

September 29, 2005

Ron Leonhardt  
City of Milwaukee  
Common Council/City Clerk's Office  
City Hall  
200 East Wells St. Rm 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Ron Leonhardt,

I am proposing an honorary street named Dr. R.E. McCrory.

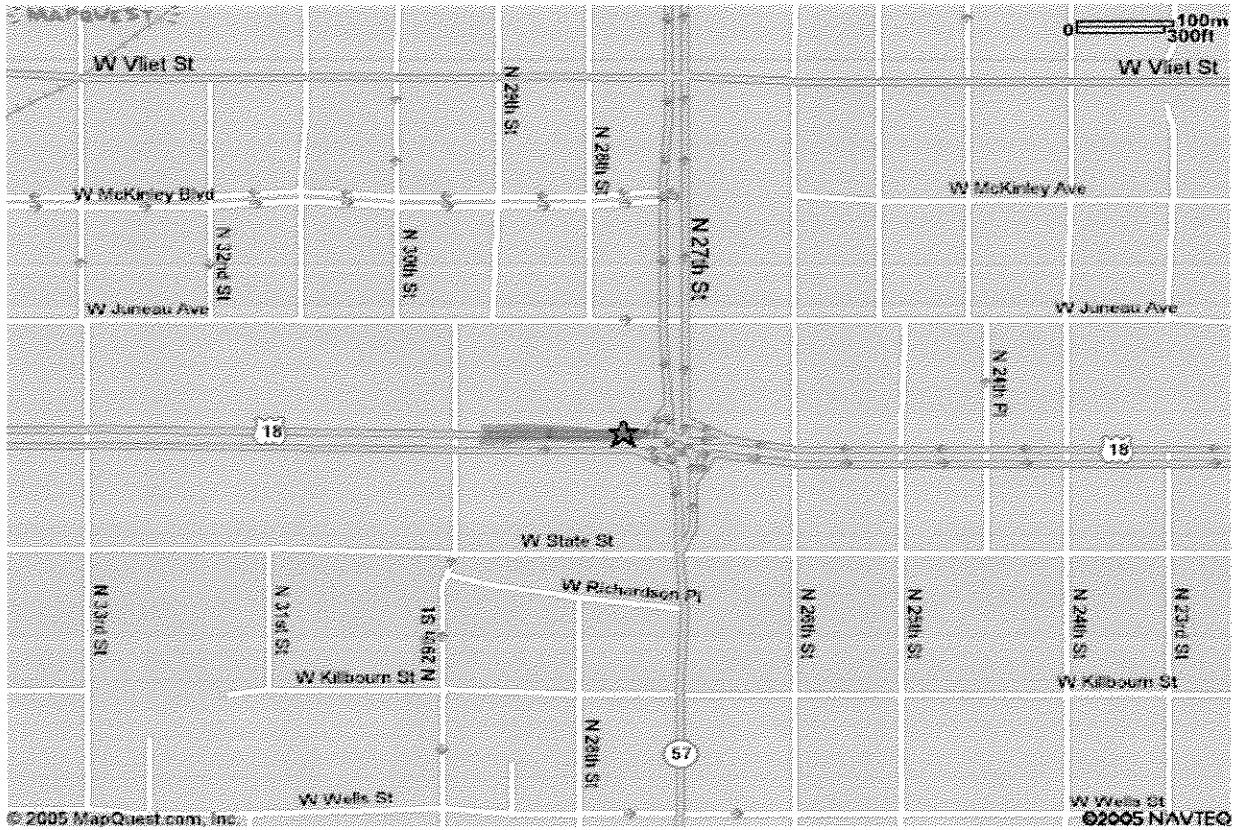
Dr. McCrory is the pastor for St. Luke Emanuel Baptist Church located at 2722 W. Highland Blvd. He is and has been for 20 years at this site. This church is listed as a National Historic Monument in the Historical Society headquartered in Washington D.C. The church is located on the corner of north 27<sup>th</sup> St. and West Highland Blvd.

The block in question starts at 27<sup>th</sup> St. and ends at 29<sup>th</sup> St. on Highland Blvd. This would mean two (2) signs would be needed for the honorary street naming.(see enclosed map)

I am enclosing a brief biography, proclamation etc. of Dr. R.E. McCrory.

Thank you in advance,

St. Luke Emanuel Baptist Church Congregation



The star indicates the location of St. Luke Emanuel Baptist Church 2722 W. Highland Blvd.  
The honorary street named would include 27<sup>th</sup> St. and 29<sup>th</sup> St. on West Highland Blvd.  
If accepted, we would like the honorary street name to be Dr. R.E. McCrory.

