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Mayor Bing Action

MOSES leaders began with a quick rally at the Spirit of Detroit this morning before they marched upstairs to the eleventh floor of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, straight to the mayor's office.

Rev. Charles Williams, II, Senior Pastor of Historic King Solomon Methodist Baptist Church and MOSES Board member began at 10:45am with a prayer, unifying an ethnically and economically diverse group of MOSES leaders, from bus riders to clergy.

Led by Cindy Reese, Pat Hammer and Pastor Williams, the group proceeded to the eleventh floor and were instantly greeted with tension from the Mayor's secretarial staff.

Pastor Charles made a quick and clear demand, "We're here to meet with the mayor." "He's been ignoring us, and we're here to meet with the Mayor."

He was instantly greeted with tension and when asked if the group had a meeting, he explained "We, MOSES, have delivered four letters and have been trying to meet with Mayor Dave Bing for over six months."

"I'm sorry, but the Mayor is in a meeting right now, you'll have to come back another..."

Before finishing, Pastor Charles answered, "... then we'll just wait here until he is ready."

MOSES Organizer, Michael Tasse, then move clergy to pray for our Mayor, and to pray for us a group. Pastor Charles walked the group over to the small seating area, at the time occupied by security had been called up by the Mayor's staff.

And they prayed, for the city, and for its leadership, and that the city's leadership may come to actually reach out to the community. And for the bus riders, that live a very distinct lifestyle than that of our Mayor's.

As Pastor Andy Carr offered prayer for our Mayor, Dave Bing, and for our leaders that suffer from a dismal and dying bus system in Detroit, the mayor's staff called the police and security. Prayer increased in volume and in power, and security told Tasse that they could not continue disrupting communications in the office.

But they continued to pray.

Each of six pastors took a turn praying for our Mayor, and for our city. During Pastor Charles Williams Sr.'s devotion, and out of the locked doors that lead to the Mayor's sanctuary on that very eleventh floor, walked Deputy Mayor of the City of Detroit, Kirk Lewis.

Lewis greeted everyone in the room with a handshake and a smile, and instantly began talking down to the group, attempting to console the group with explaining that the mayor would be addressing transportation issues in an infrastructure speech the following day. Until, that is, Pat Hammer interjected.

"The mayor lacks vision. Or at least he has not communicated a vision that his constituents, the residents of the city of Detroit, can hold on to. There's no leadership here in the city. And people need to get to work. And they need to get to school."

Lewis made a strong commitment to contact Tasse within seven days of today, and set up a meeting to connect with Mayor Bing and The Deputy Mayor Lewis himself.

Afterward, MOSES leaders interviewed for media sources, and await the next meeting.