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Young Adult Department of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina

Greetings from Our Directors

Young Adult Director —

Antwahn Mangum

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

The theme of this tenure is: Experiencing Gods Love through Evangelism, Missions, and Stewardship. Nehemiah 6:1-3

I pray that you have been Blessed and safe during this usual times. I encourage you to continue to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5" He is well able and willing to meet our every need. God's plan always has a purpose, and our response should be to trust in His Divine Will for our lives. Life can be exceedingly difficult at times, but we must trust that God will lead and guide us. God promises us peace if we keep our minds stayed on HIM! Continue to mediate on His Words.

Please continue to pray keep the Young Adult Department of the Woman's Convention, and young Adult across the state.

Your brother in Christ.

Antwahn Mangum



Young Adult Associate Director —
Minster Shonda Orr

Where do we go from here?

Habakkuk 3:1-8, 17-19 ESV

There Covid-19, social injustices, separatism, racism, poverty, job loss, the family unit is totally not of God, sexual assault is an all time high, suicide and so much much more Where do we go from here...broken hearts, relationships, lost jobs or jobs in general, lost wages and family members? You have to determine where your here is!

Dr. Martin Luther King wrote a book, Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community in 1967. This was Dr. Martin Luther King's fourth and final book before his assassination. The book is King's analysis of the state of American race relations and the movement after a decade of United States civil rights struggle. King assessed that all Americans should unite in order to overcome poverty and social injustices.

King composed this book while in long isolation in Jamaica with a telephone. Now is our time to fight for injustices and inequalities. Where do we go from here? Habakkuk is a minor prophet. He was a different kind of prophet because he asked God questions. Some of you have been asking God this very question. Some biblical scholars have associated the name with Hebrew word *embrace*. Thus Habakkuk means "Embraced by God". Habakkuk was preaching during the time of Assyria and Egypt and Judah's days were numbered. Habakkuk cried out against the violence, lawlessness and injustice he saw all around him. So where do we go from here? We have to go with the power of prayer, power of peace and the power of praise and worship into this new year and new season. Be blessed young adults!

Min. Shonda D. Orr



HAPPY *New Year*

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

PHIL 4:4



January

Freda, 26

July

Shayla, 8

February

Kyerre, 19

August

LaTanya, 12

March

Shonda, 27

September

Markesce, 25

April

October

May

November

June

Antwahn, 4

Bryan, 22

Celeste, 26

December

Karla, 5

Hymns

WORSHIP THE LORD

139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Lord's compassions are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, my Fa - ther;
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 Thy own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

Thou chang - est not; Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not.
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row -

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 Bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain
 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan

FAITHFULNESS
 11.10.11.10. with Refrain

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 82

ROBERT ROBINSON

The Lord daily loads us with benefits. Psal. 68:19

TRADITIONAL AMERICAN MELODY



1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
 And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - der - ing heart to Thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - der - ing from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise His name— I'm fixed up - on it— Name of God's re - deem - ing love.
 He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, Bought me with His pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Save The Date



**Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary
Convention of North Carolina**
Auxiliary to General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

2021 SAVE-THE-DATE

All Sessions will be virtual unless otherwise notified!

One-Day Session January 9, 2021 Zoom Conference 10:00 AM Prayer Month for STATE MISSIONS	State-Wide Leaders' Workshop April 10, 2021 Zoom Conference 10:00 AM Prayer Month for FOREIGN MISSIONS
Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Retreat April 30 & May 1, 2021 TBA <i>Offerings go toward Shaw Divinity School Scholarships</i>	Young Adult Retreat June 4-6, 2021 TBA
Youth Bible Camp June 20-25, 2021 TBA	Missions Prayer Day June 26, 2021 Location and Time Scheduled By County Unions, Auxiliaries, et. al.
137th Annual Session July 25-28, 2021 TBA	Family Missions Conference September 25, 2021 TBA
Deacons' Wives and Deaconesses Retreat October 23, 2021 TBA	Youth Evangelism Conference November 6, 2021 TBA

Advent

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.

Freda LeMay, Secretary

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation for the coming of Christ. In terms of family gatherings, meals, activities, and fellowship, Christmas 2020 may have looked a little different, or even a lot different for many of us this year. However, the true meaning of Christmas always remains the same and cannot be altered by circumstances we create, nor circumstances beyond our control. As Christians, we celebrate the Christmas season with hope, love, joy, and peace as we give thanks to God for the first coming of Christ and his birth. Each day we should remember the purpose of Christ's birth. Not only do we celebrate Christ's birth, but we also celebrate his life, death, burial, resurrection, and return! Yes, advent is also about the second coming, the return of Christ. Even at Christmas, at the time of celebrating Christ's birth, we should always be mindful and celebrate

the expectation of his return. This will be the most glorious time of all when Christ returns to gather us to be with Him forevermore!



Karla Glass Stanley, First Vice President

This Christmas we started the day with a prayer, Thanking God for keeping us and not letting our immediate family circle broken. We have lost some heartstrings this year, including my Dad the end of August and his last living sibling, my aunt, the day after Christmas. Some church members and special friends one on Christmas Day. Though Christmas will never be the same, we understand that God knows best. We praise him for blessing us to be able to celebrate his birth together as a family knowing that Jesus is the reason for the season.



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◆ Kyerre Patton-Williams, Assistant Recording Secretary

Throughout the years the evergreen tree became a sign of God's everlasting love.



◆ Celeste Gore-Purcell, Newsletter Editor

I always enjoyed the season of CHRISTmas as this was a time my family emphasized giving. To witness the birth of Jesus and the spirit of Christ is the true meaning for me.

◆ LaTanya Hyman, Third Vice President

Christmas this year to me, was truly celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and rejoicing in the fact that He is so much greater than all of the heartache and turmoil we have experienced in 2020.

◆ Minister Shonda Orr

The season of Christmas for me is all about Jesus and beholding the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world. It is also about family and loved ones. As I have grown over the years each year I try to take out a little more commercialism. Truly Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season.

Christmas Avent Devotional

Where is the Lamb?

Scripture Reading — Genesis 22:1-14

"The fire and wood are here," said Isaac, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" — Genesis 22:7

I was a young boy when I first heard this story about Isaac. I remember the picture in the story Bible my mother read, showing Abraham raising his knife over the altar. Our focus today is on Isaac's question, "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Though God graciously provided a ram in place of Isaac, it was not "the Lamb." Later, hundreds of lambs were sacrificed on the night of the Passover to deliver God's people from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12). Later still, thousands more were sacrificed in the temple in obedience to God's commands for offerings. Yet Isaac's question remained: "Where is the lamb?"

Years later, Isaiah prophesied that the people's true salvation would come through a lamb who would pour out his life and bear the sin of many (Isaiah 53). But God's people continued to wait.

Then—more than 700 years after Isaiah—while John the Baptist was baptizing people in the Jordan River, he pointed to Jesus and cried out, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

Christmas Day is coming. Let us joyfully celebrate the birth of God's only Son, Jesus Christ, the Lamb, who died and rose again to take away our sins and give us new life forever!

Prayer

Lord, we eagerly look for that day when Christ will return and we will sing with the angels, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive . . . honor and glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:12). Amen.



A Word From Our President

Markesce Patton-Williams, Young Adult President

If you are reading this, YOU MADE IT THROUGH 2020!!!! Won't He Do It!

insert praise break here



God deserves all the praise for bringing us through 2020 and in to 2021. Undoubtedly, we all faced challenges last year. Some experienced job loss, furloughs, economic hardships, Covid-19 diagnosis, loss of family due to Covid-19, isolation from family and friends, and maybe more, but thank God we are still here! Thank God for surviving and thriving. Your being here is not by accident. Let us use what we have learned to launch our next moves.

Now, let me introduce myself. I am Minister Markesce Patton-Williams and I am your Young Adult President for 2020-2023. I am honored and blessed to serve you in this role. I have a heart for seeing this convention thrive and that means seeing each church, union, auxiliary, and district thrive. If you need ANYTHING from me, please do not hesitate to contact me at markesceapw@gmail.com. I am always willing to help in any way possible.

As we walk together in ministry for the next three years, I want us to remember the acronym **L.I.V.E.** During President Raines' tenure, we focused on carrying our crosses. We put our burdens in a bag, dealt with issues that plague our lives and churches, learned how to bear our burdens with God's sufficient grace. Now we want to **L.I.V.E.** Romans 6:5-11 bears the thought that we have died to sin and are now resurrected to *live* in the power that Jesus Christ gives us. So how will we **L.I.V.E.**

(L)ove, (I)nspire, (V)olunteer, (E)nergize

We want to love God, ourselves, and others – in that order. We want to inspire others through our love, evangelism, and mission projects. That means we will be volunteering from the local level to the state level. After we have done all of that, we hope to energize others to join us in advancing the Kingdom of God in the way God has called them to do it. I look forward to living our best life. (The Clark Sisters sang it first lol).

L.I.V.E.-ing my best life,

President Markesce Patton-Williams

A Presidential Call to Action

I want to take this opportunity and platform to **Energize** us as Young Adults to seriously pray for our convention and the purpose God has for us. When you pray, pray that we are sustained to continue the work that began in 1884. Then, I want you to pray about what part you will play in continuing the legacy. As you read our study book *Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive*, imagine that the "church" is the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of NC. In April, we want to brainstorm what we, as Young Adults, can do.

A plan of fasting, prayer, and giving will be coming from our Vice President of Stewardship – Minister Bryan Haynes.

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First Vice President

This Grace Period

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. - 2 Peter 1:2

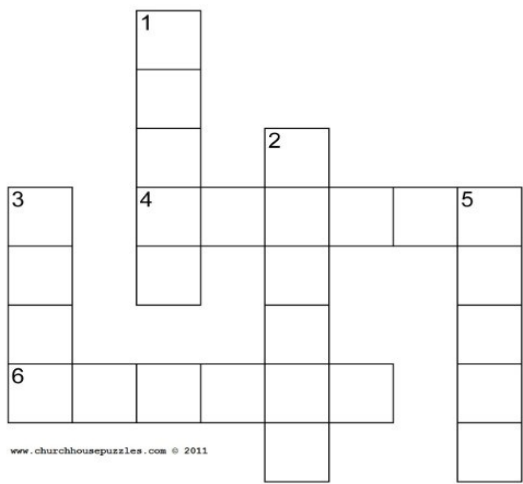
When the pandemic started I think everyone was initially in awe of things that were happening day by day. I know I was! Quarantine became a word in basic household vocabulary, mask became part of my wardrobe, the Big Hero 6 fist pump and the Black Panther Wakanda hug became everyday gestures of affection. And people were constantly saying, "This is the new normal". The new normal bothered me something awful because first of all, there was nothing normal about it, and secondly, normal was constantly changing. I felt like I had been thrown into a whole new way of life, even moving and breathing in public took on a different meaning. I needed time to adjust, to plan, to figure this thing out and be ready for the effects of what's happening. A Grace Period!



When you start a new job, the training is your grace period. When your kid is in trouble and you give them the chance to explain, that is a grace period. When your late paying on a bill, and they don't charge you a late fee, that is a grace period, but be careful because some companies, just like people, could care less about grace, its not always automatic. Yet coming from God, its always amazing because grace simply doesn't have to be there, but somehow it is. At first I had a hard time seeing it, a hard time adjusting to the new not so normal. Truthfully, sometimes, I still get overwhelmed. When I look back on it now, the whole year of 2020 was a grace period for me. When I decided to give up but had enough sense to say "Lord, it's in your hands" don't you know that's when grace came through! That's when grace began to multiply and manifest itself in spite of the world. Blessings in the midst of a pandemic! Blessings that didn't have to be! Grace said, you could lose your job, but better yet you'll be promoted! Grace said you could run out of food, but better yet you'll learn how to grow it and have enough to share! Grace said there is not training for your new position, but God's timing is no less than perfect because he put people in my path who see him in me and want to see me succeed! Grace said you could fall into depression, but better yet God is going to bless you so abundantly that your testimony will make others happy! Yes, I'm still in a Grace Period and truth is, you are too! Let it be encouraging that because you have the knowledge of God, because you have the knowledge of Jesus, his grace is sufficient and it's going to see us through! Praise him for This Grace Period!

