

June 3, 2015

To: Women of Influence Selection Committee

Re: Brenda Mouw

I am pleased to have the opportunity to support Brenda Mouw's nomination as a Woman of Influence. My work with Brenda has been entirely at Plymouth Church, where she is a member, and I am Senior Minister.

Brenda has been instrumental in advancing the work of the church. In 2007 she was one of three leaders who planned, organized and implemented the celebration of Plymouth's Sesquicentennial celebration during which the Church honored the past and prepared for the future. It was an important and memorable time in the life of the Church, and I doubt anyone could have done it better than Brenda.

More recently, from 2010 to 2014 Brenda served on the Sanctuary Renovation Committee which identified the renovation of the Church's historic sanctuary as a major priority for the Church. She worked tirelessly with other committee members to create a sacred place that respects its origin and history, but at the same time utilizes the newest technologies in sound and lighting. Her sense of style and grace are evident in the newly renovated sanctuary.

In the fall of 2014 she once again was one of three leaders who planned the celebration honoring David Ruhe's 20 years of service as Senior Minister of Plymouth Church. Attended by nearly 1,000 members of the Church, with songs and prayers and speeches, it was a fitting tribute to David's leadership of the Church.

Demonstrating that her work is never done, she is currently working to raise funds to put the finishing touches on the restoration and enhancement of the Church's magnificent organ. During the sanctuary renovation, repairs were made to the organ, and antiphonal pipes installed in the balcony at the back of the sanctuary, but available funding allowed only half of the antiphonal pipes to be completed. I am confident that Brenda's leadership will find a way to complete the job.

Her leadership will be forever appreciated by the staff and Plymouth members. There is no question that Brenda has influenced the work of Plymouth Church in many positive ways, and I encourage her selection as a Woman of Influence.

Sincerely

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Senior Minister