

**SENSE-OF-THE-BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
ON ITS 124TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Union Baptist Church Mission was founded in 1888 with 25 original members, and under the leadership of The Reverend Moses L. Haskins, held services at its first location at Weed's Hall, an old dance hall on Atlantic Street; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of The Reverend Dr. Robert W. Perry, Union Baptist Church's longest-serving Pastor (thirty-nine years), the beautiful Church building on Newfield Avenue was constructed by African-American brick and stone workers and funded by tremendous sacrifices by the membership under the theme, "Not equal giving, but equal sacrifice;" and

WHEREAS, Union Baptist Church is committed to its core belief that only "God, who is the giver of every good and perfect gift" is the only one worthy of praise, as evidenced by its lack of displaying the names of donors; and

WHEREAS, Union Baptist Church is a champion of rights and opportunities for all people throughout its 124-year history, from consistently working for civil rights for African Americans to empowering women, as evidenced by the installation of its first female trustee, Sister Daisy Pellman, in 1941; and

WHEREAS, Union Baptist Church is affiliated with many national and local organizations, including the NAACP, The American Baptist Convention, the Yerwood Center, New Neighborhoods, Inc., the Connecticut Baptist Missionary Convention, the Interfaith Council and Hampton University's Minister's Conference and Musician's Guild; and

WHEREAS, Union Baptist Church is committed to community involvement and leadership: from The Rev. Baxter Matthews' service during the mid-1900's on the Mayor's and the City's Chambers of Commerce to The Rev. Perry's service on Stamford's Board of Ethics, Fire Commission, Police Commission and as Police Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, Union Baptist Church is dedicated to serving the entire Stamford community through its many programs of outreach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 28th Board of Representatives extends its best wishes and congratulations to Union Baptist Church as it celebrates its 124th Anniversary; and

*Submitted by: Annie M. Summerville
This 1st day of October, 2012*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk