

## HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATION

City Hall, Room 205 200 East Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

PLEASE NOTE: A \$100 PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM (Checks should be made payable to "City Treasurer")

1. Applicant information:
Applicant's Name Anita Peterson
Organization or Company Christ the King Baptist Church
Street Address 7750 N. 60th St. City/State Milwaukee, Wisconsin Zip 53223
Telephone 414-371-5000 Fax 414-371-5001 Email anita.peterson@ctkbc.org
2. Honorary Street Name Request
Street name requested Rev. John W. McVicker, Sr.
Location of proposed designation: (for example, West Main Street from North 12th Street to North 15th Street)
West Port Avenue from North 60th Street to North Edgeworth Dr.
3. Required Submittals:
Refer to Chapter 113-3, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances (attached)
<ul> <li>A typed <u>statement</u> containing no fewer than 500 words describing the <u>significance</u> of the person, place, or event being honored. The statement should indicate <u>why</u> a particular section of street has been requested for the honorary designation.</li> </ul>
4. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:
My application consists of the following items necessary to complete the application. Please check:
<ul> <li>         ∑ \$100 fee (check made payable to "City Treasurer").</li> <li>         Z Completed Application Form.</li> <li>         Autobiography or statement regarding the person, place, or event being honored.     </li> </ul>
Signature Date September 9, 2025
Printed Name Anita Peterson



September 9, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Christ The King Baptist Church and the greater Milwaukee community, I submit this statement in support of an honorary street naming to recognize Reverend John Wesley McVicker, Sr., Pastor Emeritus, for his forty years of dedicated pastoral leadership and a lifetime of service to the people, City of Milwaukee and beyond.

Reverend McVicker, a native son of Milwaukee, has faithfully preached and taught the Word of God since 1975, locally, nationally, and internationally. In 1985, he responded to the call of God to establish Christ The King Baptist Church, beginning with thirty-nine charter members and the first worship service at the Vel Phillips YWCA. From these humble beginnings, Christ The King quickly grew into one of Milwaukee's most prominent congregations under his guidance. What began as a small gathering has become a thriving ministry, spiritual home, and beacon of hope for thousands.

Under his visionary leadership, Christ The King constructed a new church edifice in 1997, organized King's Academy Christian School in 1998, and opened a Quality of Life Center in 2005. These physical spaces are more than buildings; they are symbols of Reverend McVicker's conviction that the church must serve not only the soul but also the whole person—spiritually, educationally, socially, and physically. Through these initiatives, generations of Milwaukee residents have been educated, uplifted, and empowered.

Reverend McVicker also established several affiliates, including Samaritan Project, Inc., CTK Development Inc., CTK Housing Development, and CTK Credit Union, each designed to meet tangible needs in the city. From affordable housing initiatives to financial empowerment through a credit union, his ministry extended far beyond the sanctuary into the everyday struggles and victories of Milwaukee families.

His reach was not limited to local borders. As a founding member and later Vice Chair of So Send I You Missions, Reverend McVicker ensured that Milwaukee stood as a global neighbor. Under his leadership, Christ The King contributed to famine relief in Kenya, dug wells in Mutomo, built partnerships with the Maasai women of the Rift Valley, supported earthquake recovery efforts in Haiti, and provided aid during the Ebola crisis in Liberia. His heart for the world reflected the command of Christ to go into all nations.

Locally, Reverend McVicker has been a voice for justice, a partner in education, and a servant leader in public safety and health. He served as an Associate Chaplain for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, chaired the Board of King's Academy Christian School, organized gun buyback initiatives, established health fairs and free medical clinics, and partnered with organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Hunger Task Force, and the United Negro College Fund. He also helped launch Milwaukee Associates in Ministry (AIM), bringing together several churches to foster excellence in ministry.

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For forty years, Reverend McVicker shepherded Christ The King Baptist Church with integrity, sacrifice, and faith. He has walked with families through births, marriages, illnesses, and deaths, offering the comfort of God's presence in every season. His pastoral work was never simply about leading worship but about leading lives; guiding his congregation to become better citizens, better neighbors, and better servants of Christ.

The section of the street requested for honorary designation holds special significance because it is the very ground where Reverend McVicker labored, built, and sacrificed for the people of God and this community. It is where Christ The King grew into a landmark of faith and service under his leadership. To name this street in his honor is to enshrine his legacy in the very geography of the city he loved and served.

Reverend McVicker's forty years of pastoral service, his lifelong commitment to the Milwaukee community, and his global impact mark him as deserving of this high honor. To place his name on this street is to tell generations yet to come that here once stood a servant leader who gave his life to God and to the people of this city.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pastor Treyvon J. Sinclair, Sr.



OFFICIAL SERVICE OF INSTALLATION Saturday, August 23rd, 10AM

Pastor Emeritus
John W. McVicker, Sr.
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## BIOGRAPHY PASTOR EMERITUS JOHN W. MCVICKER, SR.

CHRIST THE KING BAPTIST CHURCH

Reverend John Wesley McVicker, Sr., has been preaching and teaching the Word of God since October 1975, locally, nationally, and internationally. As the founding and senior pastor of Christ The King Baptist Church (1985), in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Reverend McVicker is committed to the cultivation of Christian growth within his congregation and throughout the community. Under his leadership, Christ The King built a new edifice in 1997; organized King's Academy Christian School in 1998; and built a Quality of Life Center in 2005. In addition, Reverend McVicker organized Christ The King's affiliates: Samaritan Project, Inc., CTK Development Inc., CTK Housing Development, and CTK CU (Credit Union), that provide programs and services to its members and the Milwaukee community-at large.

His passion for ministry continues to be demonstrated universally. In the Milwaukee area, Reverend McVicker served as Board Chairman for King's Academy Christian School, an Associate Chaplain for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated,

and a member of 100 Black Men of Greater Milwaukee. As Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for So Send I You, an organization dedicated to missional work nationally and abroad, Reverend McVicker has led Christ The King to provide significant contributions to countries, such as: Haiti, Bahamas, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, South Africa, and Guatemala.

Reverend McVicker holds a Bachelor of Ministry Degree in theological studies from the Milwaukee Theological Institute; Bachelor of Arts and Master of Theology Degrees from Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wisconsin; studied at Wycliffe Hall School of Preaching - University of Oxford, Oxford, England, United Kingdom; and in April 2018, he was inducted into the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. International College of Ministers and Laity.

Reverend John Wesley McVicker, Sr. is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is married to the former Marilynn Johnson. They have three children: Shaleace, Kasia and John, Jr.; and six grandchildren, John III, Kai, Kennedy, Khloe, Carter and Noor.

After forty years of shepherding Christ The King Baptist Church, Reverend McVicker announced to the church body his official retirement at the annual church business meeting January of this year.

In April 2025, Christ The King Board of Directors voted to approve Senior Pastor John W. McVicker, Sr., as Pastor Emeritus of Christ The King Baptist Church.

## Christ The King Baptist Church History Historical Timeline At-A-Glance

APRIL 9, 1985	Organizational meeting with thirty-nine charter members.
APRIL 21, 1985	The first worship service was held at the Vel Phillips YWCA of Greater Milwaukee, 3940 North 21st Street.
May 19, 1985	The organizational ceremony of the church and investiture of the Reverend John Wesley McVicker, Sr., was conducted by the Wisconsin General Baptist State Convention, incorporated, of which the Reverend Fred L. Crouther was President.
OCTOBER 1985	Submitted an offer to purchase the church edifice located at 4422 West Leon Terrace.
JULY 3, 1986	The closing of the property at 4422 West Leon Terrace.
OCTOBER 19, 1986	The first worship service was held at 4422 West Leon Terrace.
DECEMBER 1988	Implementation of a two-year mortgage liquidation plan for the Leon Terrace property.
DECEMBER 2, 1990	Burning of the mortgage for our church edifice located at 4422 West Leon Terrace.
August 1992	Samaritan Project, Inc. was established.
August 1994	First Annual Praise in the Park.
March 1995	"Catch the Vision," a relocation capital campaign was launched.
March 11, 1996	Christ The King purchased 9.1 acreage of land at 7750 North 60th Street.
APRIL 28, 1996	Dedication Service was held for the newly purchased land at 7750 North 60 <sup>th</sup> Street.
DECEMBER 8, 1996	Ground Breaking Ceremony for new church.
FEBRUARY 17, 1997	Construction began on new church.

<b>DECEMBER 21, 1997</b>	The first worship service was held at 7750 North 60 <sup>th</sup> Street.
APRIL 1998	Began partnership with the Blood Center of Wisconsin providing donor ship opportunities by congregants and community at large.
May 17, 1998	Dedication Service held for new church edifice at 7750 North 60 <sup>th</sup> Street.
OCTOBER 1998	CTK Housing Corporation was established.
November 1998	CTK Development Corporation was established.
August 1999	King's Academy Christian School opened its doors to its first twelve students.
JANUARY 2000	"God's Doing It Again" stewardship campaign was launched to raise funds to build the Quality of Life Center.
APRIL 2003	Collaboration with the American Heart Association and The American Cancer Society providing seminars promoting the value of healthy diet and exercise in relation to these diseases.
NOVEMBER 2, 2003	Ground Breaking took place for the Quality of Life Center.
NOVEMBER 2004	The first foreign mission trip to Guatemala.
FEBRUARY 2005	Tsunami Relief Effort.
FEBRUARY 2005	"Together We Build" Campaign was established to liquidate the mortgage and to support the operations of the Quality of Life Center.
March 2005	CTK Credit Union opened its doors for business.
August 2005	Construction was completed on the Quality of Life Center.
August 2005	Sponsored Somali-Bantu family to America.
MAY 21, 2006	Burning of the mortgage for our church edifice located at 7750 North 60 <sup>th</sup> Street.

