

## Resolution Number 96

### Pastor Emeritus Reverend Dr. William Collins, Jr.

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on July 3, 2014, Pastor Emeritus Reverend Dr. William Collins, Jr. will celebrate his glorious 90<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 25, 1961, Reverend William Collins, Jr. was called to be the eighth pastor of Antioch. Prior to being elected as pastor, Reverend Collins served as Minister of Christian Education of Antioch; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1977 Reverend Collins presented the following proposals to the church using the theme—"Let Us Rise Up and Build Anew": (1.) The formation of an Advisory Committee (2.) The formation of a Nominating Committee (3.) The formation of Standing Committees (Baptism, Christian Social Concerns, Decoration, James E. Cook Educational Scholarship, Evangelism, Membership and Fellowship Commission, The Lord's Supper or Communion Committee—from Deacon and Deaconess Board, Publicity, Recreation, Hobby and Craft, Social Service, Scouts, Ushers and Health Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to many, many ministries, the church was able to burn the mortgage for the educational building and Pastor Collins changed its name to the James E. Cook Educational Building. He also changed the names of the weekday nursery to the James E. Cook Nursery and the Worship Nursery to the Annie Dora Crooms Worship Nursery. Under his leadership the church was able to renovate the historic sanctuary including new carpet and lights, installed chimes and purchased adjacent property for a parking lot and future expansion of the church.

**WHEREAS**, in November 1992, God led Pastor Collins and the church congregation to move toward implementing an expansion plan to build a facility that would be a tool to fulfill the church's vision for long term ministry. Committees were formed, financial plans were presented and the work began. The ground breaking ceremony took place on September 24, 2000. The Cornerstone dedication was held July 13, 2003. The vision God gave Pastor Collins of building a new sanctuary came into fruition and the sanctuary was dedicated on September 21, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, under Reverend Collins pastoral leadership, Antioch has been blessed to license, nurture and ordain Reverend Tenolian Bell, Reverend Charles Brown, Reverend Darryl George, Reverend Gwendolyn C. Lee, Reverend Robert Jefferson, Reverend Allan Smith and Reverend Marsha Woodard; and to ordain Reverend Muriel Johnson; and

**WHEREAS**, after 44 years of dedicated pastoral service and leadership, Reverend Williams Collins submitted a letter of retirement from pastoral ministry in September 2005. At that time the church voted to elect Reverend Collins as Pastor Emeritus.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, Pastor Emeritus Reverend Dr. William Collins, Jr. on the occasion of his 90th birthday. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 3rd day of July, 2014 by:

**Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward**

Adopted this 3rd day of July, 2014 as attested by

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen