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Honorable Eli Sabin  
Alder, Ward 7  
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Dear Alder Sabin and Honorable Members of the Board of Alders,

I am writing to respectfully request your approval for a two-day street renaming in honor of the Right Reverend Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr., in recognition of his exceptional leadership and lifelong service to the church and the community, and his appointment as *Bishop of the First Episcopal District* representing local church congregations located throughout the States of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts corporately defined as the Boston-Hartford District of the New England Annual Conference.

**On April 10-11, 2025, we would like to rename the corner of Temple and Chapel for these two days in honor of Bishop Green's invaluable contributions.**

Bishop Green, a visionary leader, was consecrated as the 125th bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 2004 and has faithfully served as presiding prelate over multiple districts, including South Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and most recently the First Episcopal District, covering several northeastern and international regions. His leadership extends beyond the church, having significantly impacted education and community development.

As Chair of the Board of Trustees for Allen University, he played a pivotal role in reaffirming the university's accreditation and advancing its academic offerings. Additionally, under his leadership, St. Mark AME Church in Orlando, Florida, grew into a thriving ministry that established a daycare facility and preparatory school, and the church renamed its Family Life Center in his honor. Throughout his ministry, Bishop Green has prioritized economic development, education, and the spiritual growth of his community, embodying his favorite biblical verse, Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns regarding this request. I appreciate your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With kind regards and gratitude,

Rev. Steven A. Cousin Jr.  
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Pastor