

**RECOMMENDATION VII:
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR CHARLES H. CHANDLER**



Charles H. Chandler has announced his intention to retire on December 31, 2016 from the Ministering to Ministers Foundation (MTM), a partner ministry with the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Whereas, Charles, born in Georgia and raised in Alabama, has enjoyed far-ranging ministry. During his pastorate in Metropolis, Illinois, Charles was recruited to impersonate this little city's most famous citizen, Superman, a role and an expectation pastors readily understand. Here in the Commonwealth, he has served Christ within the Virginia Baptist family for nearly thirty years. Of the seven Baptist congregations Charles has led as pastor, two were in Richmond: Huguenot Road and Trinity.

Whereas, Charles was formally educated at Samford University and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, earning the master of divinity, master of religious education, and doctor of ministry degrees at the seminary. Additionally, he served two terms as president of the Illinois Baptist State Association, a network of more than 1,000 churches. Among Charles' publications is the best-selling *The Deacon Family Ministry Plan Really Works*. Additionally, he wrote a handbook, *Minister's Support Group*, a basic resource for peer groups to use as members care for each other. Charles also provided stewardship and deacon ministry consultation to churches.

Whereas, with extensive and varied public service across the span of his ministry, Charles has been a trustee of Fork Union Military Academy and clergy consultant for the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) here in Virginia.

Whereas, Charles founded Ministering to Ministers (MTM) in 1994 and has led as the Foundation's Executive Director since. This unique ministry advocates for ministers and their families who are experiencing personal or professional crises from forced termination. MTM's flagship resource, their 5-day wellness retreats, has given support to 1300 ministers and spouses from forty religious communions across the United States, Canada, and the Bahamas. This ministry has guided many Virginia church leaders in times of transition. More than 10,000 ministers and spouses have benefited from other growth resources provided by MTM.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that we, the elected members of the Baptist General Association of Virginia Executive Board meeting on October 11, 2016, convey our deep appreciation to Charles H. Chandler for the debt we owe to him for his crisis ministry to the Virginia Baptist family, and we pledge our continued prayers to Charles, Betty, and their family, and

Be It Further Resolved, that we ask the messengers of the Annual Meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia on November 15, 2016, in Roanoke, Virginia, to extend our gratitude to God for the life and work of Charles Chandler.