CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
RESOLUTION AND TRIBUTE IN LOVING RECOGNITION OF THE
VERY REVEREND BECKY ROBBINS-PENNIMAN

WHEREAS, the members of the Vestry of the Church of Good Shepherd met on August 25, 2020 and unanimously approved this Resolution and Tribute in loving recognition of the service of The Very Reverend Becky Robbins-Penniman; and

WHEREAS, the Vestry of the Church of Good Shepherd wishes to honor the extraordinary dedication, commitment, zeal, enthusiasm, passion and loving and joyful service of Becky Robbins-Penniman as Rector of the Church of Good Shepherd as follows:

It was ten years ago that we gathered as the People of God to Welcome you as our new Rector and together with our Bishop to celebrate the official beginning of your New Ministry among us.

You taught us and showed us “that love wins….that “come as you are, all are welcome no exceptions.” You insisted that with God we can choose to “accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative.” You admonished us “to take the time to frolic” and to do so in ways that will bring a growing sense of God’s mercy, patience, and compassion to a broken and suffering world.

Most of all, you led us by example and in so doing, you showed us the power of love: the power of love to feed the hungry and care for the orphan and the widow, to welcome the stranger, and to discover the presence and kindness of Jesus in the lives of those around us.

Your time among us was truly contagious for it led us to “strive for justice and peace” as we walked together in the “United Faith Walk of Peace”. Thus, we have become a community of faith where everyone’s gifts are encouraged and celebrated. Your leadership paved the way for the expansion and renewal of every aspect of parish life; from stewardship to worship, from pastoral care for our current members to the welcoming of new parishioners: from visitations to nursing homes to the expansion of youth ministries: from food for the poor through Dunedin Cares, to “bodacious breakfasts,” shrimp boils, coffee hours and rib fests. From Blessing of Marriages to the Blessings of the Graves of our loved ones. From Blessing of the Fleet to the Blessing of Pets; from the Blessing of Homes to the Blessing of much needed renovations and capital improvements to our physical plant.

In all things we have been blessed and we continue to seek to become a blessing for others in Christ because you have fulfilled the “marching orders” you received on that day of Celebration and Institution 10 years ago.
While there is no small measure of sadness that comes with the closure of your time as our Rector, there is also no small measure of thanksgiving and gratitude for the time we shared together as Good Shepherd Dunedin. You have left us with a legacy of faith, hope, compassion, holy optimism, prayer, mercy, patience, kindness, generosity, and the greatest of all gifts which is love.

Becky, you have touched our lives for good and for God! May the Lord who first brought us together so long ago continue to bind us together in Christ’s presence and love for all the days to come. May God grant to you the well-deserved blessing of a long and happy retirement with the love and laughter of family and friends and with the lasting gift of happy memories of your Good Shepherd parish family.

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Vestry hereby acknowledges the gracious, loving, joyful and wholehearted service of The Very Reverend Becky Robbins-Penniman as Rector of the Church of Good Shepherd in Dunedin, Florida from September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2020;

Given this twenty-fifth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand-twenty, with love and lasting gratitude from the Wardens, Vestry, Deacon, and People of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin, in the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

Cheryl Sharpe  Diane Nford  Judy Warner  Philip Beauchamp

Cindy Tedes  Iris Brookins  Jonathon Evans  C. Pat Cates

Daniel Depies  John Russotto  Robyn Harker