

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING LEWIS CHAPEL C.M.E. UPON ITS 66<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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*WHEREAS, Lewis Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in 1945, in Santa Barbara, and was named in honor of the Presiding Prelate, Bishop Felix E. Lewis; and*

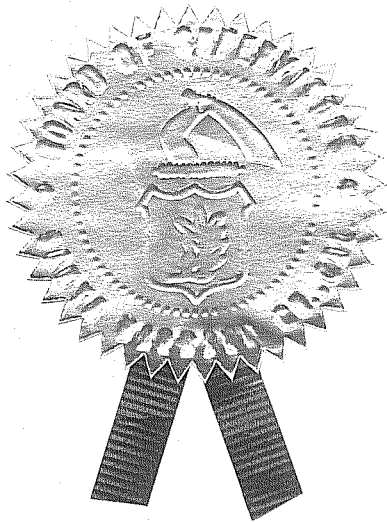
*WHEREAS, in 1954, as a reflection of the changing racial climate and early Civil Rights movement in the United States, the Church changed its name from "Colored Methodist Episcopal Church" to "Christian Methodist Episcopal Church" which made the Church more inclusive and diverse; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1955, the Church's founding members, the General Contractors of Santa Barbara and members of the community came together to raise the funds needed to complete construction and donate furnishings for the new church, located at 202 E. Gutierrez Street, which was completed in two years; and*

*WHEREAS, under the guidance and leadership of Pastor Charles Cole and his wife Michelle, Lewis Chapel continues to advocate for and serve the poor and vulnerable, both locally and internationally. Their missions include serving in South Africa, since the end of Apartheid, where they continue to work to educate countless impoverished children in the Cape Town region;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Lewis Chapel C.M.E. upon its 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary and further commends the members of its congregation for their dedicated service to the residents of our community; and*

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011 by a unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST:

*Chandra Walker*  
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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