Karla K.G. Stanley.

Mountains in the Bible



ACROSS

- 4 Where you might find Noah's ark
- 6 Where Jesus ascended into heaven

DOWN

- 1 Where God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses
- 2 Where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal
- 3 Where God showed Moses the promised land
- 5 Where God helped Barak defeat Sisera

Shayla Akpona —
Second Vice President

New Year – New Creation

There is something refreshing about the month of January, specifically the date of Jan. 1. The New Year is like a built-in do-over that we get to enjoy annually. It is also a fitting analogy for the spiritual life in that one of God’s favorite things to do is make things new. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Cor. 5:17, NIV).

If anyone is in Christ... When we say yes to Jesus, we are doing more than acknowledging His existence. We are embracing His message and accepting the sacrifice He made for us. We are not simply bringing Jesus into our world. We are jumping into His. Have you said yes to Jesus? Which best describes your relationship with Jesus: Him in parts of your world or you in His?

The new is here! Let the celebration begin! Create something that expresses this idea that you are a new creation: Draw it, write it, compose it, get crafty with it, build it. Then send it, snap it, post it, or tweet it.

Putting into Practice...Use this first month of the year to build momentum on the truth that you are a new creation. Put whatever you created in a prominent place of your daily routine so that you constantly are reminded that you are a new creation.

Shayla Akpona



HOW TO MAKE A VISION BOARD IN 5 STEPS:

Step 1: Go through your magazines and tear the images from them. No gluing yet! Just let yourself have lots of fun looking through magazines and pulling out pictures or words or headlines that strike your fancy. Have fun with it. Make a big pile of images and phrases and words.

Step 2: Go through the magazine cutouts and begin to lay your favorites on the board. Eliminate any images that no longer feel right. This step is where your intuition comes in. As you lay the pictures on the board, you'll get a sense of how the board should be laid out. For instance, you might assign a theme to each corner of the board. Health, Job, Spirituality, Relationships, for instance. Or it may just be that the images want to go all over the place. Or you might want to fold the board into a book that tells a story. At my retreats, I've seen women come up with wildly creative ways to present a vision board.



Step 3: Glue everything onto the board. Add writing if you want. You can paint on it, or write words with markers.

Step 4: (optional, but powerful) Leave space in the very center of the vision board for a fantastic photo of yourself where you look radiant and happy. Paste yourself in the center of your board.

Step 5: Hang your vision board in a place where you will see it often.

Latanya Hyman —

Third Vice President

Be Intentional Intentionality: the trait of thoughtfulness in actions or decisions.

When trying to figure out what to share in the first newsletter, of a new year, in the beginning of a new tenure, in a new office, so many things came to mind. I started to think about me, and what message I could minister to myself that would set the tone for 2021. I knew that in the new year, I wanted to focus on growth: growth in my education, growth in my career, growth in my finances, growth in my personal life, and most importantly, growth in my spiritual life. In order for any of these areas in life to manifest, one word comes to mind....INTENTION!



In the book of Timothy, Chapter 4 Verse 15, it says: "Be diligent in these matters, give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers." To say it simply, be intentional.

