

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING PASTOR BLAINE EDELE OF
UNION MEMORIAL CHURCH
ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Pastor Blaine Edele, his wife Lisa (Church Music Director), and family came to Union Memorial Church in August of 1992 and became an indispensable part of the Glenbrook community until their retirement in June of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Blaine Edele has spearheaded numerous volunteer and outreach efforts among the church community, including leading the efforts of monthly food donations for the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County and volunteers for the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association, housing several support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous in the church building, and working with several other community organizations throughout Fairfield County; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Blaine Edele has worked with members of the church to organize the annual Trunk or Treat event; with all proceeds going to the Kyle Cruz Memorial Scholarship at the Wilderness School. The Wilderness School, in which former church member Kyle Cruz was a participant, helps at-risk youth overcome challenges by working in therapeutic programs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his tireless efforts to benefit the Stamford Community, Pastor Blaine Edele and his wife Lisa considered church members to be like family and were always available to provide assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 30th Board of Representatives congratulates Pastor Blaine Edele of Union Memorial Church on his retirement after 28 years of service.

*Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives
This 8th day of September, 2020*

Matthew Quinones, President
30th Board of Representatives

Susan Nabel, Clerk
30th Board of Representatives