

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

CHIEF APOSTLE JAMES E. KELLEM

- Whereas** Apostle Kellem began his ministerial journey in 1976 under the leadership of Dr. H.R. Ramsey, Pastor of Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church, marking the beginning of a life devoted to the work of the Lord.
- Whereas** Apostle Kellem faithfully served under Superintendent W.L. Howard, Sr. at New Canaan Church of God in Christ, until he received the divine call to establish an outreach street ministry in Detroit.
- Whereas** In March 1980, Apostle Kellem, following the leading of the Holy Spirit, founded Crusade for Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, and later, in 1990, was appointed to pastor Love Temple Church of God in Christ by Bishop C.L. Anderson, Jr., merging the two ministries and growing the congregation from 35 to over 250 active members.
- Whereas** In 1994, Apostle Kellem was appointed District Superintendent of the Old Path District by Bishop Anderson, where he successfully expanded the district from two churches to twelve.
- Whereas** In 2001, Apostle Kellem answered a broader call and joined Bishop James Feltus, Jr. in the Church of God in Christ United, serving faithfully as the State Bishop of Michigan and the International Bishop for the Philippines, overseeing more than sixty pastors.
- Whereas** Apostle Kellem was consecrated in July 2001 by Bishop James Feltus in a historic public ceremony in Detroit, with apostolic lineage tracing back to Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, founder of the Church of God in Christ.
- Whereas** In 2003, Apostle Kellem founded The Dominion Covenant Fellowship International, a Kingdom-minded fellowship that now spans multiple U.S. states and international ministries in Kenya and South Africa.
- Whereas** In 2019, he entered holy matrimony with his life partner, Pastor Victorene Kellem, and relocated to Salem, Oregon, where in 2020, he founded The Dominion Covenant Fellowship Church of Oregon, continuing his Apostolic mission with humility and great vision.
- Whereas** Apostle Kellem is a dedicated father, grandfather, great-grandfather, godfather, and spiritual father to many, who continues to proclaim the Apostolic mandate to restore the Church and impact the globe for the Kingdom of God.
- Therefore** Be it resolved that Councilwoman Latisha Johnson, and the Detroit City Council celebrate the life, legacy, and ongoing ministry of Apostle Kellem for his unwavering commitment, visionary leadership, and faithful service in the advancement of God's Kingdom, acknowledging that he is truly a man called for such a time as this.

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