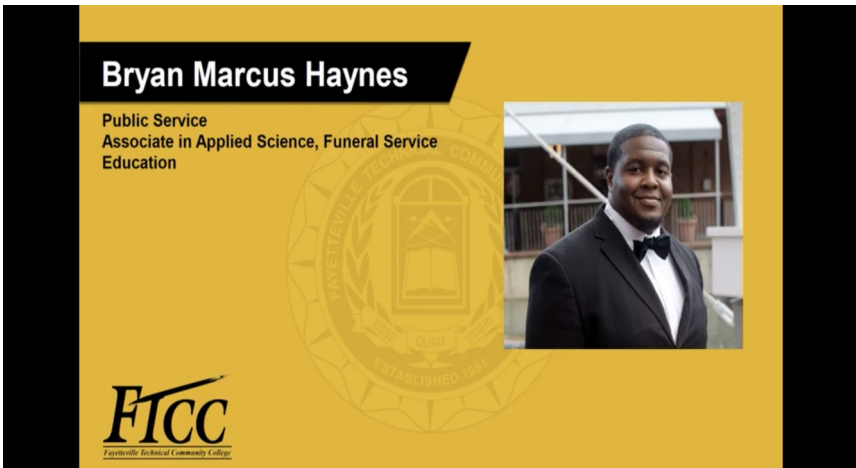
As young adults, we're in a place in life where progression is important and social media has become a constant reminder of where we want to be. We get wrapped up in all of these new year, new me challenges each year but are we intentional when it comes to completing our goals and becoming better each year. I can only answer for myself, and that answer is NO. So many times I've wanted the end result, but have slacked in the process and have been very unintentional with my actions. I have set goals this year and have entrusted some of my closest friends to hold me accountable.

I challenge you as I have challenged myself to be intentional in 2021. When you're choosing your next step in your education or career, be intentional with your plan. Want growth in your finances, be intentional with first your tithing, and then your saving and blessing others. Be intentional in how you treat other people and who you allow in your space. Be intentional when it comes to what you consume in your body mentally and physically, Be intentional in being a better spouse, a better parent, a better sibling, a better son/daughter, nephew/niece, cousin, friend, co-worker, CHURCH MEMBER, etc. Be intentional with your time. And most importantly, be intentional when it comes to your spiritual walk with the Father. When you pray for yourself, be intentional. When you pray for others, be intentional. When reading scripture, be intentional. When adding God to your daily life, be intentional. When setting your atmosphere for worship, be intentional. This year as so many of us take on new challenges, new journeys, new positions, remember that the key to success is one word, INTENTIONAL! Be blessed YAMs and be a blessing.

LaTanya Hyman



Accomplishments, Promotions, Congratulations



Graduated in May 2020 and currently studying for my National Board Certification

"I am thankful that God blessed with a promotion within my agency at Cumberland County Department of Social Services in September 2020!" -Mrs. Kyerre Patton Williams

"On September 1, 2020, I was promoted to Team Lead for the High Volume Steel Production department at Eaton Corporation - Fayetteville." Minister Markesce Patton-Williams

"In July 2020 I begin working for the Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) in the Office of Rural Health Programs" Mrs. Celeste Gore-Purcell

Freda LeMay — Secretary

Through It All

"I've had many tears and sorrows, I've had questions for tomorrow, there've been times I didn't know right from wrong.

But in every situation, God gave me blessed consolation, that my trials come to only make me strong.

I've been to lots of places, I've seen a lot of faces, there've been times I felt so all alone.

But in my lonely hours, yes, those precious lonely hours, Jesus lets me know that I was His own

I thank God for the mountains, and I thank Him for the valleys, I thank Him for the storms He brought me through.

For if I'd never had a problem, I wouldn't know God could solve them, I'd never know what faith in God could do.

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God.

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon His Word."

-Andre' Crouch

Dear Young adults,

Happy New Year!!! Through it all; ups and downs, highs and lows, joys and sorrow, God has kept us and brought us through 2020. And for this, we give Him praise. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

I don't need to rehash all that we have been through in 2020. You were all there! As we embark upon this new year of our Lord, 2021, I challenge each of you to take care of yourselves by first taking care of your mind. Our mental health is a prized possession, to be guarded, rested, sharpened, and renewed regularly. There are those of us who may have found ourselves in a state of confusion, loneliness, depression, etc along the way; and it is ok to seek out professional help when needed. However, we must also look to the one who created us, mind, body, and spirit. He is the only one who can fully restore, heal, and make us whole.

