

LITANY OF REDEDICATION

We thank you, God, that this congregation has weathered forty years in our area of San Diego, under the head counselor and leader, the Reverend George Walker Smith, and the session.

FOR THIS WE ACKNOWLEDGE A GREAT DEBT.

For the past vision of those leaders elected and volunteering for special responsibilities through the organizations of the church

WE GIVE THANKS THAT SO MANY WERE AND STILL ARE FAITHFUL TO CARRY OUT THE GOSPEL COMMAND TO LABOR AND LOVE SELFLESSLY THESE FORTY YEARS.

For the spirit of so many saints now in heavenly places who sang and taught week after week as they gave of themselves

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, MONEY, ABILITY AND DEEP CONCERN, THAT THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE INSPIRATION THROUGH MUSIC AND CONSECRATED LIVES.

Now we see ourselves at the close of 1996 peering beyond as a "work in process" not satisfied with any success we may have seen and shared

TO THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR PROMISE OF DISCIPLESHIP, TO THE NEED TO ANSWER THE CRY OF A HUNGERING COMMUNITY BOTH NEAR AND FAR, WE REDEDICATE OURSELVES.

For the outreach documented in past programs spiritually, socially, educationally and economically,

depending on all members of this congregation—all to the Glory of God and the good of humankind

WE REDEDICATE OURSELVES AND THE FACILITIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED, THAT CHRIST MAY TOUCH MORE LIVES AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH BE MORE VISIBLE.

EVERYONE:

FOR EVERY ENERGY AND ACCOMPLISHMENT TO BE RECORDED, GRANT US THE INSISTENCE IN THE NEXT FORTY YEARS, THAT CHRIST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO WILL BE A Family of Faith NOT A PERSONAL TRIBUTE OR THE PREEMINENCE OF ANY ARM OF THE CHURCH.

THIS WE HUMBLY PRAY IN THE NAME OF THE LOVING FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT, AND TO THIS WE REDIRECT OUR LIVES AND REDEDICATE OUR WHOLE BEINGS. AMEN.