



Councilmember Elissa Silverman

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize, honor and congratulate Reverend Michael Wilker for his service and achievements making a significant impact to achieve social change and improve the quality of life for the residents of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Reverend Michael Wilker served ten years as senior pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C., which welcomes a dynamic, multigenerational community called to love and serve the world in Christ's name;

WHEREAS, Reverend Wilker serves as Secretary and member of Southeast Ministry Board of Directors, a social justice ministry located in the Congress Heights section of SE Washington, DC. The mission is to help guide individuals on the path to self-sufficiency through education and employment;

WHEREAS, Reverend Wilker serves as a member of the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) Strategy Team. WIN is a broad-based, multi-racial, multi-faith, strictly non-partisan, District-wide citizens' power organization, rooted in local congregations and associations committed to training and developing neighborhood leaders, to addressing community issues, and to holding elected and corporate officials accountable in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, Reverend Wilker served as Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM). ELM affirms and supports LGBTQ Lutheran rostered leaders and those pursuing rostered leadership while engaging allied congregations and ministries to proclaim God's love and seek justice for all.

WHEREAS, Reverend Wilker is a husband, dad, US citizen without representation in Congress, and marathon runner living on Piscataway land, and holds a deep commitment to matters of social justice, inclusivity, and care of creation;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Wilker speaks truth to power through his unwavering compassion, integrity, and commitment to serving the most vulnerable in the District;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Wilker has answered the call to serve at the First Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, this resolution may be cited as the “Reverend Michael Wilker Recognition Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the accomplishments of the Reverend Michael Wilker and thanks him for his contributions to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.