

RESOLUTION NUMBER 248
The 103rd Annual Church of God in Christ Holy Convocation

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that the Church of God in Christ International (COGIC) and its 6.5 million member denomination is holding the 103rd Annual Church of God in Christ Holy Convocation in the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in 102 years, the largest African-American Pentecostal denomination in America is holding its biggest convention outside of its Memphis, Tennessee headquarters; and

WHEREAS, the Church Of God In Christ is a Christian denomination that is a historically African-American Pentecostal church. Over the past 25 years COGIC has seen its membership base become increasingly multicultural and multinational adhering to the command of Christ to preach the gospel to all nations and all people. COGIC is the largest African-American Pentecostal denomination in the United States and the fourth largest Protestant denomination in North America; and

WHEREAS, COGIC has over 12,000 churches in the United States with nearly 6.5 million members in 60 nations on five continents including Jamaica, Cuba, Mexico, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, United Kingdom, South Africa, Liberia, Nigeria, Germany, Pakistan, India, Japan, South Korea, and Australia; and

WHEREAS, the massive expansion of the Church of God in Christ extended to the St. Louis area in the year 1908. Bishop Daniel Bostick was one of the first pioneers to establish a COGIC mission in the state of Missouri. The work that he initiated evolved into what is now known as Bostick Temple currently located at 1448 Hodiadmont Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri under the Pastorate of Elder Carl Terrell.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the 103rd Annual Church of God in Christ Holy Convocation and welcome them to the City of St. Louis and we wish them 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 11th day of November, 2010 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 12th day of November, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen