



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 22, 1999

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: On Sunday, April 25, 1999, the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church will celebrate the Fourteenth Anniversary of the installation of its Pastor, the Reverend Howard A. McLendon; and

WHEREAS: During Reverend McLendon's ministry, the Church has grown tremendously and now ministers to approximately 300 people; and

WHEREAS: Reverend McLendon has also developed an exceptional outreach ministry to area college students; and

WHEREAS: Under the leadership of Pastor McLendon, the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church's initiative "Project Manna" provides meals for hundreds of the area's homeless citizens on Mondays and Fridays, and also provides home-delivered meals to persons with HIV and AIDS; and

WHEREAS: Reverend McLendon has presided over a \$250,000 program of major renovations to the sanctuary and fellowship hall; and

WHEREAS: Reverend McLendon is equally as active in the life of the larger community; he is the founding president of the Cambridge Black Pastors' Conference, he served several terms as President of the Boston College AHANA Alumni Council, he is moderator of the Samuel Stillman Baptist Association; he sits on the boards of Project Bread and the Greater Boston Food Bank, he is Minister in Residence at Gabelli Hall on the Boston College Campus, and he has worked with the Foster Grandparents Program of Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church and the Reverend Howard A. McLendon on the occasion of the celebration of the Fourteenth Anniversary of his installation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church and Reverend Howard A. McLendon on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council March 22, 1999.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



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City Clerk

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Resolved: S E C

Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church

146 HAMPSHIRE STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

TELEPHONE: 868-4853

THE REVEREND HOWARD A. McLENDON
SENIOR PASTOR
RESIDENCE: 427-0279

February 25, 1999

Kenneth Reeves, Esq.
City Councilor
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Councilman Reeves:

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Sydné Barker, and I bring you greetings from my brothers and sisters in Christ at the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church. On Sunday, April 25, 1999 we will celebrate the Fourteenth Anniversary of our Pastor, Reverend Dr. Howard A. McLendon. As well as ministering to the members Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church, Reverend McLendon is a member of the Chaplain's Staff at Boston College providing ministerial guidance to the undergraduate class members. Under the leadership of Pastor McLendon, our church's initiative, "Project Manna", provides meals for hundreds of the area's homeless citizens on Monday and Friday evenings. For the past fourteen years Reverend McLendon has also developed an exceptional outreach ministry to area college students. Our college ministry is made up of students from Boston College, Boston University, Harvard, MIT and Berklee College of Music to name just a few. Reverend McLendon has also overseen Phase I and Phase II of the church's renovation process that has exceeded the \$250,000 mark.

As the co-chair of the celebration, I am writing to humbly request that the Cambridge City Council issues a proclamation in honor of this great man of God. Enclosed please find his biography for your perusal. We would also love for you to join us at the celebration that will take place at the church, and will begin at 11 AM.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any further questions, I can be reached at (617) 552-3358 in the Office of AHANA Student Programs at Boston College. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Sydné M. Barker

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Note: Please accept my apologies for the tardiness of this request.

As it is taking time formalizing Pastor McLendon's biography, which will be inserted in the souvenir program, please allow the following bullets to serve as guidelines for the citation. In the interest of time I thought it best. Thank you for your time and consideration and may God bless you.

Reverend Howard A. McLendon, Hartford, Connecticut

- * Bachelor of Science in Finance, Boston College
 - * Master of Divinity, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia
 - * Will defend his dissertation in the following months before the Doctorate of Ministry Program at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois
- Installed at the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church in March, 1985
 - The church has grown tremendously and through various ministries, now ministers to approximately 300 people.
The church has experienced tremendous growth in ministering to area college students. Boston College, Boston University, MIT, Harvard, Northeastern to name just a few.
 - The church has distinguished itself by providing nutritional assistance to the homeless and hungry. To this end the church operates a soup kitchen, a pantry and a Holiday Meal Program.
 - The church reaches out to person with H.I.V. and A.I.D.S through a program of home delivered meals, sponsored in conjunction with Cambridge Cares About AIDS.
 - The church has to date completed over \$250,000 in major renovations to its sanctuary and fellowship hall. This includes a new kitchen, major roof repairs, new windows and pews in the sanctuary.

In the life of the larger community, Pastor is equally as active.

- Founding President of the Cambridge Black Pastor's Conference
- Worked with Foster Grandparents Program of Cambridge
- Served several terms as the President of the Boston College AHANA Alumni Council
- Moderator of the Samuel Stillman Baptist Association
- Sits on Boards of Project Bread and the Greater Boston Food Bank
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Consent Order #44

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Councillor Reeves re: congratulations to
the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church
and the Reverend Howard A. McLendon on
the occasion of the celebration of the
Fourteenth Anniversary of his installation.

In City Council March 22, 1999

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