the pews, on the radio through a morning message on KEEL, or through the television;

