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Resolution

Congratulations extended to Senior Pastor Bill H. Brown and Pastor Diane Brown on 25th anniversary of Ministry Service to Washington Park community





## Honoring Senior Pastor Bill H. Brown and Pastor Diane Brown on 25 years of ministry service to the Washington Park community

WHEREAS, John O. Coleman of Exodus M. B. Church ordained Pastor Bill H. Brown at the age of 19, and later Pastor Bill was licensed again under the leadership of Bishop R. J. Roff of the Prayer Tabernacle in the Non-Denominational Faith;

WHEREAS, The Blessing Church of Pastor Bill H. Brown and Pastor Diane Brown established a home congregation in an abandoned warehouse, forging a new identity for those in the area;

WHEREAS, The Church became known as Christ Unity Evangelistic Church, to symbolize hope and unity for the community;

WHEREAS, Pastor Bill inherited Christ Unity Evangelistic House of Prayer from his mother and merged the young and growing congregation with the Interdenominational Pilgrim Assemblies of Brooklyn, New York to create a thriving ministry of renowned scope;

WHEREAS, On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 1987 Pastor Bill and Pastor Diane joined together in holy matrimony, serving as a model of strengthened family;

WHEREAS, Their innovative and visionary leadership sought to transform and stabilize lives and restore families;

WHEREAS, Pastor Bill was elevated to the office of the Jurisdictional Presbyter of the Pilgrim Assemblies of Illinois, and in 2003, Presbyter Bill became the Overseer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Episcopal Diocese of Illinois;

WHEREAS, Pastor Diane has an accomplished career as a Minister of Music for several Catholic Archdiocese Schools, serving to enlighten and enrich individuals through self-expression and emotional fulfillment;

WHEREAS, Pastor Diane, affectionately known as "Lady Di," became a powerful organizer and leader in gospel music production, including administration in WW Productions, Inc., Singsation

Gospel Entertainment television as well as B.M.O.A. McDonald's and Quaker Oats Choir Competition;

WHEREAS, Pastor Diane is the Organizer of the Women Agape Ministries of Christ Unity, where she implements her "Kingdom Women Rock Network" designed to empower women in the community;

WHEREAS, Together, this couple created Kingdomcentric International World Ministries of Bill H. Brown, and ignited the incorporation of Community Rethinking Economic Development Opportunities, specializing in food outreach and afterschool programing;

WHEREAS, Pastor Bill and Pastor Brown have dedicated their lives and talents to serving the community, espoused by the 13 evidences of progression: family, faith, finances, prayers to God, time of worship, gifts, anointing, skills, acquisition of knowledge and wisdom, revelation, service to others, giving to others and finally their ability to lead others;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled here this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2013 AD, congratulate the Ministry of Pastor Bill H. Brown and Pastor Diane Brown

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Pastor Bill H. Brown and Pastor Dianne Brown and their Christ Unity Evangelistic Church as a symbol of their continuing and lasting service to the community

WILLIE B. COCHRAN Alderman – 20<sup>th</sup> Ward