

*New Business Agenda*

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**TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION FOR TRUE LOVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH DR. HERBERT B. ROBINSON, JR., PASTOR 77<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH ANNVIERSARY SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMAN GABE LELAND**

**WHEREAS** As an offshoot of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church, a small mission began in 1942 in the residence of Rev. Moses Small, 5218 Roosevelt Street in Detroit. In addition to Rev. Small, this small band included Rev. Glover, Bro. Cherry Miller, Bro. Solomon, Sis. Bessie Jenkins, Rev. Alexander and Sis. Amanda Summers, Sis. Bettie Bowman, Sis. Mary Thomas, Sis. Geraldine Vandergrift, and Rev. Bennie Day; **and**

**WHEREAS** After a short time, the mission evolved into a church and moved to 5126 Roosevelt Street. At the suggestion of Sis. Clara Miller, the church was named True Love Missionary Baptist Church. The Rev. J. S. Murray accepted the call to become the first pastor; **and**

**WHEREAS** In 1943, Rev. Ernest N. Cox of Rising, Arkansas was called as the new leader of True Love Missionary Baptist Church, and was a faithful and dedicated servant for 27 years. Under the leadership of Rev. and First Lady Martha Cox membership grew and so did the church building located at 2927 W. Warren Avenue in Detroit; **and**

**WHEREAS** True Love Missionary Baptist Church established many church auxiliaries, including Sunday School, Baptist Young People Union (B.Y.P.U.), Senior and Junior Choirs, Mothers Board, Nurses Guild, and Senior Usher Board. The church became associated with a quadruple church fellowship each fourth Sunday with Warren Avenue, Messiah, New Liberty, and later Oakland Avenue Baptist Church; **and**

**WHEREAS** On December 4, 1955, the congregation marched to its new church home located at 3987 Maybury Grand Street, a former Lutheran house of worship. The new edifice included a school with an auditorium, cafeteria, and bowling alley. The church continued to grow with the following auxiliaries being added: Excelsior Choir, Pastor's Chorus, Young Adult Chorus, Vacation Bible School, and The El Dorado Youth Club; **and**

**WHEREAS** True Love remained at its Maybury Grand Street address for 11 years, until city progress mandated the congregation move to another facility to make way for the Fisher and Jeffries Freeways. This blessing allowed for True Love to build their present location at 8200 Tireman Street in Detroit. The congregation proudly marched into its new edifice on November 26, 1967; **and**

**WHEREAS** In September 1970, Rev. Herbert B. Robinson, Sr., accepted the call to pastor True Love Missionary Baptist Church and served with humility for over 32 years. Pastor Robinson, Sr. was faithful, dedicated, and well-loved and continued to lead until his death on November 22, 2002; **and**

**WHEREAS** During Pastor Robinson's tenure, the fellowship grew and his leadership spearheaded many positive changes. The Seven Weeks of Prayer, The Baptist Training Union (B.T.U.) was departmentalized and re-established, with a dean, teachers, and classes which were certified by the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education; **and**

**WHEREAS** In November 1997, Pastor Robinson led a delegation of members from True Love to Israel for a tour of the Holy Land and conducted baptismal services in the River Jordan for more than 30 persons; **and**

**WHEREAS** True Love was without a pastor for a short period of time, and the Deacon and Trustee Boards worked jointly to maintain the spiritual and financial integrity of the congregation and God's house. In 2005, the congregation selected Reverend Richard B. Fields to serve as pastor for one year; **and**

**WHEREAS** On October 12, 2008, the Reverend Herbert B. Robinson, Jr. preached his first sermon as pastor of the True Love Missionary Baptist Church. His personal goal is to preach the gospel, teach the Word of God and serve the people; **and**

**WHEREAS** Under the leadership of Pastor Robinson, additional ministries have been added: the Divine Mothers of Favor (a group of seasoned women given one specific task to pray daily for the pastor), the Pastor's Aide, the MIME, Thespian Ministries and Male Usher Board. In addition, The Baptist Training Union has been re-named "*The Christian Café Hour*". **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That Councilman Gabe Leland and Members of the Detroit City Council hereby congratulate and celebrate with True Love Missionary Baptist Church on its 77<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary. May God continue to bless and keep your ministry as you work to further the gospel and spiritual progression of God's children.

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