



November 27, 2006

The following is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Executive Council at its meeting on November 12 15, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois, at which a quorum was present and voting.

RESOLVED, That The Reverend Barbara Smith-Moran, S.O.Sc., be thanked for her dedication, leadership and vision in relating the Christian faith to science and technology; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our deep appreciation to her for assisting the Church in gaining a deeper understanding of Gods world and for guiding us in how the gifts of science and technology may be used in light of the Christian faith and in fostering justice.

EXPLANATION

For well over 20 years Barbara Smith-Moran has been a pioneer in the Episcopal Church in establishing and developing links between science and technology and the Christian faith. Beginning with her work in the Diocese of Massachusetts, Barbara established and organized the Faith and Science Exchange (FASE) in the Boston region. She knew that this work had to be done in an ecumenical and interfaith manner, and so she recruited a Board that included members from seven Christian denominations as well from the Jewish and Islamic community. In her work with FASE, she helped develop certificate programs on science and religion administered by the Boston Theological Institute, a consortium of theological schools in the Boston area.

Barbara organized the early efforts to bring Episcopalians to the Ecumenical Roundtable on Science, Technology and the Church. In addition, she worked diligently to get the National Episcopal Church office to recognize the importance of this work and to establish a Working Group on Science, Technology and Faith. From this group's membership the Executive Council, in 2001, established the Committee on Science, Technology and Faith. Barbara has provided insightful and visionary leadership to this committee since its inception. She has also worked to build a national network on Science, Technology and Faith that works in parallel with the Committee.

Barbara is a member of the Society of Ordained Scientists and other science and religion organizations. In the Boston area, she successfully convened groups working on the relationship of Christian Faith to gene therapy/genetic enhancement, stem cell research and the scientific roots of sexuality.

In all of her work, Barbara has been energetic, determined and gracious. Her untiring efforts have been an inspiration to all of us. We applaud Barbara Smith-Moran for the work she has offered and still offers to the Church and the wider community.

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