

Rev. Dr. Vince L. Monden

WHEREAS, the Wesley Temple African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Zion Church, located at corner of Perkins St. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard was the first church organized for blacks in Akron, Ohio in 1864; and

WHEREAS, since 1868, Wesley Temple has been pastored by twenty-two ministers and in June, 2009 the Rev. Dr. Vince L. Monden was appointed, succeeding Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker, Sr.; and


WHEREAS, Dr. Monden is a native of Chicago, Illinois, was educated in Chicago Public School System and graduated from the International Seminary in Plymouth Florida with a bachelor's degree in Theology. Dr. Monden received his Masters of Theology from Christian Bible College in Rocky Mount, North Carolina and an honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from International Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Monden is an elder in the A.M.E. Zion church and has pastored three churches: St. Matthew A.M.E. Zion Church in Kansas City, Missouri, St. James A.M.E. Zion Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey and most recently, Shiloh A.M.E. Zion Church in Englewood, New Jersey, where he served as the Director of Evangelism, Vice Chairman of Finance and the Admission and Examining Board and Program Committee for the A.M.E. Zion Church Jersey City District; and

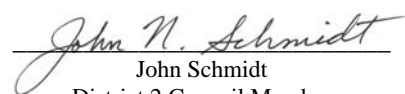
WHEREAS, Dr. Monden served as a member of the Planning Board for the City of Englewood, is a former Executive Board Member of the NAACP Bergen County Unit, was inducted into Who's Who in American Religion and is the husband of the former Marnita West and father of two sons, Quentin and Cory.


NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all and declared by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio that this Council welcomes Dr. Monden and his family to the community and wishes him the best on his service to the congregation at Wesley Temple A.M.E. Zion Church.


We urge all citizens to join in welcoming Dr. Monden and support him in his leadership on behalf of his congregation on this 9th day of October in the year 2009.



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District 5 Council Member

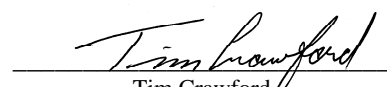

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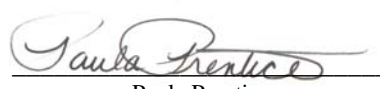

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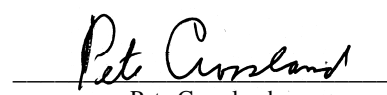

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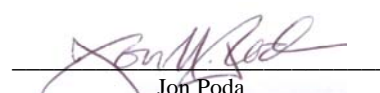

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