



## 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 Tonya L. Peavey  
Organization or Company Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church  
Street Address 510 W. Meinecke Ave City/State Milwaukee, WI Zip 53212  
Telephone 414-372-8568 Fax 414-372-8685 Email embc.milwaukee@gmail.com

### 2. Honorary Street Name Request

Street name requested Pastor Joe H. + Erma Todd Ave  
Location of proposed designation: (for example, West Main Street from North 12<sup>th</sup> Street to North 15<sup>th</sup> Street)  
West Meinecke Ave from North 5<sup>th</sup> <sup>street</sup> to North 6<sup>th</sup> Street

### 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 Tonya L. Peavey Date 04/07/2016  
Printed Name Tonya L. Peavey

## Honorary Street Name Sign

Pastor Joe H. Todd was born and raised in Pastoria, Arkansas. He received his formal education at Jackmon Elementary School and Sherrill Jr. High School. After leaving Arkansas in 1955, he moved to Chicago, Illinois and worked as a truck assistant for Clemens Cottage. He moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1956. From 1957-1959 he worked as a welder for the Falk Corporation. In 1965 he attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering where he received his credentials to become a Certified Welder. In 1959 he was employed by Crucible Steel as a welder until 1968.

In 1968 he worked as a welder for Caterpillar Tractor Company until his retirement in 1985.

After obeying God's call, he preached his first public sermon on April 8, 1979 and was ordained as a minister of the Gospel on November 8, 1980. On December 17, 1983 Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church was founded by Pastor Joe H. Todd. He currently serves as a spiritual leader for eight (8) other Pastors in the Milwaukee-Chicago area. Rev. Roy Hopgood, Mt. Horeb Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. Roy Watson, Monumental Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. Robert Redd, Christ Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. George Jolly, Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. Odell Johnson, All Saints Fellowship Church; Rev. Andre Hopson, Greater Philippians Missionary Baptist Church; Rev. Chenier Alston, New Israelite Baptist Church, and Rev. Edward Thomas of Victory Missionary Baptist Church. He has preached the gospel both nationally and internationally.

Pastor Todd led members of his congregation to build a multi-million dollar campus on West Meinecke Avenue which also includes the Learning Center located at 2412 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Pastor Todd has always had a heart and natural compassion for individuals in need. He used his love for teaching and his heart to help and in 1988 he began counseling recovering addicts at the Renew Counseling and Harambee Center for five (5) years. While leading the Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church he has imparted his compassion for others onto his parishioners.

He has led those to impact many local entities, such as prisons, food banks, homeless shelters (Repairers of the Breach), Sunrise, Wells Springs and Golden Living Colonial Manor Nursing Homes, and monthly community outreach. Ephesians has also hosted an annual job fair, Angel Tree organization that gives gifts during the Christmas holiday to children of incarcerated parents. A food drive, clothing drive, a Thanksgiving and Christmas meal for the community, and a community fair which feature games, food, and a blood drive. In helping our community, we also focused our efforts on education by distributing book bags and school supplies to those in need and establishing the Rodney Cokes Scholarship Fund that gives a monthly stipend to college students.

In 2006 Pastor Todd envisioned an establishment that could provide quality childcare while employing those in the community. With this in mind he established the Kingdom Kids Childcare Center that held a capacity of 70 children with 12 employees. He has given those that were incarcerated the opportunity to rebuild their lives by giving them employment.

With more than thirty (30) years of service already provided, Pastor Joe H. Todd strives to enhance the communities of Milwaukee through his various works. He continues to counsel, instruct and uplift those who cross his path. Pastor Joe H. Todd is nearing his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday and he is still thriving and continuing to enhance the lives of others along with his wife Erma of 60 years through the grace of God.

April 7, 2016

*WHEREREAS,*  
**PASTOR JOE H. TODD**

*celebrated his 32<sup>nd</sup> pastoral anniversary on December 17, 2015; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Joe H. Todd has been active in ministry since October 1979 and he organized Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church on December 17, 1983, devoting his life to the church and community of Milwaukee; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Joe H. Todd's strong leadership and persistence have helped the congregation grow from four members to more than 500 currently, in addition to the construction of a new edifice in 1997 and the Ephesians Learning Center in 2003; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Joe H. Todd is a widely-acclaimed minister who serves as spiritual leader of congregations both nationally and internationally, including eight ministries throughout the country and East Africa; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Joe H. Todd and wife Erma have demonstrated their commitment to social justice by supporting efforts to bring resources and programs to underserved Milwaukee communities for more than 30 years; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pastor Joe H. Todd has been a loving husband to wife Erma for 60 years, and they have instilled the values of love, devotion and piety in their four children, 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Pastor Joe H. Todd on his 32<sup>nd</sup> Pastoral Anniversary Celebration and extends for him its sincere wishes for continued health, success and happiness; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor Joe H. Todd.*

*Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Joe Davis, Sr., José G. Pérez, Jim Bohl, and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 15, 2015*



*Michael J. Murphy*  
Alderman Michael J. Murphy  
President of the Common Council

*James R. Owczarski*  
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City Clerk



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION**

**HONORING**  
**THE REV. JOE H. TODD**  
*Pastor – Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church*

*WHEREAS;* the Rev. Joe H. Todd and his congregation at Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church are celebrating his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as pastor with a banquet on Friday, May 17, 2013; and

*WHEREAS;* Pastor Todd is originally from Arkansas, and worked as a welder for Caterpillar Inc. until his retirement in 1985; and

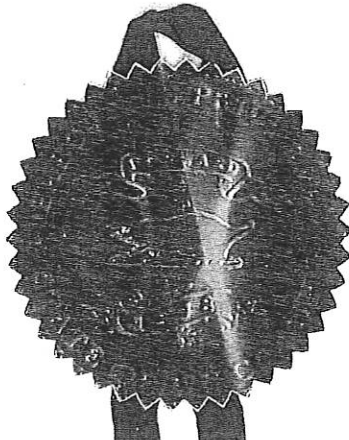
*WHEREAS;* Pastor Todd has been preaching and teaching the Word of God since 1979, and in 1983, Pastor Todd and four members founded Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church, which has grown to more than 600 active members; and

*WHEREAS;* Pastor Todd led the drive to build a multi-million dollar campus on West Meinecke Street, between North 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets; and

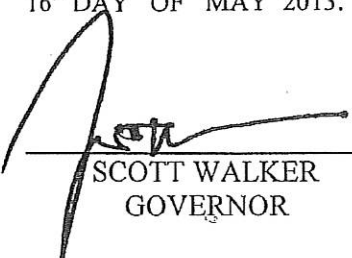
*WHEREAS;* Pastor Todd serves as a mentor for nine other pastors in the Milwaukee-Chicago area, and has preached the Gospel nationally and internationally; and

*WHEREAS;* Pastor Todd has been married to his wife, Erma, for more than 55 years, and they have four children, 16 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby congratulate and commend the Rev. Joe H. Todd on his 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and for his years of service to the Milwaukee community.*

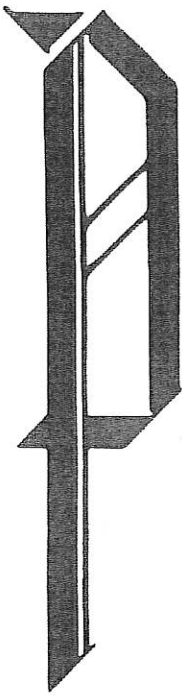


DONE AT THE CAPITOL IN  
THE CITY OF MADISON THIS  
16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2013.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

# Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MILWAUKEE



# roclamation



hereas:

The City of Milwaukee joins community members in celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Joe H. Todd as Pastor of the Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013; and,

**WHEREAS,** Pastor Joe H. Todd was born and raised in Pastoria, Arkansas, received his formal education in Sherrill, Arkansas and worked as a welder by profession for Caterpillar Tractor until his retirement in 1985; and,

**WHEREAS,** Pastor Joe H. Todd has been preaching and educating people in religion since 1979 and in 1983, with four other members, helped to found the Ephesians Missionary Baptist Church; and,

**WHEREAS,** Pastor Joe H. Todd has led members of his congregation to build a multi-million dollar campus on Meinecke Avenue and currently serves as a spiritual leader for nine other pastors in the Milwaukee-Chicago area; and,

**WHEREAS,** Pastor Joe H. Todd has been instrumental in preaching the gospel both nationally and internationally; and,

**WHEREAS,** The City of Milwaukee thanks Pastor Joe H. Todd for his many years of service to the community and wishes him continued success;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM BARRETT,** Mayor of the City of Milwaukee, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013, to be

**PASTOR JOE H. TODD DAY**

throughout the City of Milwaukee.

TOM BARRETT  
Mayor





