

RESOLUTION NUMBER 55
Bishop James A. Johnson, D.D.

WHEREAS, Bishop James A. Johnson was born in Flint, Michigan and graduated from the Flint Northern High School in January 1943 and completed various courses of study at St. Louis University and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, he was baptized in Jesus' Name under the pastorate of Elder (the late Bishop Frank R. Bowdan) in Flint, Michigan and received the gift of the Holy Ghost on January 8, 1939; and

WHEREAS, he was inducted into the U.S. Army in March 1943, served our nation with great honor and distinction, both in the U.S. and overseas in England and France and was honorably discharged in January 1946; and

WHEREAS, he was united in holy matrimony to Sister Josephine B. Johnson, November 8, 1947 until her demise in 1998 and they were blessed with seven children and seven grandchildren. He later fell in love and married on May 16, 2004, to Sister Juana J. Cox; and

WHEREAS, Bishop preached his first sermon in January 1943, and his first revival in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1946. He was ordained at the International Convention of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. (P.A.W., Inc.) in 1949 in Detroit, Michigan and has evangelized and preached all over the world; and

WHEREAS, he came to Bethesda Temple Church in May 1950, and became pastor after a six months trial period as successor to Elder Morris E. Golder; and

WHEREAS, he held numerous positions in the P.A.W. Inc., including member of the Aeon Bible School Board of Directors in 1954, General Secretary of the P.A.W., Inc. from 1961-1968, Elevated to the Bishopric and assigned to the Fourteenth Episcopal District of the P.A.W., Inc. (Northwestern District Council comprising the States of Colorado, Kansas, and part of Western Missouri.), Elected to the Board of Directors of the National Sunday School in 1969 and reappointed in 1971, Served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Apostolic Light Press and also began his tenure of service as Parliamentarian of the P.A.W., Inc. in 1971, Served as Assistant Chairman of the Midwestern District Council from 1979-1985, Served as a member of the Judicial Committee of the Executive Board of the P.A.W., Inc., from 1980-1986, and as Secretary of the same Board starting in 1983, Served as Diocesan of the Twelfth Episcopal District, comprising part of the States of Missouri and Southern Illinois from 1987 – 2001, and served the highest office in the organization as Presiding Bishop of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. from 1986-1992; and

WHEREAS, he is the author of two books, “*ENDURING THE NIGHT*” and “*JESUS CHRIST, WITH US GOD*”, and author of a manuscript titled “Theology of the Cross”; and

WHEREAS, he was degreed in March 1995 by the International Apostolic College of Grace & Truth of Dayton, Ohio with four Doctoral degrees (Doctor of Divinity (*D.D.*), Doctor of Christian Education (*C.E.D.*), Doctor of Philosophy (*Ph.D.*) and Doctor of Theology (*Th.D.*) He was degreed with a Master of Theology degree and a Bachelor of Christian Education. He was also degreed by the Aeon Bible College of Indianapolis, Indiana with a Doctor of Divinity (*D.D.*) and Degreed by the Gateway College of Evangelism in St. Louis, Missouri with a Doctor of Divinity (*D.D.*); and

WHEREAS, he is a blessed man of God, highly favored by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, anointed and blessed to preach and teach the unadulterated Word of the Lord; and

WHEREAS, he is under God, a highly respected and sought after minister and father of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and has been for over 60 years; and

WHEREAS, he is now Bishop Emeritus on the Executive Board of the P.A.W., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, he is a noted Pastor among pastors, and God has given him a shepherd's heart according to the scripture in Jeremiah 3:15; and

WHEREAS, Bishop has been pastor of Bethesda Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Bethesda Temple Church has been established and is celebrating its 75th church anniversary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor Bishop James A. Johnson 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 7th day of May, 2010 by:

Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward

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Honorable William Waterhouse, Alderman 24th Ward

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this the 7th day of May, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen