

Proclamation

**In Recognition of
Pastor Simon Osunlana
St. John United Methodist Church**

- WHEREAS,** June 26, 2016 is "Pastor and Family Appreciation Day" at St. John United Methodist Church; and
- WHEREAS,** this event is an opportunity for the congregation and the community to recognize Reverend Dr. Simon Osunlana and the first family for their diligence in leading the congregation through the preaching of the Gospel, the teaching of scriptures, through Pastor Osunlana's dynamic leadership skills, and his compassionate display of pastoral care; and
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Simon Kehinde Osunlana was born and raised in Ibadan Oyo State, Nigeria. Though born and raised a Methodist, Pastor Osunlana gave his life to Christ during the Christmas season of 1985. Since then, he has been in the preaching business; and
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Osunlana was ordained an elder in the Nigerian Conference in 1993 and since then has served in numerous pastoral appointments in Nigeria. Since arriving in the United States, Pastor Osunlana preached in many churches before being appointed by Bishop Timothy Whitaker to Senior Pastor of St. John United Methodist Church in Fort Lauderdale, FL; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to being the senior pastor of St. John's, Pastor Osunlana serves as the Cluster Leader of eight United Methodist Churches. He has extended his ministerial skills to serve the Fort Lauderdale community by participating in the Bold Justice Ministry, Drug Courts, by spearheading change for equal education for inner city schools, and through involvement in equal county contract opportunities for small minority businesses and more; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Commissioners are proud and honored to issue this proclamation to the **Reverend Dr. Simon Osunlana** and do wish him and the congregation of St. John United Methodist Church a very successful and enjoyable "Pastor and Family Appreciation Day."

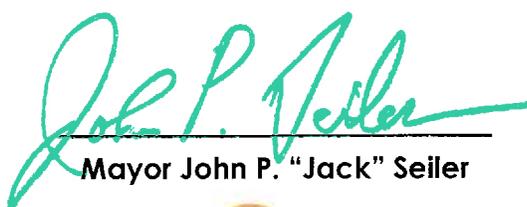
NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim, **June 26, 2016** as:

Reverend Dr. Simon Osunlana Day

in the city of Fort Lauderdale and do thank Pastor Osunlana for the many contributions he and the first family have bestowed upon our community.

DATED this, the 22nd day of June 2016.




Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler

