

# Resolution



ORDER NO 2022-0389  
DATE: April 19, 2022  
STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF DALLAS §

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 19th day of April 2022, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner District 1, and seconded by John Wiley Price, Commissioner District 3, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, The Dallas County Commissioners Court takes special notice when an individual has given long and faithful public and community service. Rev. George Mason has been Senior Pastor of Wilshire since August 1989. Known as a bridge-builder who sought to heal divisions and bring people together for the common good, Mason is the longest serving pastor in the church's 70-year history. Rev. Mason is a nationally recognized religious leader serving the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Fellowship Southwest, Pastors for Texas Children and Faith Forward Dallas at Thanks-Giving Square. He is the Lead Advisor for the Baptist House of Studies at Perkins School of Theology (SMU); and

**WHEREAS**, In an effort to reach more members, Rev. Mason writes a monthly column on public theology for the Lakewood/East Dallas and Lake Highlands editions of the community news magazine The Advocate. His sermons have been the highest-rated program on the Sunday morning worship line up on WRR radio in Dallas for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, He is also the Founder and President of Faith Commons, a multi-ethnic, multi-faith organization committed to "bringing faith to life" by promoting the common good ([www.FaithCommons.org](http://www.FaithCommons.org)). As part of his work with Faith Commons, he hosts an audio and video podcast, Good God, conversations that matter about faith and public life; and

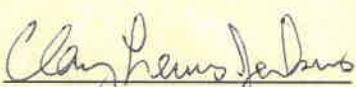
**WHEREAS**, In 2016, Mason's vote to affirm LGBT members of the church resulted in Wilshire's split with the Baptist General Convention of Texas despite the church's 65-year history with the organization. In 2000, under his leadership the church also split with the Southern Baptist Convention. As a result, Mason helped found a group of more moderate and inclusive churches, known as the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. During Mason's tenure he began the ordination of women and divorced people as deacons and offering full church membership to people who were baptized in other Christian traditions; and

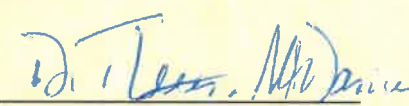
**WHEREAS**, A native of New York City, Rev. Mason has been married to Kim since 1979. They have three children and six grandchildren. Rev. Mason earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1978 from the University of Miami (Florida), where he was a quarterback on the football team. He holds both the Master of Divinity (1982) and Doctor of Philosophy (1987) degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. His doctoral field of study was systematic theology, with a minor in philosophy of religion; and


**WHEREAS**, He will preach his last sermon at Wilshire Baptist on May 1 and will remain in the role of senior pastor until Aug. 31, 2022 having paved the way for new leadership through his clergy apprenticeship program called Pathways to Ministry. We and Dallas County will be lesser without his voice at the pulpit of Wilshire Baptist, but greater for the work he has done and will continue to do.

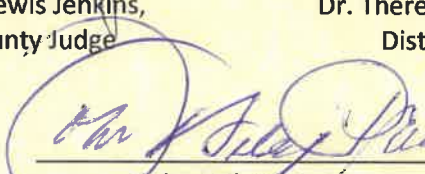
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize and honor Senior Pastor Rev. George Mason for a lifetime of accomplishments and faithful service to community.

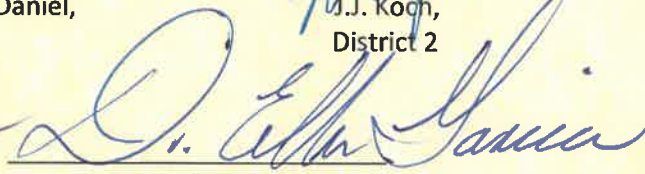
**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 19th day of April, 2022.

  
Clay Lewis Jenkins,  
County Judge

  
Dr. Theresa M. Daniel,  
District 1

  
J.J. Koch,  
District 2

  
John Wiley Price,  
District 3

  
Dr. Elba Garcia,  
District 4