AUGUST 2006	Phase III construction completed (included the new
	Administrative Wing, Choir and Hospitality Rooms, and

the expanded mingling areas).

MAY 2007 One-hundred bicycles for pastors in Malawi.

DECEMBER 2007 A Christmas "gift of support" was given to local non-

profit organizations.

MARCH 2008 Began providing financial support to pastors in Kenya,

Africa; annual support to the Kenya Baptist Convention.

JULY 2008 The first mission trip to Kenya, Africa.

SEPTEMBER 2008 Support to the Maasi women conference in the Rift

Valley of Kenya.

JULY 2009 Second mission trip to Kenya, Africa.

SEPTEMBER 2009 Famine Relief Effort and established water supply by

digging two wells in Mutomo, Kenya.

APRIL 2010 Began sponsoring health fairs utilizing the services of

the Breast Cancer Foundation and Lupus Foundation.

FEBRUARY 2010 Contributed to the Haiti Earthquake Relief.

APRIL 2010 Contributed to the Haiti Home Initiative.

SEPTEMBER 2010 Provided funds to the National Baptist Foreign Mission

Board for the purchase of medication for the Mission

station in Malawi.

OCTOBER 2012 Established Milwaukee Associates In Ministry (AIM) in

collaboration with Community Baptist Church of Greater Milwaukee, Greater Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Olive Baptist Church and Tabernacle Community Baptist Church to promote excellence in ministry through education and the sharing of best

practices for church leaders and congregations at large.

DECEMBER 2012 Founding member of So Send I You Missions to educate,

nurture, and cultivate mission leaders and

congregations from within the African American and

Latino American church communities.

FEBRUARY 2013	Established partnership with the Free To Breathe Lung Cancer Foundation for inclusion in quarterly health fairs for congregants and community.
MARCH 2013	Established a Scholarship Agreement with the United Negro College Fund.
SEPTEMBER 2013	Began teaching ministry at Mama Delta's House, men's transitional living facility.
SEPTEMBER 2013	Partnered with The American Red Cross Eastern Wisconsin Region in providing Disaster Services in the Quality of Life Center.
APRIL 2014	Established a Free Medical Clinic in cooperation with The American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), Wisconsin Chapter.
May 2014	Organized a Gun Buy Back and Cease Fire Initiative in collaboration with some local churches, the City of Milwaukee, and local businesses.
DECEMBER 2014	Joined "So Send I You" Missions in providing relief to the citizens of Monrovia, Liberia, during the Ebola crisis, by donating funds for the purchase of food.
March 2015	Implemented annual financial support to the American Baptist College
JANUARY 2016	Pastor McVicker initiated the 20/20 Vision Capital Campaign to liquidate the mortgage for the Quality of Life
	Center.
SEPTEMBER 2017	In partnership with So Send I You, we provided financial support to the victims of the Houston and Puerto Rico Hurricane devastation.
APRIL 2018	Implemented Stock Box Program for eligible seniors in collaboration with Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee.
FEBRUARY 2019	Provided financial support to deceased Milwaukee police officers' fund.

MAY 2019	Provided financial support to the two families of the slain police officers and the three churches that were burned in Louisiana.
March 2020	In accordance to National and State Government guidelines and due to a world-wide coronavirus [COVID-19] pandemic, Christ The King discontinued in-person worship services, ministry meetings, and closed its church office.
May 2020	Christ The King cancelled its plans to celebrate the 35 <sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary, due to the coronavirus [COVID-19] pandemic.
May 16, 2021	Christ The King reopened for in-person worship in celebration for the Church's 36 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
May 2022	Christ The King has continued to navigate through these changing and challenging times, by rendering our weekly worship service in-person and virtually.
AUGUST 2022	Reverend Treyvon J. Sinclair hired as the first Executive Pastor of Christ The King Baptist Church.
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022	Christ The King hosted its first annual back to church initiative in collaboration with CTK ministries, community organizations and businesses on our grounds.
JANUARY 17, 2025	Founding & Senior Pastor, John W. McVicker, Sr., announced to the church body his official retirement at our annual church business meeting effective Sunday, July 20, 2025 after forty years of pastoral service!
APRIL 11, 2025	Christ The King Board of Directors called a special meeting to vote on the successor of Pastor John W. McVicker, Sr. A unanimous vote occurred to elect, Reverend Treyvon J. Sinclair as the Pastor Elect of Christ The King Baptist Church.
APRIL 19, 2025	Christ The King Board of Directors voted to approve Senior Pastor John W. McVicker, Sr., as Pastor Emeritus of Christ The King Baptist Church.

## **Receipt of Street Naming Fee**

Date: 9/9/25

Received Of: Anita Peterson

Received By: LME

Check # (If Applicable): 50183

Amount Received \$100.00

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