



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 Julia Means
Organization or Company Ebenezer COGIC
Street Address 8415 N MLK & 3132 N MLK Dr. City/State Mil Zip 53212
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2. Honorary Street Name Request

Street name requested Elder Jonathan Saffold, Sr.

Location of proposed designation: (for example, West Main Street from North 12th Street to North 15th Street)

Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and Auer - West to
Rand and Auer - East

3. Required Submittals:

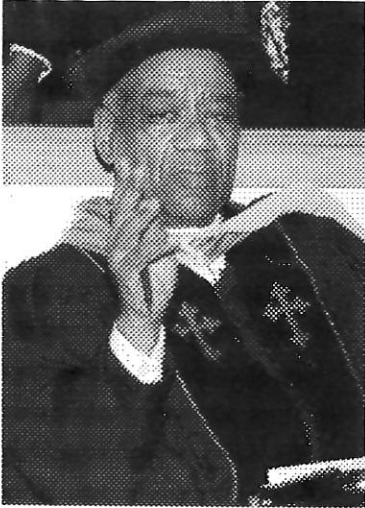
- Refer to Chapter 113-3, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances (attached)
A typed statement containing no fewer than 500 words describing the significance of the person, place, or event being honored. The statement should indicate why a particular section of street has been requested for the honorary designation.

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 Julia Means Date 4/9/17
Printed Name Julia Means



Pastor Jonathan Saffold, Sr. a man of faith and vision was born in April of 1939, in the city of Lexington, Mississippi to Godly parents, Joseph and Willie Saffold. Upon completion of Saints High School, he continued his formal education at Saints Junior College in Lexington, Mississippi, and Milwaukee Area Technical College in Milwaukee, WI. He is the husband of one wife, Mrs. Lula Saffold, and has five children, four of which have received graduate level college degrees and faithfully serve in the ministry, as well as the community. Pastor Saffold has always had a strong belief in family, community, education and hard work.

Pastor Saffold is a true visionary and leader. He is the Founder and Pastor of Ebenezer Church of God in Christ, established on February 8, 1976, presently located at 3132 North Martin Luther King Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has been a spokesman for God for over 50 years and presently serves in several capacities of distinction in both the local national Church of God in Christ. He is District Superintendent locally, and serves as the Dean for the Bishop Adolphus Allen School of Ministry. In addition, He is Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the International Church of God in Christ General Assembly, and has held many other positions of prominence and distinction.

His vision is to establish spiritual and natural growth development in the lives of God's people, through the "Great Commission" and well established biblical principles – preach the Gospel, feed the hungry and clothe the poor. By encouraging one another in love and respect, and extending ourselves in hospitality, we build better individuals, families and communities. These beliefs are embodied by his entire congregation and in the environment in and around Ebenezer. On October 30, 1988 enabled this man of vision along with the members of Ebenezer to march into a facility, valued at over a \$1.5 million, an accomplishment that was unprecedented at that time. Moreover, because of his vision for the community, rather than take flight to the suburbs, he literally "built" Ebenezer Church in the heart of the inner-city of Milwaukee to serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration to others to do the same. The special emphasis here on "built" is not misplaced. To make this vision a reality, Pastor Saffold actually got his hands dirty and functioned as a first time general contractor, sub contractor, brick layer, wall hanger, floor sweeper and in any role required to finish this building. The word "Ebenezer" means stone of help, and his vision was that this building established for ministry and outreach would be situated at the corridor of MLK Drive, visible from the beginning of 3rd street downtown. This dream is the reality of Ebenezer today, and the impact that Ebenezer has had on the community and its parishioners since its inception is tangible, profound and life changing.

As evidence of this, Pastor Saffold has received many awards, including the 2015 Milwaukee Times Black Excellence Award, and has served on various committees and initiatives in the city of Milwaukee. In time of need he has always opened the doors of the church to the

community, and has been called upon by the Mayor, County Executives, Alderpersons, Health commissioner and others within the Community to serve.

The following are a few examples of why Pastor Jonathan Saffold, Sr. is worthy of the honor of having an honorary street named after him:

- **Pastor Saffold is a leader in religion and health.** He was a risk taker by building a church in the inner-city - not just a spiritual leader but a leader in health! Working in partnership with Columbia St. Mary's (CSM), Pastor Saffold has improved the health of his congregants and the Harambee, River-west Communities.
- Ebenezer has been the site of the award winning Community Chronic Disease Management Clinic, where hundreds of individuals were served receiving medications and treatment for hypertension and diabetes.
- Pastor Saffold founded the Ebenezer Diabetes Friendly Food Pantry, with the focus on a pantry to provide healthier foods required to keep diabetics healthy. The pantry has received national attention and is being used as a model for other communities to fight the war on hunger and nutrition.
- Ebenezer has served as the home of the Blanket of Love Prenatal Education Program to improve the health of pregnant women and infants. Pastor Saffold support of Parish Nurse Julia Means in this work has improved maternal health and has improved infant mortality rates in Milwaukee. Ebenezer is a sanctuary for healthy babies.
- Columbia St. Mary's and Ebenezer have created the Ebenezer Health Resource Center to offer health education, screenings, Affordable Care Act, Badger Care enrollments, support groups for Alzheimer's Disease and mental health to individuals and families throughout the community.
- Ebenezer Church is widely recognized as a "go to" place of support for families in times of bereavement. Because of his passion and compassion, Ebenezer, at its own expense, routinely opens its doors and extends its arms in love to support families in the form of facilitating funerals and providing grief counseling to families in need.
- Through the visionary efforts and focus on hospitality, Ebenezer Church has recently initiated a monthly dinner where it invites the community to come in and dine with parishioners, receive items purchased by the its parishioners for them and hear an short inspirational message.

Pastor Saffold's wisdom and insight are indeed a spiritual gift to his congregation, but his support of family, health, education and nutrition, among many other things, are gifts to the entire community, extending his excellence and compassion to a wide circle around Ebenezer Church.