



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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October 2, 2023

Nyasha Smith, Secretary  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, I am introducing the “St. Luke’s Way Designation Act of 2023.” This bill is co-introduced by Councilmembers Christina Henderson, Brianne K. Nadeau, Zachary Parker, Robert C. White, Jr., Kenyan R. McDuffie, and Anita Bonds. Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation.

This legislation would symbolically designate Church Street N.W., between 15th Street N.W. and 16th Street N.W., in Ward 2, as “St. Luke’s Way.” This portion of Church Street is where St. Luke’s Episcopal Church has been located for the past 148 years.

St. Luke’s Episcopal Church is one of the leading historically Black churches in Washington, D.C., which advocates for civil rights, liberation, educational and economic equity, and social justice reform. St. Luke’s was the first separate colored Episcopal Church in the District of Columbia established in 1873 by the Reverend Dr. Alexander Crummell following the Civil War. In August 1875, the members and friends of the Church purchased three lots on 15th Street N.W. at Sampson Street, now known as Church Street. The ground was broken, and the foundation was laid for the new Church called St. Luke’s to be built of blue stone quarried from the Potomac River. St. Luke’s opened for its first divine service on Thanksgiving Day, November 1879.

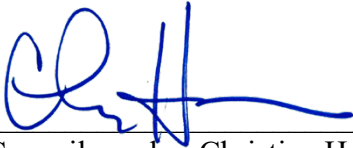
In 2020, St. Luke’s Church recommitted themselves to being more like their forefathers and mothers, and continuing their legacy by developing allies, deepening networks, and working to end injustice however and wherever it manifests. This street dedication will serve to honor St. Luke’s 150 year legacy and ongoing commitment to the community.

Should you have any questions about this legislation, please contact my Legislative Counsel, Mason Grow, at [mgrow@dccouncil.gov](mailto:mgrow@dccouncil.gov).

Thank you,

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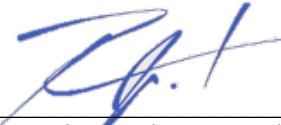
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30 To symbolically designate Church Street, N.W., between 15th Street, N.W., and 16th Street,  
31 N.W., in Ward 2, as St. Luke’s Way.

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33 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
34 act may be cited as the “St. Luke’s Way Designation Act of 2023”.

35 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing and  
36 Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official  
37 Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates Church Street,  
38 N.W., between 15th Street, N.W., and 15th Street, N.W., as “St. Luke’s Way”.

39 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

40           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
41 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
42 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

43           Sec. 4. Effective date.

44           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
45 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
46 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
47 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
48 Columbia Register.