

CR-3. Recognizing and Remembering Jeffrey Ray Guenther and Doris Hawkins Guenther for their Service to Various Ministries in Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Woodstock, and the Diocese of Virginia

WHEREAS, Jeff and Doris were members of Emmanuel, Woodstock from 1989 to 2020 when they moved to Pennsylvania to be nearer to their daughter; and

WHEREAS, Jeff began teaching art in Pittsylvania County, later ran his own store, Guenther's Corner Cupboard, returned to the classroom at Massanutten Military Academy and then Shenandoah County Public Schools, retiring from Strasburg High in 2013 after being named Teacher of the Year in 2010. He served as President of Region XIV and the Southern Shenandoah Region, Junior and Senior Warden at Emmanuel, and was a founding member of the Valley Educational Center for the Creative Arts (VECCA). A gifted artist, Jeff created many linens for the church and hand-woven stoles for clergy; and

WHEREAS, Doris taught mathematics in the Pittsylvania County, VA Public School system for many years, later at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, VA and then finished her 41-year teaching career at Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock, VA. She was an active member of the Daughters of the King chapter at Emmanuel, the Altar Guild and served as member of the Vestry. She enjoyed knitting, gardening, and caring for her dear friends, neighbors, and beloved pets; and

WHEREAS, Doris went to be with our Lord on December 2, 2024, and Jeff went to be with our Lord on July 15, 2025. They are now both interred in Emmanuel Episcopal Church's columbarium, returning to the Shenandoah Valley they loved so much; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the 231st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia give thanks to God for Jeff and Doris Guenther's model and example as quiet, kind, and thoughtful servants to their church and their friends, to the Diocese of Virginia and as disciples of Jesus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 231st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia directs the Secretary to send a presentation copy of this resolution to the Rector, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Woodstock, for presentation to Jeff and Doris' daughter, Courtney Guenther Burgan.

Submitted by:

The Very Rev. Kathleen Murray, Rector, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Woodstock; Dean—Southern Shenandoah Region

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