

# RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING  
**PASTOR LARRY W. ELLIS, PhD.**

*In celebration of his 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Pastor of Pilgrim Christian Church*

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WHEREAS, PASTOR LARRY W. ELLIS, PhD. received his Bachelor's degree in 1975, his Master of Divinity degree in 1981, his Master's degree in Counseling Psychology in 1988, his Doctorate of Ministry in 1995, and his second PhD. in Ethical & Creative Leadership in 2021; and

WHEREAS, PASTOR LARRY W. ELLIS, PhD. became Senior Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church in 1987 and led the congregation to continuous growth, which included initiating the Pentagon Campaign in order to locate a new church facility which was purchased in Castro Valley and will offer the Five "E" Ministry Vision: Evangelism, Education, Encouragement, and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, PASTOR LARRY W. ELLIS, PhD. founded Pilgrim Organization, Inc. (POI), a youth through senior non-profit that seeks to provide opportunities and resources to families of San Mateo County to enable them to achieve equality of life, including a tutoring program (4Ward Academic Center) that provides college scholarships; and

WHEREAS, PASTOR LARRY W. ELLIS, PhD. has served the community beyond his congregation in many ways, such as founding C.H.O.I.C.E.S., a drug information and referral non-profit agency, in 1988; and, conducting a radio ministry, "Teach the Word," broadcasted five afternoons a week and "The Dr. Larry Show," which is aired on the second Sunday of the month, both on local radio stations; and

WHEREAS, PASTOR LARRY W. ELLIS, PhD. has been recognized with academic and community honors for his work, including the Pastoral Excellence Award at Stanford University in 2007, as a contributor to the Oxford Sermons Volume II in 2008, recipient of the African American Community Health Advisory Board's 2007 Hero of Health award, San Mateo Library Wall of Fame recognition in 2008, and the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center's Everyday Hero award in 2011; and

WHEREAS, PASTOR LARRY W. ELLIS, PhD. is an author of thirteen books, and is a proud family man, married to Vanderler Ellis and father of Tawana (Phillip), Justin (Tenisha), and Austin (Kassandra) and loving grandfather to three grandchildren,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby gratefully commends PASTOR LARRY W. ELLIS, PhD. for his service to the community and in recognition of his 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Pastor of Pilgrim Christian Church.

Dated: September 25, 2022

SUPERVISORS:



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