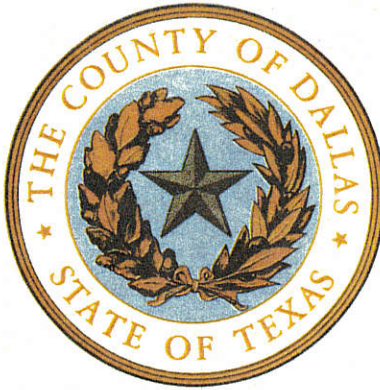


Resolution



WHEREAS, *Dr. James Howard Jennings, Jr. is a seasoned young pastor with years of experience in increasing responsibility in congregational leadership and is committed to shepherding individuals to Christ, engaging the community in missionary work and community outreach, and devising strategies to sustain long-term operational goals; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Jennings has served Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church as youth director, deacon, associate Minister, Faithful Choir Member, Head of Educational Ministry, Head of Outreach Ministry and Bass Guitarist; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Jennings and his wife Belinda D'air Jennings believe that charity begins at home. They have advocated on behalf and provided social services to countless community member, many of whom were on the verge of homelessness or already homeless. A Annual Christmas Musical provided toys and food for needy families. His expertise in spiritual counseling, education, and mentorship has proven successful in advancing church goals and increasing community engagement in the congregation; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Jennings leads the church in understanding, embracing, and accomplishing mission work to develop disciples locally and globally, and engaging followers in worship, community, and ministry; and*

WHEREAS, *He has implemented church visions and execution of strategies to achieve short range and long-range spiritual and organizational goals and objectives has guided the church in the discovery and fulfillment of its calling and mission, including casting God's vision, encouraging spiritual development, and expanding the congregation's participation in mission activities; and*

WHEREAS *His work with the Community Engagement Committee to implement ministries reaching out to the unchurched, inactive, and new residents of the community has helped to directly assimilate new members into the congregation and has provided pastoral care, including hospital, shut-in, bereavement, and funeral visitation; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Jennings has 30 years of Christian leadership experience across all ages from children to senior adults. In addition Dr. Jennings has a significant background in nearly any aspect of church ministry: music, youth, children, education, administration, senior adults, singles, preaching and writing.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa M. Daniel hereby recognizes the life and the contributions of Dr. James Howard Jennings, Jr., and gratefully thanks his family for sharing him with the NMBC congregation and the people of Dallas County.

Respectfully Submitted on the 3rd day of September, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Theresa M. Daniel".

Dr. Theresa M. Daniel
Dallas County Commissioner, District 1