## **DR. R. E. McCrory**

Current Pastor of St. Luke Emanuel, M.B.C. (45 Years)

### Founder and organizer Of :

St. Luke Emanuel, M.B.C. (named derived from merge of St. Luke and Emanuel Temple)

Greater St. Luke, M.B.C. (Sister Church)

### Credentials:

Licensed August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1957

Certification Received July 1960

### Accomplishments:

Former President of C.A.P. (Community Action Program) Under the organization of

Ms. Johnetta Robinson and Mother Coretta Simpson

Former Moderator of the Progressive District

Former Vice President of Wisconsin General Convention (served two consecutive tenures)

Current Honoree For the Milwaukee Lutheran Specialty School, name is listed with other Wisconsin community leaders.

Current Mason of 32<sup>nd</sup> degree

Wisconsin Education:

Attended Marquette University

Received Doctorate Degree of Divinity

Leadership accomplishments:

14 men called to ministry while serving under Pastor McCrory.

St. Luke Emanuel's edifice is listed as a National Historic monument in the Historic Society headquartered in Washington DC.

St. Luke Emanuel church is a member of the Milwaukee "10" community based operation for churches located in the downtown area.

(2) Members of St. Luke received the Stewardship Award and dowry sponsored and presented by the Wisconsin Stewardship Foundation.

Former Next Door Foundation Participant

Church received national attention during the Jeffrey Dalmer incident. The church served as host to Rev. Jesse Jackson and other dignitaries in the community with daytime task force and evening service where Rev. Jackson was the speaker.

Some States where Dr. McCrory Has preached the Gospel

Illinois, Indianapolis, California, Mississippi, Texas

Awards:

Recipient of various recognition awards from community officials, i.e. Alderman Hollaway, and Mayor Norquist to mention a few.

Personal:

Currently widowed

Married 47 years

Father of six

Grandfather of five

*WHEREAS,*  
**DR. REV. R. E. McCrory**

*celebrated 48 years of ministry and was recognized for his distinguished years of blessed work at a Founder's Day Celebration and Worship Service at St. Luke Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church, 2722 W. Highland Blvd., on August 28, 2005, with guest speaker Pastor Samuel Jones of Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, and*

*WHEREAS, Rev. R. E. McCrory accepted his calling to spread the word of God as a preacher 48 years ago, and has served as pastor of St. Luke Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church for 45 years, a church he founded and organized through a merger of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church and Emanuel Temple, and he has received an honorary doctorate degree of divinity and has faithfully followed the words of a favorite Gospel verse, John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work"; and*

*WHEREAS, Under the guidance of Rev. McCrory, 14 men have been called to ministry and the edifice was listed as a National Historic monument, and he and church members committed themselves to serving the community surrounding St. Luke Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church as well as the City of Milwaukee through such organizations as the Milwaukee "10" community based operation for churches located in the downtown area and the Next Door Foundation; and*

*WHEREAS, Rev. R. E. McCrory has preached the Gospel in churches throughout the country, is the recipient of numerous community awards, and was married for 47 years to the late Willa Mae, and is the proud and loving father of six children and five grandchildren; and*

*WHEREAS, Rev. R. E. McCrory is a former president of the Community Action Program, former moderator of the Progressive District, former vice president of the Wisconsin General Convention and is a 32nd degree Mason, and has been a faithful, hardworking, peacemaking member of the greater Milwaukee community and a leader to be honored for his life of ministry and integrity; now, therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Dr. Rev. R. E. McCrory for his valuable and distinguished work in the community and at St. Luke Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church, and wishes for him a happy and healthy future; and, be it*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Rev. R. E. McCrory.*

*Introduced by Common Council member Robert J. Bauman and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 7, 2005.*



*Willie L. Hines, Jr.*  
Alderman Willie L. Hines, Jr.  
President of the Common Council

*Ronald D. Leonhardt*  
Ronald D. Leonhardt  
City Clerk





**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**A COMMENDATION**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. R.E. McCrory founded and organized St Luke Emanuel M.B.C. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and on Sunday, August 28, 2005 will celebrate Founders Day with the members of St. Luke Emanuel; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. R. E. McCrory worked hard, through his ministry, to build the membership of St. Luke Emanuel and to introduce people to Christ; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. R. E. McCrory has been a positive presence in the Milwaukee community through his religious and civic involvement; and

