

Resolution Number 259
Bishop Marvin Sanders

WHEREAS, Bishop Marvin Sanders was born February 5, 1956 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Deacon Richard and Mrs. Inez Miller Sanders, the 9th of 10 children. He is a 3rd generation of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) whose original family church was St. Paul COGIC in Lexington, Mississippi. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of 13 in the year 1969 and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and remains committed to Christ and the church; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Sanders has been married to one wife, Angela for 35 years. They have three sons, David (LaShonda), Anthony (Tonette) and Stephen (Erica) and three grandsons, Angelo Elijah, Elijah Caleb and Micah Lamar. He is a compassionate husband, father and grandfather. Bishop Sanders is the 4th pastor of 5 pastors in his immediate family. He has five living brothers, one administrative assistant, one superintendent and three faithful Shiloh deacons; also one sister who is an evangelist missionary. Two brothers, a jurisdictional bishop and an administrative assistant respectively, a sister who was an evangelist and first lady, and both parents all died in the faith; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Sanders was educated in the Missouri school systems where he presently holds a life-long state of Missouri Vocational Technical teaching certificate, which is equivalent to a Masters of Arts Degree. He pursued academic studies at Fontbonne University, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Studies. Additionally, he holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies from the Midwest College of Theology and is working toward the Master's Degree. Throughout his academic and career trail he always put God first; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Sanders was a Field Supervisor for McCarthy Construction, a world-wide company for 10 years, specializing in high-rise and heavy highway construction projects. He led construction on many of the high-rise buildings in downtown St. Louis and several major highway interchanges. His final project was at the America's Center, home of the COGIC Holy Convocation since 2010; and

WHEREAS, he is currently a Business Representative and an Executive Board member of the Carpenters District Council of Greater St. Louis and vicinity which covers Missouri, Kansas and Southern Illinois. As an Executive Board member he negotiates contracts for wages, health and welfare benefits and assists in managing the plans. He gives vital advice and promotes union consciousness and values and serves as the voice for his community with City and State Government officials. He serves on the team that negotiates for Minority Participation levels on major construction projects in the states of Missouri and Illinois. Also, assists in writing legislation for Minority Participation. He has a tremendous character, keen insights and vast leadership; and

WHEREAS, as a diligent churchman, Bishop Sanders served loyally and faithfully as a member, musician, choir director, teacher, and transporter. God called him to the ministry in his early twenties and he was ordained as an elder in 1982 in the Church of God in Christ by the late Bishop W. Wesley Sanders, his teacher and mentor. He served as Assistant Pastor to Bishop W. Wesley Sanders at Shiloh Temple COGIC for 21 years and now celebrates 46 years of sanctification and 39 years of preaching ministry. In 1999 because of his unyielding service, Bishop Sanders appointed Elder Marvin Sanders as Pastor of Shiloh Temple and Bishop Sanders took the position as Senior Pastor in order to better serve the Eastern Missouri-Western Illinois Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, he has served as the celebrated Pastor of Shiloh Temple COGIC the 2nd largest church in the Jurisdiction for 15 years. Bishop Sanders is an anointed preacher of the gospel with an uncompromising character and meets with a God-success in winning souls for the Kingdom. He reaches the masses through the weekly "In His Presence" digital broadcast; and

WHEREAS, he serves as Administrative Assistant, Superintendent, past Chairman of the Pastors' and Elders' Council and Executive Board Member of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Eastern Missouri-Western Illinois. He is also an Executive Board Member of the Church of God in Christ General Council of Pastors and Elders and serves as the Superintendent of the W. Wesley Sanders District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we happily pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate Bishop Marvin Sanders and thank him for his many contributions to the City of St. Louis, 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 20th day of March, 2015 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this the 20th day of March, 2015 as attested by

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David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen