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Subject: Requesting For Christian Heritage Month

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Subject: Fwd: Requesting For Christian Heritage Month

Dear Mayor, City Council

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of Christian Heritage Month Foundation, Hamilton Chapter, I am writing to respectfully request that the City of Hamilton consider declaring December as **Christian Heritage Month**. This request is in line with a growing number of communities across Canada and beyond that are recognizing the important role Christianity has played in shaping our society.

Over 30 cities in Canada and other locations have already declared December as Christian Heritage Month in 2024, celebrating the enduring impact of Christian faith and values on our culture, history, and communities. This special designation acknowledges the contributions of the Christian community to the moral, cultural, and social fabric of our society, which are integral to the identity of many individuals and groups within Hamilton.

By declaring December as Christian Heritage Month, the City of Hamilton would be embracing the opportunity to honor the traditions, values, and charitable works that have been a part of our community for centuries. This recognition would provide a platform for educational programs, community outreach, and events that reflect on the significant role that Christianity has played in shaping the city and the lives of many Hamiltonians.

I firmly believe that this declaration would not only serve to commemorate the Christian heritage in Hamilton but also foster greater understanding and unity among all citizens, regardless of background or belief. It would be an opportunity to highlight the city's commitment to diversity and respect for various cultural and religious traditions while recognizing the historical contributions of the Christian faith.

I kindly ask that you consider this request and the potential positive impact it could have on our community. I would be more than happy to provide any additional information or work with your office to help bring this idea to fruition.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Solomon Ikhuiwu
Christian Heritage Month Foundation, Hamilton Chapter