My prayer for each of you in 2021, is peace of mind. In Isaiah 26:3 we are reminded that the Lord will keep us in perfect peace if our minds stay steadfast and trust in Him. We can't have peace without a sound mind. The scriptures remind us of how essential it is to maintain a sound mind. A sound mind is granted to us by God. We know this according to 2 Timothy 1:7, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." While God has given us a sound mind, he has charged us to be good stewards of our minds. We are responsible to take care of minds through prayer and study in His Word.

There are so many distractions before us and all around us during so much of our day. Even outside of our time of devotion, Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:8 that "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, [we should] think about these things." Make time to be good stewards of the precious gift that God has blessed us with. Protect and strengthen your mental health!

I love each of you and will continue to keep you all in my thoughts and prayers! Take Care!

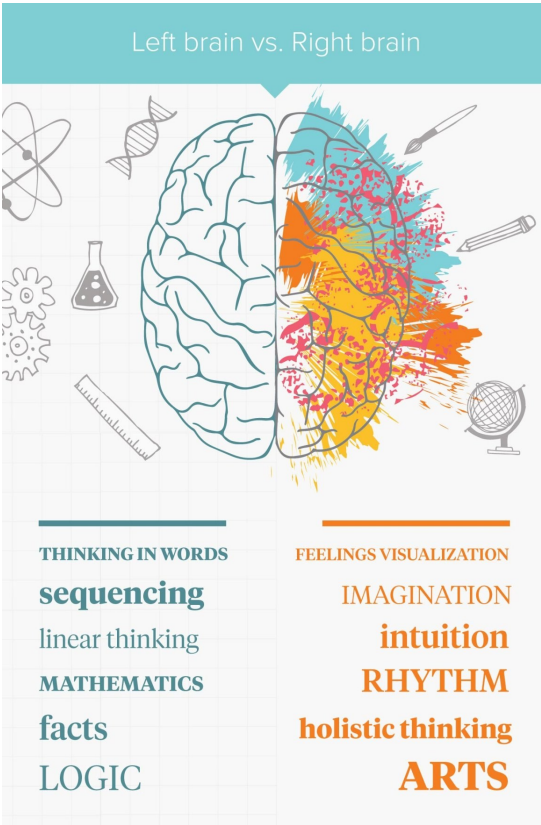
Master the Mind

"What's a strong body without a sound mind? The mind is like a muscle; the more you train it, the stronger it becomes. While the greats master the body, the greatest master the mind."

-LeBron James

*I encourage you to add 2 Corinthians 10 to your devotional reading this quarter.

Freda LeMay

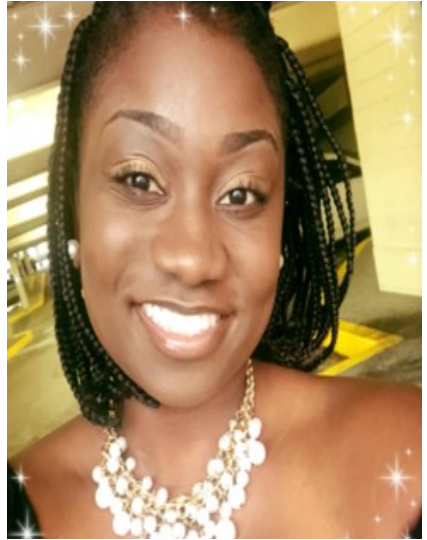


Kyerre Patton-Williams — Assistant Secretary

Hello Young Adults across NORTH CAROLINA! :)

I hope and pray that you are doing well. I also hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! My prayer is that we all continue to stay encouraged and safe during this COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. In spite of the pandemic, let's be positive! Let's show love and patience when the world needs it most.

Kyerre Patton Williams



MINUTE MEETING RECORDING TIPS

Effective minute-taking

Before the meeting

Together with the Chair, decide what kind of record needs to be created in view of the purpose and objectives of the meeting(s), any specific operational requirements related to the group or committee, any University-mandated recordkeeping requirements, any policy and/or legal requirements, etc.

Prepare templates for agendas and minutes that contain the items in "what to include" below, and that facilitate consistent formatting, sequencing and content. Use your agenda to formulate an outline for the minutes template.

Prepare an agenda that lists the meeting time, date, location and items for consideration, and attach any materials needed for review by members.

Review all meeting materials before the meeting.

If you use a computer to take notes, make sure you have a backup method (e.g., paper and pen).

Prepare and bring an attendance sheet. Ask members to indicate their presence, as they arrive, by putting a check mark next to their name.

After the meeting

WHAT TO INCLUDE

Write the minutes as soon as possible after the meeting has taken place. Present the discussions neutrally, giving appropriate emphasis to arguments on all sides of the discussion.

Meeting date, time and location

Names of the committee or other group holding the meeting, the Chair and Secretary

List of those present, including guests in attendance, and any recorded regrets/absences

A record of formal motions and outcomes

WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE

Remember that with executive-style minutes, only actions are recorded in the formal record. In particular:

Avoid directly quoting individuals

Don't include unsubstantiated or subjective information or opinions

While it is acceptable to identify individuals where they are acting in their business or professional capacity as an elected or appointed member or officer, such as presenting a report or other scheduled item, it is not recommended to identify individual participants together with their opinions. Use the passive voice to summarize the main points raised:

It was moved, seconded and carried that...

In the discussion about X the following points were raised...

Proponents of the resolution elaborated on the rationale and, in response to a question, gave assurances that...

Clearly identify each document presented and discussed. If required, consult with the Chair on any issues that require clarification.

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

If minutes are confidential (i.e., the meeting is closed), mark them as such and limit circulation only to members of the committee and any selected

others who have authorization to view them as part of their duties and responsibilities.

Retention and disposition of minutes

Once approved, the minutes of the meeting should be stored together with the agenda and documents for the relevant meeting. Normally notes can be safely destroyed when the minutes have been approved and all necessary correspondence has been completed. Notes should not be retained unless there are legal or statutory requirements to do so.

These documents become the University's official record of the meeting deliberations and must be retained by the office with primary responsibility for their retention for the length of time specified in the University's Common Records Schedule (CRS). At the end of their retention period, minutes and associated documentation must be (in most cases) transferred to the University Archives as specified in the CRS. Units that are not the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) keep their duplicate copies of minutes and documentation for a shorter time period, most often until there is no further need for them operationally (usually up to three years).

Other records of proceedings

Working notes

The recording secretary's working notes are drafts that normally should be destroyed once the minutes have been approved by the respective committee. If other participants take notes that are not part of the official record of the meeting, they should be advised that these notes could be included under a request for access under FIPPA and access might be granted to them; therefore, they may wish to destroy their rough notes once the official minutes have been approved and published.

Audio/video recordings

Audio or video recordings of meetings are generally not advised. If a recording is made, it should be retained only until an approved summary is prepared or, if the recording is the record of the meeting, for as long as other similar records in a particular file class are retained. Ensure secure destruction of audio and video recordings, since they contain personal information. For more information see the IPO's Tip Sheet 7 on Secure Destruction of Records.

When not to take minutes

For informally constituted groups (those whose existence is not mandated by policy or legislation) such as ad hoc task forces or working groups, regular staff meetings, periodic administrative forums, etc., formal minutes are not required – a summary of tasks assigned and accomplished and items agreed to is normally sufficient to document the ongoing work of such groups. For ad hoc task forces and working groups a final report most often constitutes the formal record of the group's work.

Prepare and bring an attendance sheet. Ask members to indicate their presence, as they arrive, by putting a check mark next to their name.

