

# Office of the Mayor

CITY OF NEW YORK



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** FAITH LEADERS ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT TO THE FABRIC THAT UNITES OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AS THEY STRENGTHEN THE FIVE BOROUGHS WITH THEIR COMMITMENT TO LIFT UP NEW YORKERS. AS SOURCES OF SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND LEADERSHIP, THESE INDIVIDUALS ENRICH OUR CITY IN COUNTLESS WAYS, AND THEIR DEDICATION TO SERVICE HAS SHAPED OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES FOR CENTURIES. ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE CHURCH PENSION FUND AND ITS AFFILIATED COMPANIES, THE CHURCH PENSION GROUP, HAS GIVEN BACK TO THOSE WHO UNITE AND GUIDE OTHERS IN FAITH, AND I AM PROUD TO JOIN IN CELEBRATING ITS 100 YEARS OF SUPPORTING CLERGY AND LAY EMPLOYEES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN OUR CITY AND BEYOND.

**WHEREAS:** BASED IN NEW YORK CITY SINCE ITS FOUNDING, CPF FIRST BEGAN PAYING BENEFITS TO THE CLERGY MEMBERS OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MARCH 1917. BISHOP WILLIAM LAWRENCE SAW A NEED TO PROVIDE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS AFTER THEIR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CHURCH, AND HE SOUGHT TO CREATE A PENSION PLAN THAT WOULD OFFER THEM SECURITY AND PEACE OF MIND IN THEIR RETIREMENT. HIS INCREDIBLE VISION AND GENEROSITY HAVE INSPIRED THE CHURCH PENSION GROUP EVER SINCE, DRIVING ITS MISSION TO ENSURE THAT THE CLERGY AND LAY EMPLOYEES WHO DUTIFULLY SERVE THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH HAVE ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS THEY NEED AND DESERVE, AND TODAY, THE CHURCH PENSION GROUP PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFITS, PENSIONS, AND SO MUCH MORE TO CLERGY AND LAY EMPLOYEES AROUND THE WORLD.

**WHEREAS:** OUR CITY'S FAITH LEADERS REPRESENT THE SHARED SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY AND COMPASSION THAT DEFINES NEW YORKERS, AND BY WORKING TOWARDS A BETTER TOMORROW, THEY ARE CRITICAL PARTNERS IN MY ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO CREATE A CITY WHERE ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS CAN RISE TOGETHER. CPF HAS LONG HONORED THE COMMITMENT OF THOSE WHO SERVE AND WORK FOR THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AND ITS ONGOING SUPPORT IS A TESTAMENT TO ITS LEGACY OF BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR MANY ACROSS THE FIVE BOROUGHS AND BEYOND. I AM PROUD TO JOIN IN APPLAUDING ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE WAYS IT WILL CONTINUE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO PAVE THE WAY TO A BETTER FUTURE.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, BILL DE BLASIO, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2017 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:**

**"THE CHURCH PENSION GROUP CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY DAY"**



  
BILL DE BLASIO  
MAYOR