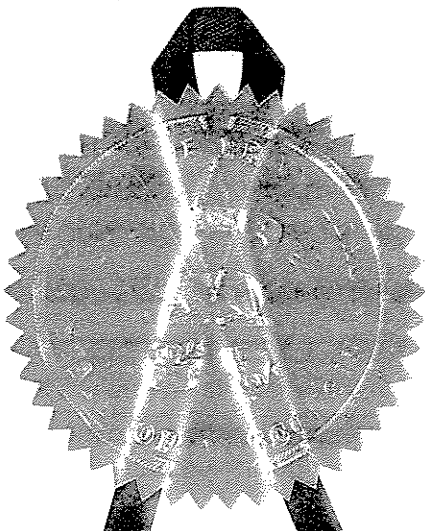
**WHEREAS**, Dr. R. E. McCrory has earned the enduring praise, respect and gratitude from his family, friends, and the community at large for his dedication, commitment and numerous contributions to the many groups and people with whom he associates; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Luke Emanuel is blessed to have a leader such as Dr. R. E. McCrory, Pastor who has a vision and unwavering faith and a prayerful, committed congregation;

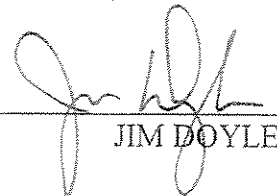
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby commend**

**DR. R. E. MCCRORY**

for his many contributions to his church and his community.

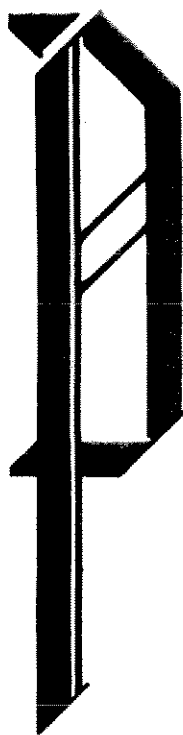
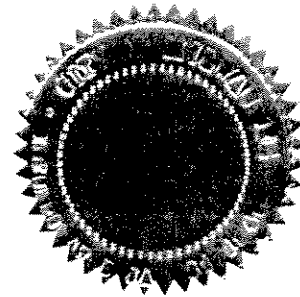


Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-fourth day of August in the year two thousand five.

  
JIM DOYLE

# Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MILWAUKEE



# Proclamation



hereas:

Dr. R.E. McCrory has served St. Luke Emanuel, M.B.C., and his community for 45 memorable years, making a positive impact on those he has reached; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. R.E. McCrory's accomplishments include serving as president of the Community Action Program, moderator of the Progressive District, and two consecutive terms as vice president of the Wisconsin General Convention; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. R.E. McCrory attended and graduated from Marquette University, received a Doctorate Degree of Divinity, and is currently a proud father of six children and grandfather of five; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. R.E. McCrory's leadership has influenced fourteen young men to answer the call to the ministry and has lead to St. Luke Emanuel's edifice to be listed as a national historic monument at the Historic Society in Washington D.C.; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. R.E. McCrory has hosted national figures such as Rev. Jesse Jackson and he has preached the gospel in six different states across the country; and,

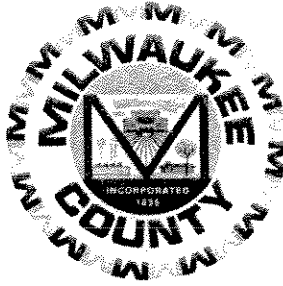
**WHEREAS**, The City of Milwaukee commends Dr. R.E. McCrory for his service and dedication to the community and wishes his continued success;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM BARRETT**, Mayor of the City of Milwaukee, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 28, 2005 to be

**DR. R. E. McCRORY DAY**

throughout the city of Milwaukee.

TOM BARRETT  
Mayor



## Executive Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, Dr. R.E. McCrory will celebrate forty-eight years of ministry as a pastor joined by family, friends, and members of St. Luke Emanuel church at a Founder's Day celebration on Sunday, August 28, 2005; and

*WHEREAS*, the Founder's Day Worship Service will feature guest speaker Pastor Samuel Jones of Greater Galilee; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. McCrory was licensed on August 30, 1957, and received his certification in July of 1960, preaching the Gospel in Illinois, Indiana, California, Mississippi, Texas and Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*, under his leadership fourteen men have been called to the ministry, the church building was listed as a National Historic monument, and two members have received the Stewardship Award from the Wisconsin Stewardship Foundation; and

*WHEREAS*, Dr. McCrory has accomplished much for our community as the former president of the Community Action Program, former vice president of the Wisconsin General Convention, and an honoree for the Milwaukee Lutheran Specialty School; now, therefore,

*I, Scott Walker, County Executive of Milwaukee County, do hereby congratulate*

*Dr. R.E. McCrory*

on the achievement of 48 years of ministry to the betterment of our community and wish him many more years of health, happiness and success.

Scott Walker  
Milwaukee County Executive