

CR-1. In Honor of The Rev. Dr. Jerome Woods Berryman

WHEREAS, the Rev. Dr. Jerome Woods Berryman (1937-2024), an ordained (1962) Presbyterian Minister who was received as an Episcopal Priest in 1984, is a world-recognized theologian with profound and faithful interest in children and their spirituality; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Berryman created and founded the Godly Play method of education and spiritual guidance, now practiced in more than sixty countries; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Berryman nurtured the faith of both children and adults for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, he published eighteen books and countless articles devoted to the principle that Jesus taught, that “becoming like a child” is the path to spiritual maturity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Berryman continued to work and publish prolifically until his death on August 5, 2024, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, the passage of this resolution would not only honor Dr. Berryman personally but would announce to the Church at large the commitment of this diocese to Christian education and to the spirit of children, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 231st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia gives thanks for the life and ministry of the Rev. Jerome Woods Berryman and acknowledges his impact of Godly Play on generations of Christians, young and old.

Submitted by:

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