

**Salem Church Council Resolution to Confer the  
Office of Pastor Emeritus Upon  
Pastor G. Edward Whetstone**

**Whereas**, Pastor G. Edward Whetstone has faithfully and effectively served Salem Church in Catonsville for over 32 years; and

**Whereas**, there is a long tradition in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its predecessor bodies of conferring the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus to celebrate the ministry of its retired pastors; and

**Whereas**, the giving of the honor of Pastor Emeritus celebrates the lifetime of ministry of Pastor Whetstone, recognizes the conviction that ordination continues until life ends and brings honor to the congregation bestowing the title; and

**Whereas**, the Pastor Emeritus is assumed to have no particular responsibilities and no authority, no remuneration, only to have his name included in the pastoral staff; and the Pastor Emeritus does not perform pastoral services in the congregation such as funerals, weddings or baptisms except at the invitation of the present pastor;

**Whereas**, this proposal arises totally out of our affection, respect, esteem and gratitude, therefore,

**Be it resolved**, that the Church Council of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church bestow the title of Pastor Emeritus upon G. Edward Whetstone on Sunday, June 27 at both worship services.