

Memorial Resolution

Walter Wynn Kenyon

February 12, 1948 – February 13, 2012

Whereas, Walter Wynn Kenyon was born on February 12, 1948, to Walter Russell and Mary Lillian Kenyon of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, Wynn graduated from West Deer High School in 1966 and from there graduated from Marietta College in 1970, where he wrestled and captained the football team, and then graduated with honors from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1974, and

Whereas, Wynn was approved for ordination by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh (PCUSA) in 1974, but his ordination approval was appealed to the highest court because Wynn could not consent to the ordination of women as elders on Biblical grounds. In 1975 the decision for his ordination approval was overturned, and Wynn was denied ordination. This case, known as the Kenyon Case, led to the formation of the Ascension Presbytery and was a catalyst for the growth of the PCA in the Northeast, and

Whereas, upon being denied ordination in his denomination Wynn chose to pursue a career in Philosophy, he graduated from The University of Miami with an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Philosophy, and

Whereas, he married Virginia (Ginny) Cooper Stulen of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, on June 11, 1976, and remained faithful to her for 36 years until his death. From this union, Wynn and Ginny have 3 grown children: Amy (married to Kyle O'Donnel), Stephen (married to Kelsey Murray Kenyon); and Michael (serving in the Navy), and

Whereas, Wynn continued his service to the church in various ministries following his ordination case: the formation of the Christian Recreation Program at Deer Creek UP Church in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, serving as director of that program from 1967 to 1975; as Stated Supply (Interim) Pastor at Hamarville Presbyterian Church in Hamarville, Pennsylvania, while in seminary; and as Youth Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Miami (USA) while attending the University of Miami, and

Whereas, following graduation from The University of Miami, Wynn accepted a teaching position in Bible and Philosophy, eventually becoming Chair of the Philosophy Department, at Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi, where he served faithfully for 31 years. Wynn also taught classes at Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, as a guest professor, and

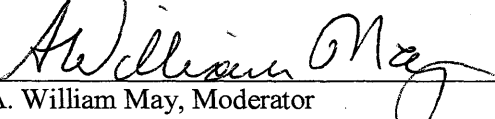
Whereas, during his time in Jackson, Wynn served a term as an elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church and then served on the Commission to establish Redeemer Church, PCA. He served as a ruling elder at Redeemer from its beginning until his death. He also served on Mississippi Valley Presbytery committees: Credentials Committee from 1993-1996, and a partial term on the Nominations Committee from 2011 until his death. He served on a number of ordination/installation commissions with the MVP and on the Committee of Commissioners for Covenant College in 1994. He was nominated to serve on the GA Board of Covenant College in 1994, on the GA Interchurch Relations Committee for 1996 and again in 2007 and on the Theological Examining Committee in 2008, and

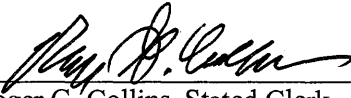
Whereas, it pleased the Lord Jesus Christ to call His servant to Himself on February 13, 2012, after a lifetime of ministry to his Lord, his family, and his church,

Be it therefore resolved that The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley hereby give thanks to the Lord for His faithful love manifested to us in the life and ministry of Dr. Walter Wynn Kenyon, who served with us in this presbytery of Christ's church, and

Be it therefore resolved that we rejoice together with his family communicating in this memorial both our sympathy in sorrow and our sure and certain hope, whereby we know that such labors in the Lord are not in vain, but serve His purposes to magnify the great glory of God's love in the Gospel of His Son, and

Be it therefore resolved that the triune God – Father, Son and Holy Ghost – would be worshiped in reading this memorial as recorded in the minutes of the Stated Meeting of February 5, 2013, of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley and provided to his widow Mrs. Ginny Kenyon and his children with our sincere sympathy and desire for their comfort and blessing.


A. William May, Moderator


Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk