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NATIONAL CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALLS THE REV. DR. AMY BUTLER AS TWO-YEAR INTERIM SENIOR MINISTER

Historic National Church of Disciples of Christ Chooses Former Senior Minister of Riverside Church in the City of New York

WASHINGTON, DC, June 6, 2020 – National City Christian Church, a Disciples of Christ congregation in Washington, has chosen the Rev. Dr. Amy Butler as interim senior minister for a two-year interval. Dr. Butler will begin her senior leadership role June 14, 2020.

Dr. Butler’s work in bringing historic communities together is deeply rooted in the D.C. area, where she served as senior minister for 11 years at Calvary Baptist Church.

Under Dr. Butler’s leadership, Riverside Church in the City of New York grew significantly in both numbers and prominence, reclaiming a public voice, especially around justice issues.

Located just five blocks from the White House, National City Christian Church is proud of its decades-long prophetic witness for social justice, hosting numerous interfaith and multicultural events. It holds the pulpit where President James A. Garfield regularly preached when known as Vermont Avenue Christian Church and was the home congregation of President Lyndon Baines Johnson during his time in Washington.

Said Jane Campbell, chair of the search committee, “Our committee submitted a unanimous recommendation to call Dr. Butler. She is the right leader at this time, as her voice for justice as dictated by scripture is clear and her experience with moving historic churches forward is unparalleled. Her thoughtful plans for how Christians can serve, during both the public health crisis and the crucial focus on racial justice, will serve National City Christian Church and our community well.”

Alan Williams, moderator of the congregation, affirmed that. “Dr. Butler is exuberant, warm and open in sharing her thoughts about how a congregation like ours needs to change the way we are church to truly serve as the body of Christ right now,” he said.

Dr. Butler said, “I am excited to be leading the community at National City Christian Church during this interim period. During this difficult time of extreme pain and unrest in our country, National City is poised to speak up and speak out. I’m honored to join them.”

Campbell added, “Dr. Butler’s prophetic witness and pastoral care are exactly what is needed in this transitional period at National City. While the congregation continues its search for a permanent senior minister, Dr. Butler will work to expand our existing local and national partnerships and help us engage the surrounding community to meet the growing demands of a vibrant and diverse population.”

National City Christian Church, the national church for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), is an open and inclusive church. Each Sunday, we welcome all to the Lord’s Table for communion, as God has welcomed us.

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