



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 Ivory Edwards-Adkins  
Organization or Company Faith Temple COGIC  
Street Address 2482 W. Center<sup>St</sup> City/State Mil, Wis Zip 53206  
Telephone 414-2659050 Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email aiivory@yahoo.com

2. Honorary Street Name Request

Street name requested Elder Claude Edwards  
Location of proposed designation: (for example, West Main Street from North 12<sup>th</sup> Street to North 15<sup>th</sup> Street)  
25<sup>th</sup> Center - 24<sup>th</sup> Center

3. Required Submittals:

- Refer to Chapter 113-3, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances (attached)
- A typed statement containing no fewer than 500 words describing the significance of the person, place, or event being honored. The statement should indicate why a particular section of street has been requested for the honorary designation.

4. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

My application consists of the following items necessary to complete the application. Please check:

- \$100 fee (check made payable to "City Treasurer").
- Completed Application Form.
- Autobiography or statement regarding the person, place, or event being honored.

Signature Ivory Edwards-Adkins Date 5-19-2023  
Printed Name Ivory Edwards-Adkins

April 24, 2023

To: The Honorary Street Name Sign Committee - *CITY OF MILWAUKEE*

This letter serves as a request for recommendation for street naming for Emeritus Superintendent Claude Edwards Sr. D.D. Founder of Faith Temple Church Of God In Christ located at 2482 west Center Street in Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206.

In honor of our late father we would like the naming of the street located on 24th-25th Center as Elder Claude Edwards Way.

Our father was born on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1924. He was the eldest of thirteen children. He received his formal education in the Drew Mississippi Public School System and graduated in 1944. He served in the United States Armed Forces after graduating high school (1944-1946) as Private first class and received an Honorable Discharge.

Our father accepted Jesus Christ at the age of eighteen and went on to be an Ordained Minister in The Church of God In Christ under the tutelage of Bishop B.S.Lyle prelate in Northern Mississippi-City of Clarksdale. After one year he was appointed Assistant Pastor of St.James Church of God In Christ in Belzoni, Mississippi. While in Belzoni, Mississippi he met his wife and began a family with six children. In 1949 he moved his family to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where they united with Rehoboth Church of God In Christ where he served as Assistant Pastor alongside the late Pastor Verdell Wallace, serving 6 years as the Northwest Jurisdictional Sunday School

Superintendent. He was later appointed church pastor in Beloit, Wisconsin by Bishop J.B. Davis.

Our father organized his first church in his home on 2337 n. Lane in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, naming it Faith Temple Church of God In Christ.

Faith Temple Church of God In Christ was incorporated in 1958 and it's present location is 2482 West Center Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Please consider the following accomplishments of the late Emeritus Superintendent Claude Edwards, Sr. And honor our request for Street Naming to read ELDER CLAUDE EDWARDS WAY.

Around the neighborhood he was known as the "Hay Market Minister" where people would gather to hear the anointed Evangelist preach and pray. He called these services "The Back To God Time." A food pantry was opened in the church that continues to provide the community with much needed resources. He also owned and operated a neighborhood Barbering and Cosmetology business that he ran for over 40 years (Ace Beauty and Barber Shop) before retiring and is now a legacy run by his grandchildren. His grandson Thomas Edwards has named his Plano, Texas barbershop in his honor ACE. Because Claude Edwards Sr. Was one of the oldest African American Barbers in Milwaukee His name is now mentioned in Bishop Sedgwick Daniels Library.

Faith Temple Church of God In Christ was church home for so many since 1969 there on the corner of 25<sup>th</sup> and Center. Many Nationally acclaimed Bishops, Evangelists, Musicians and more were given their first opportunity to develop their own ministries at Faith Temple Church of God In Christ. Elder Claude Edwards would also allow many Statewide musicals and evangelical events to be held at Faith Temple.

Superintendent Claude Edwards has left behind a legacy that will forever be cherished by his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In conclusion because of his long tenure and dedication to the neighborhood of 2482 W. Center Street we ask for the honorable street naming. ELDER CLAUDE EDWARDS WAY.

Thank You in advance!

## Receipt of Street Naming Fee

Date:	5/22/23
Received Of:	Ivory Edwards-Adkins
Received By:	LME
Check # (If Applicable):	3066
Amount Received	\$100.00