

MOTION

Dr. Rocellia Johnson organized Bethany Baptist Church of West Los Angeles with three other members on May 29, 1958 and gave a charitable donation of \$21.50 as the first offering. Thanks to the efforts of Pastor Rocellia Johnson, the ministry has grown by the thousands around the world.

At Pastor Johnson's behest an Evangelism Department was formed at Bethany with 5 people attending the first evangelism class. The class of 5 has evolved into what is known today as Bethany Christian Bible College, a fully accredited college. Pastor Johnson was sought out by pastors around the country to conduct workshops on the "How to's" of developing a strong teaching ministry in the local church. In 1979 workshops were begun—starting in Seaside, California on the West coast and all the way to Middletown, Connecticut on the East coast.

Furthermore, little did Pastor Johnson know that these workshops would lead him on to Halifax Nova Scotia, Canada then on to the West Indies. Out of these workshops, the National Evangelism Movement was born. Pastor Johnson served as the National Executive Director for the 27 years. He served for 51 years as Senior Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church from which he retired in May of 2009, he also served for 28 years as President of Bethany Christian Bible College.

In recognition of Dr. Rocellia Johnson's remarkable service to the people of Los Angeles and to the community at large, it is appropriate that the City honor him by naming the address located at 4115 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd as "**Dr. Rocellia Johnson Place**".

I THEREFORE MOVE that the address located at 4115 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd be also named as "**Dr. Rocellia John Place**" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

PRESENTED BY: 

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SECONDED BY: 

  
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