

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

*Testimonial Resolution*

Honoring the Excellence of His Service to God & God's People by

*Rev. Robert Preston Harris*

Pastor for St. Paul Church Of God In Christ

The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Detroit City Councilman At-Large

Honors the Life of Service of Pastor Robert Preston Harris to the Church Of God In Christ

- WHEREAS:** *Pastor Robert Preston Harris is a consecrated and anointed 4th generation Church Of God In Christ young man that has been blessed to provide adjutant deliverables. In 1981, at the pre-teen age of eleven years, Pastor Robert Preston Harris, served his grandfather, father and all of the elders & ministers at St. Paul; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Pastor Robert Preston Harris was approved by, his grandfather, Superintendent Willie Leroy Harris, to serve the pulpit, providing water, juice and peppermints as part of the male-corps initiated by the local President of the Nurse Auxilliary at the local church. In 1986, he received his assignment as Adjutant to the Bishop on his sixteenth birthday; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Pastor Robert Preston Harris served as the primary driver for the Jurisdictional Bishop of Michigan's Southwest First District. He also drove Bishop Willie Leroy Harris to Kalamazoo, Michigan on this birthday to attend Superintendent Amos Williams' District Meeting. He continued serving in this role with excellence until the day his Grandfather was promoted to the Church Triumphant in 1992; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Pastor Robert Preston Harris has served in every church leadership role that a young man could serve; as Junior Deacon, Licensed Minister, Ordained Elder, Grandson of the Founder and Son of Pastor Robert Lee Harris, the 2nd Pastor in Succession. Pastor Robert Preston Harris ministers under the anointing such that the Gospel Message and Altar Call have resulted in many confessing Jesus Christ, as Lord & Savior, and many receiving the gift of the anointing of the Holy Ghost; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Pastor Robert Preston Harris was born in Detroit on April 2, 1970 & raised as the third child and only son to the union of The Late Auxilliary Bishop Robert Lee Harris, (2nd Generation COGIC) and Mother Lois Marie Harris (3rd Generation COGIC, and Niece of The Late General Board Member and former Presiding Bishop, Chandler David Owens); and*
- WHEREAS:** *Pastor Robert Preston Harris was educated in Detroit Public Schools and a proud graduate of Cass Technical High School; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Pastor Robert Preston Harris married to First Lady & Deaconess Deidre Harris, who has attained a Bachelor's & a Master's Degree in Education. First Lady Deidre is the niece of the Late Superintendent Leon Stewart, of Eastern Missouri First District. She was appointed to the following positions by Auxiliary Bishop Robert Lee Harris: Local Homeless Feeding Ministry, Local Senior Usher Board, Secretary to Local Church Wives' Circle; Secretary to the Local Ministers' Wives Circle; Teacher of Vacation Bible School; Pastor's Anniversary Committee Member; and Church Picnic Committee Member; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Pastor Robert Preston Harris and First Lady Deidre Harris are the proud parents to six sons: five of whom are College Graduates from: University of Alabama, Michigan State University, Tiffin University, and Southern Illinois University. One of their sons is in his 6th year at University of New Hampshire on a Full Scholarship to attain a Bachelor's & a Master's Degree in Social Work. Their youngest son will graduated from Michigan's Grand Valley State University in May 2024; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Pastor Robert Preston Harris has held the titles of Senior Information Technology consultant since 1992; serviced Federal Government agency initiatives, European Union Day 1 readiness, Fortune 500, Multinational Companies across disparate vertical industries (Project Manager supporting local time zones (New Zealand, China, India, France, UK & Germany); and*

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**WHEREAS:** Pastor Robert Preston Harris has provided Information Technology Services to hundreds of Southeast Michigan COGIC churches, other denominations and nondenominational churches since 1992. As well as a recent Case Study: entitled "Turnkey solutions offering 24-hour or smaller scope local church religious broadcasting hosted on church branded website featuring local ministry branded. Also, Pastor has facilitated speakers' bureaus, for the Case Study presentation during Comdex, which is the largest IT Conference in the world on stage with Michael Dell and William Gates; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED:** The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Council Member At-Large #1 along with the Entire Honorable Detroit City Council celebrates and honors Pastor Robert Preston Harris at the 75<sup>th</sup> and Diamond Anniversary of St. Paul Church Of God In Christ on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of February in the 2025 Year of Our Lord & Saviour Jesus!

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