



Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
4812 Bennington Street Houston, Texas 77016

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Patrick Walsh, P. E., Director  
Planning and Development Department  
P. O. Box 1562  
Houston, Texas 77251

Dear Mr. Walsh,

It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to contact you. We submit this request with great joy and a tremendous amount excitement. This letter is being submitted on behalf of not only the entire congregation of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church but also the Trinity Gardens community and surrounding neighborhoods.

I am submitting this request to have an Honorary Street Marker placed on the southwest corner of Bennington Street at Lockwood Drive. We would like for the Honorary Street Marker to appear as Honorary Street Marker: Honoring Reverend F. D. Sampson, Sr.

I have enclosed Reverend Sampson's biography and the map for the desired location of the street marker. If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at 281-705-8994 or via email at [BeanLR2014@gmail.com](mailto:BeanLR2014@gmail.com).

I look forward to hearing from your department very soon. Thank you in advance for immediate attention to this request.

Respectfully,

Lena R. Bean, M.Ed.  
Director, Visitor's Courtesy Ministry  
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

*Reverend Franklin Delano Sampson, Senior*

*On Sunday, January 23, 1972, Reverend Franklin Delano Sampson, Sr. was called to be Pastor of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Incorporated and continues to serve as the 5<sup>th</sup>. Pastor in the history of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Since being called he has honorably served as past Moderator of Unity Missionary Baptist General Association of Texas, Incorporated; past Vice President of The Baptist Ministers Association of Houston and Vicinity; past Chairman of the Ministers Conference of The Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas; past Chairman of The Commission on Orthodoxy of The National Baptist Convention of America, Incorporated; past President of Trinity/Houston Gardens Super Neighborhood; and past President of Trinity Gardens Integral Forces, Incorporated. He is presently the Treasurer of The National Baptist Convention of America International, Incorporated and President of Visions of Faith Ministries, Incorporated.*



*Reverend F. D. Sampson Senior is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Reverend Sampson is a Master Mason with membership in Purple Heart Lodge #205 F & AM. He advanced to Grade of Sublime Prince Secret, 32 degree and made member of Douglas & Burrell Consistory No. 56 on June 30, 1984. He was created a Grand Inspector General of the 33 degree and elevated to membership in the United Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction on October 6, 2014 H. Reece Class of 2014. He was created on October 5, 2014 as a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Al Muhaymin Temple No. 300 at Memphis, Tennessee. He is also a member of University of Houston Alumni Association. Reverend Sampson has an Honorary Doctorate of Ministries from Mount Hope Bible College, an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Saint Thomas Christian University in Jacksonville, Florida and was nominated and selected for the Fourth Edition of Marquis Who's Who In Religion.*

*As Pastor of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church 4812 Bennington Street for the past forty-four years, Reverend Sampson has prayerfully and strategically organized and oversees over 25 functioning ministries which address the needs individuals and families in the local community and nationally.*

*These ministries include Home and Foreign Mission, Social Programs and the Benevolence Ministries.*

*As a Mission Statement Pastor Sampson has adopted the following statement:*

*We are an obediently covenanted people with a consistent concern, seeking to identify and meet the spiritual, physical, social and economic needs of the whole man.*

*We are prompted by the love of Christ and the Holy Scriptures to promote health, healing, prosperity and Christian family values through Christian education and counseling, to fulfill individual needs.*

*The Vision Statement is as follows:*

*We are to continually impact the community through Benevolence, Evangelism and Education with a focus on individual and congregational Stewardship (the BEES).*