

*Formal Agenda
November 12, 2019*

**TESTIMONIAL
RESOLUTIONS
AND SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE**

Submitted by Council
Member Castañeda-López
11/7/2019

Testimonial Resolution In Memoriam

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Freddie B. Yelder

July 15, 1934 – November 1, 2019

WHEREAS

Freddie B. Yelder was born on July 15, 1934 in Mosses, Alabama. She moved to Detroit, Michigan early in her adult life and established herself at the First Union Baptist Church in the 50's, Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in the 60's and joined Sharon Missionary Baptist Church in 1976; *and*

WHEREAS

Mrs. Yelder was an active and dedicated member of Sharon Missionary Baptist church for forty-three years. She held numerous positions within the church including: Church President; Board of Trustee President; Kitchen Committee President; Soup Kitchen Manager; and, Supervisor: "Meet Up Eat Up Children Lunch Program", funded by the State of Michigan; *and*

WHEREAS

Mrs. Yelder initiated the organizing of a church mission in the basement of the church with family and friends. Two years later, the mission decided to purchase the permanent structure of the current Sharon Missionary Baptist Church. She was a savvy negotiator. One of her proudest church accomplishments was when she successfully negotiated favorable purchase conditions and reduced the selling price with the original church owner and title holder/lender. Still active to the end, she wanted to implement a fundraiser with her family and church members to renovate the men and women's bathrooms. In her honor, the program will still take place at a future date; *and*

WHEREAS

Mrs. Yelder loved her community. She was a past business owner of **Yelder's Party Store** that assisted the community. She provided credit, fed the needy and gave free supplies when there was a genuine community need. She and her deceased husband opened their three bedroom home and or real estate properties at no cost or low cost to hundreds of southern relatives coming to Detroit seeking a better life. Always taking care of others, she was a caregiver to her disabled brother until his death; *and*

WHEREAS

Mrs. Yelder was a civil rights activist and active community member. She attended numerous community meetings and was not afraid to ask political figures for assistance for her church and community; *and*

WHEREAS

Freddie B. Yelder made her transition on November 1, 2019. She was a widower and the mother of four. Two infants and one adult child preceded her in death. **Mrs. Yelder** was the Matriarch of the Yelder/Bain/Patton Family. She leaves to celebrate her life and works a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, family, friends, Sharon Missionary Baptist Church and her community. **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED

Council Member **Raquel Castañeda-López** and the entire **Detroit City Council** extend our sincere sympathy to the family, friends and community of the late **Freddie B. Yelder**. We give tribute to a woman who did not let the trials of life turn her but let her faith in God order her steps. Thank you **Freddie B. Yelder** for your commitment to the city of Detroit. We commemorate your life on this day, November 9, 2019. Rest in Heavenly Peace.

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November 9, 2019

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Testimonial Resolution

Christ Cathedral Baptist Church Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

WHEREAS: Christ Cathedral Baptist Church will celebrate 25 years of service to God and the community on November 8, 2019. The church was established by Concerned Members of New Light Baptist Church looking to move in a different direction. In March of 1994, the Concerned Members voted to change direction and incorporate as Christ Memorial Baptist Church; *and*

WHEREAS: In January 1996, Christ Memorial moved to 10731 W. McNichols. On May 26, 1996, the Reverend Alfred M. Nicholson was installed as the first pastor of Christ Memorial Baptist Church. After great study and meditation, Rev. Nicholson appointed a committee to research the name of the church. He based the discussion and research on serving a living God not a memory. On November 23, 1996, the church met and voted to change the official name of the church to Christ Cathedral Baptist Church; *and*

WHEREAS: The church named changed and an active search was conducted for a new location. On January 5, 1997 Pastor Nicholson led the Christ Cathedral Baptist Church congregation into its permanent home at 6115 Hartford Ave, Detroit, Michigan 48210; *and*

WHEREAS: God opened the windows of heaven and showered the church with abundant blessings. Under Pastor Nicholson's leadership the church and ministries flourished. The church became engage in a Community Meal Program; Substance Abuse Awareness Ministry; newly remodeled Fellowship Hall; additional staff; new sound system; new Hammond Organ; and several new and vital Ministries. The church was able to burn the mortgage on 6115 Hartford in March of 2005 after just eight years. Even Pastor Nicholson's military service was a blessing and an opportunity to minister to those that served in the Armed Services. It was his extensive military service that lead Reverend Alfred M. Nicholson to resign his post at Christ Cathedral rather than subject the church to another extended absence; *and*

WHEREAS: On November 15, 2009, Reverend George R. Williams, Jr. accepted the call to be the pastor at Christ Cathedral Baptist Church. Rev. Williams preached his first sermon as pastor on November 22, 2009 and was installed as the second pastor of Christ Cathedral Baptist Church on January 17, 2010; *and*

WHEREAS: A love affair between the pastor and congregation began. "Each One, Reach One" was adopted as the church slogan and membership has more than doubled. A Women's Ministry and Couples Ministry was implemented. Community Friends and Friendship Ministry was expanded to include monthly food distribution. The Nehemiah Project was initiated to make major improvements to the church and the congregation continues to grow. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López and her colleagues on the Detroit City Council congratulates Christ Cathedral Baptist Church, Reverend George R. Williams, Jr., officers and members on 25 years of service to God and the community. May God continue to bless your Ministry with Purpose, Faith without Fear.

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