

RESOLUTION NUMBER 112

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL JURISDICTIONAL AIM CHAIRPERSONS NETWORK— BISHOP LINWOOD E. DILLARD

WHEREAS, Bishop Linwood E. Dillard has devoted his life to the service of God and humanity, embodying the principles of faith, leadership, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Linwood E. Dillard, the Founding Pastor of the Citadel of Deliverance Church of God in Christ, has played a pivotal role in establishing one of the most vibrant and rapidly growing ministries in the Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Linwood E. Dillard shares his life's journey with the gracious Mrs. Stephanie Marie Dillard, and together they are the loving parents of two daughters, Faith Marie and Joy Marie, as well as a son, Linwood, III, exemplifying the values of family and unity; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Linwood E. Dillard's unwavering commitment to spreading the message of God's love and grace has touched countless lives through his evangelistic, deliverance, and pastoral ministries, leading to the salvation of souls, the healing of sick bodies, and the transformation of lives, breaking down barriers of social, racial, economic, and denominational divisions; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Linwood E. Dillard's relevance and timeliness in delivering God's message have resonated with both older and younger generations, earning him the privilege of being a distinguished guest speaker and lecturer at various colleges and social organizations; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Linwood E. Dillard is not only a gifted preacher but also an anointed musician, author, administrator, businessman, and director, whose leadership skills and organizational abilities have been widely recognized in both religious and social communities; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Linwood E. Dillard's tireless dedication to the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) is evident through his extensive service, including roles as Youth Department President and Chairman of the Jurisdictional AIM Convention for the Tennessee Central Jurisdiction COGIC, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, and President of the International Youth Department of COGIC, Chairman of the International AIM Convention, Prelate and Establishmentarian of Tennessee Metropolitan Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Linwood E. Dillard's innovative leadership within the International Youth Department has propelled it into the 21st century, leveraging technology, modern organizational structures, and a collaborative team approach to address the challenges faced by today's youth; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Linwood E. Dillard's visionary leadership has led The Auxiliaries in Ministry (AIM) Convention, the annual summer convention of the Church of God In Christ, Inc., is geared toward spiritual enrichment, training, education and fellowship. Creating opportunities for internships, 20 Under 40 Awards, recognizing those that have made a significant contribution to the Church of God in Christ through AIM Honors, and celebrating education through AIM Scholars. The Convention, a family involvement experience, brings together five auxiliaries of the Church: Music and Youth, Missions and Evangelism and Sunday School,

as they share three conventions in one setting. Delegates include people of all ages from throughout the United States and 56 countries abroad.

WHEREAS, Bishop Linwood E. Dillard's educational achievements, including a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering with Chemical and Environmental Concentrations from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, received his Masters of Divinity Degree (MDiv) and currently working on his Doctorate in Ministry (DMin) degree from Pentecostal Theological Seminary, reflect his commitment to academic excellence, while his active participation in various social and community organizations underscores his dedication to uplifting and advancing the community; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Linwood E. Dillard's outstanding contributions have earned him numerous awards, recognitions, and commendations, including his selection by EBONY Magazine as one of 30 young leaders under the age of 30 who have made remarkable strides in their respective fields and have made significant contributions to their communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Honorable Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Bishop Linwood E. Dillard of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. for his continued dedication to serving his community faithfully. 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 at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 29th day of September, 2023 by:

The Honorable Megan E. Green, President of the Board of Alderman

Adopted this 29th day of September, 2023 as attested by:

Terry Kennedy
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Megan Green
President, Board of Aldermen