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Dear Commissioner Wiltgen:

I am requesting on behalf of Newman United Methodist Church for your consideration, a Proclamation from your office recognizing our church's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

We are submitting a Draft Proclamation for your inspection and review.

If you are able to issue a Proclamation by April 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 Newman would truly appreciate it very much.

If you have any questions, please feel to contact me.

  
Gene Crump

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING )  
APRIL 21, 2017 AS NEWMAN )  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DAY )

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Newman Methodist Episcopal Church was established in Lincoln, Nebraska on April 3, 1892; and

WHEREAS, It was organized by nine families: Curtis, Bedell, Washington, Collins, Walker, Christman, Robertson, and McCown who were former members of Quinn Chapel AME Church in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Newman's first Pastor was Rev. T. J. Porter; and

WHEREAS, Newman had several locations in Lincoln, Nebraska from 10<sup>th</sup> and "K" Streets, 9<sup>th</sup> and "N" Streets, 7<sup>th</sup> and "J" Streets, 23<sup>rd</sup> and "S" Streets and its present site at 23<sup>rd</sup> and "R" Streets, and each home for Newman and its Congregation was filled with fellowship, love, communion, stewardship, and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Newman was a member of the Central Conference ( a conference comprised of African American churches) but when the Central Conference was dissolved in 1968, Newman affiliated with the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Newman UMC and its Congregation have produced many city, state, national, and international contributors that have enriched and continue to improve the fabric of the Arts, Government, Civic Responsibility, Philanthropy, Community Betterment, Race Relations, Education, Religiosity; and

WHEREAS, Newman UMC and its current Lay Pastor John Goldrich has led and continues to inspire and move his flock with divine guidance and love and an appreciation for his fellow man and woman as they express their needs and wants for spiritual nourishment and growth; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of Newman United Methodist Church's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of steadfast and faithful service to our community, that April 21, 2017 should be declared as Newman United Methodist Church Day in Lancaster County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County, Nebraska, that April 21, 2017, is hereby declared as "Newman United Methodist Church Day " in Lancaster County, Nebraska.

DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2017

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2017

BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joe Kelly  
County Attorney

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## Press Release

For Immediate Dissemination – March 27, 2016

# Newman United Methodist Church Commemorates 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> year that *Newman United Methodist Church* (2242 "R" Street – 68503) has been serving the African-American community of Lincoln, NE. As one of the oldest congregations in Lincoln, we are happy to open our doors more widely so others can share in our joyful celebration. To commemorate and honor its glorious history of service, advocacy and faith, Newman United Methodist Church invites the Lincoln community to attend its anniversary celebration which will be held in three events from **April 19-23, 2017**. Our **theme: "Enduring Legacy, Continuing Commitment"** recognizes the rich legacy of Newman and the resilience of its congregation through the years as the church community and life conditions in the Malone-Trago Park area have transitioned, so has the role of Newman Church.

On **Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Church, Newman will host a revival musicale, **"Make A Joyful Noise"** featuring musical selections from the choirs of local churches: New Hope United Methodist Church; Quinn Chapel AME Church; Christ Temple Church; New Beginnings Community Church; First Baptist Church; Allon Chapel Church; and Mt. Zion Baptist Church. This celebration will begin at 7:00 PM at the church, and is free and open to the general public.

**Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Nebraska Club (US Bank Bldg 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, 233 So. 13<sup>th</sup> St. 68508) at 6:00 PM, Newman will host a **Gala Celebration**. This dinner will feature a message highlighting the Church's historical contributions and significance to the Lincoln spiritual, political and racial climates. The Guest speaker for the evening will be Reverend Wayne Reynolds of Grace United Methodist Church in Crete, NE. There will also be tributes and recognition by United Methodist Midwest Conference leaders and other clergy in Lincoln. **Tickets** for the Gala are \$35.00 per person and may be reserved by contacting either Ms. Joan Rich (402-435-0079) or Ms. Patricia Shepard (402-310-3963) or sending a check or money order to Newman. The **deadline for receiving reservations** is Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

The final commemorating event will be an **Anniversary Service on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** beginning at 11:00 AM at Newman Church. Special music will be provided by our musician, Ms. Alicia Opoku and special guests. Our Lay Pastor, Mr. John Goldrich will deliver the message on Newman's **"Enduring Legacy, Continuing Commitment."** The service will be followed by a light dessert reception. Throughout the Anniversary programs, there will be exhibits of documents and photographs representing Newman's history and the contributions of its congregants.

The general community is invited to attend and participate in any or all of the Anniversary events. Newman appreciates the support that the community has shown throughout the years and while our general neighborhood again is in transition, Newman looks forward with great anticipation to continue to be a beacon of light, font of comfort and spiritual strength as well as catalyst for progressive social action and change that promotes strong Christian values of humility, inclusion, service and generosity. Please join us as we celebrate our proud legacy and experience a revival of energy for the future.