

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 130

### Dr. Elijah H. Hankerson III

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Elijah H. Hankerson III has prepared himself to serve the Lord's people through acquiring a B.A. (Evangel University, of the Assemblies of God), M.A. (Assemblies of God Theological Seminary) and a D.D. (Academy of Theology). He also founded the Institute of Ministerial Excellence and Training. He has been mentored under five great leaders: the late Dr. Elijah H. Hankerson I, the late Bishop T. L. Westbrook, the late Bishop E. Harris Moore, Bishop R. J. Ward and Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, he has 21 years of pastoral experience and has been in the ministry for 27 years. He is the Senior Pastor and founder of the Life Center International C.O.G.I.C. of Saint Louis, MO, which has 500 members. Prior to this, he pastored the Christ Temple C.O.G.I.C. and later the Timmons Temple C.O.G.I.C. , both of Springfield, MO. While serving Timmons Temple, Dr. Hankerson served on the Sherman Avenue Area Project Committee, the Spiritual Life Committee of Evangel University and also founded the Ann Hankerson Community Development Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hankerson is active in the Church of God in Christ. He formerly served in the position of Special Assistant to the Bishop and Vice Chairman of District Superintendents and now serves on the jurisdictional board of directors and as an Administrative Assistant. He also serves on the Jurisdictional Ordination Board, Grievance Committee, Program Committee and is former Chairman of the Public Relations Department for Missouri Eastern First Jurisdiction. He has preached in many Holy Convocations of various jurisdictions; including having the honor of preaching "Official Day" for Bishop R. J. Ward on two occasions; and

**WHEREAS**, he has also serves the Church of God in Christ internationally as: Representative of the General Board to the General Assembly; President of the Department of Evangelism, Coordinator of both the 40 day consecration, preceding the International Holy Convocation and also the Pilgrimage to Pentecost; Board Member of Jubilee Broadcasting Network; Vice Chairman of Vision Week; a founding Executive Board member and former Director of Public Relations for COGIC Urban Initiatives, Inc.; member of the Holy Convocation program committee; member of the Tri-Jurisdictional Liaison Committee; Point Person for the Soul Winning Ministry; member of the Constitution Committee of the General Assembly; Deputy to the Commissioner of Technology and Media and member of the Committee to host the Holy Convocation in St. Louis, MO. He has also authored literature and served on the election campaign of numerous national officers. Dr. Hankerson has also had the distinct honor of preaching for Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., on numerous occasions, at the world renowned West Angeles Church of God in Christ in Los Angeles, CA; and he also preached as a keynote speaker in both the 104<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation and the 106<sup>th</sup> International Holy Convocation; and

**WHEREAS**, heavily involved in the community, Dr. Hankerson serves as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Saint Louis Metropolitan Clergy Coalition, "Life Member" of the NAACP and is an active member of both the Northside Neighborhood Action Association and the Police Department's Sixth District Community Outreach. He has served as a coordinator of the monthly clergy meeting with the mayor of Saint Louis, reelection campaign committee for mayor; participant of the monthly meeting with the superintendent of St. Louis Public Schools and is a member of the distinguished Charmaine Chapman Society. He has also had the privilege of giving the keynote address, for the citywide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday celebrations, for both the cities of Springfield, Missouri and St. Louis; he has been named an "Honorary Chair" of the annual St. Louis celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hankerson has received numerous awards and honors: including a resolution from the Missouri State Senate, offered by (former state senator) Congressman William Lacy Clay, Jr. and a resolution from the Board of Alderman of the city of Saint Louis. He has also had the privilege of serving in the motorcade for President Barack Obama; and

**WHEREAS**, believing in the impact of media ministry, Dr. Hankerson initiated the Life Center Radio Program and the Keys for Life Television Program. He also writes a monthly column in Sparkman Magazine, entitled "Ask the Doctor," and has been a guest on the Trinity Broadcasting Network as well as the Word Network; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hankerson has traveled extensively, including 49 states, and has been blessed to see 9 countries. He has preached the Gospel in Jerusalem, Israel; and was later sent to Israel again by the American Israel Education Foundation for study and research; and

**WHEREAS**, the love and inspiration of Dr. Hankerson's life is his lovely wife, Evangelist Rachel L. Hankerson and their three children: Elijah IV, Raquel and Matthew, who are 5<sup>th</sup> generation, members of the Church Of God In Christ.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Dr. Elijah H. Hankerson III and we wish him continued success, achievement and accomplishment and 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 26th day of September, 2014 by:

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

Adopted this 26th day of September, 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