After the meeting

Once approved, the minutes of the meeting should be stored together with the agenda and documents for the relevant meeting. Normally notes can be safely destroyed when the minutes have been approved and all necessary correspondence has been completed. Notes should not be retained unless there are legal or statutory requirements to do so.

These documents become the University's official record of the meeting deliberations and must be retained by the office with primary responsibility for their retention for the length of time specified in the University's Common Records Schedule (CRS). At the end of their retention period, minutes and associated documentation must be (in most cases) transferred to the University Archives as specified in the CRS. Units that are not the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) keep their duplicate copies of minutes and documentation for a shorter time period, most often until there is no further need for them operationally (usually up to three years).

Other records of proceedings

Working notes

The recording secretary's working notes are drafts that normally should be destroyed once the minutes have been approved by the respective committee. If other participants take notes that are not part of the official record of the meeting, they should be advised that these notes could be included under a request for access under FIPPA and access might be granted to them; therefore, they may wish to destroy their rough notes once the official minutes have been approved and published.

Audio/video recordings

Audio or video recordings of meetings are generally not advised. If a recording is made, it should be retained only until an approved summary is prepared or, if the recording is the record of the meeting, for as long as other similar records in a particular file class are retained. Ensure secure destruction of audio and video recordings, since they contain personal information. For more information see the IPO's Tip Sheet 7 on Secure Destruction of Records.

When not to take minutes

For informally constituted groups (those whose existence is not mandated by policy or legislation) such as ad hoc task forces or working groups, regular



The Three Dimensions of a Complete Life Sermon

Partial transcript - delivered at New Covenant Baptist Church in Chicago on April 9, 1967

I want to use as the subject from which to preach: "The Three Dimensions of a Complete Life." You know, they used to tell us in Hollywood that in order for a movie to be complete, it had to be three-dimensional. Well, this morning I want to seek to get over to each of us that if life itself is to be complete, it must be three-dimensional. Many, many centuries ago, there was a man by the name of John who found himself in prison out on a lonely, obscure island called Patmos. And I've been in prison just enough to know that it's a lonely experience. And when you are incarcerated in such a situation, you are deprived of almost every freedom, but the freedom to think, the freedom to pray, the freedom to reflect and to meditate. And while John was out on this lonely island in prison, he lifted his vision to high heaven and he saw, descending out of heaven, a new heaven and a new earth. Over in the twenty-first chapter of the book of Revelation, it opens by saying, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. And I John saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven."

And one of the greatest glories of this new city of God that John saw was its completeness. It was not up on one side and down on the other, but it was complete in all three of its dimensions. And so in this same chapter as we looked down to the sixteenth verse, John says, "The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal." In other words, this new city of God, this new city of ideal humanity is not an unbalanced entity, but is complete on all sides. Now I think John is saying something here in all of the symbolism of this text and the symbolism of this chapter. He's saying at bottom that life as it should be and life at its best is a life that is complete on all sides.

And there are three dimensions of any complete life to which we can fitly give the words of this text: length, breadth, and height. Now the length of life as we shall use it here is the inward concern for one's own welfare. In other words, it is that inward concern that causes one to push forward, to achieve his own goals and ambitions. The breadth of life as we shall use it here is the outward concern for the welfare of others. And the height of life is the upward reach for God. Now you got to have all three of these to have a complete life.

Now let's turn for the moment to the length of life. I said that this is the dimension of life where we are concerned with developing our inner powers. In a sense this is the selfish dimension of life. There is such a thing as rational and healthy self-interest. A great Jewish rabbi, the late Joshua Leibman, wrote a book some years ago entitled Peace of Mind. And he has a chapter in that book entitled "Love Thyself Properly." And what he says in that chapter, in substance, is that before you can love other selves adequately, you've got to love your own self properly. You know, a lot of people don't love themselves. And they go through life with deep and haunting emotional conflicts. So the length of life means that you must love yourself.

And you know what loving yourself also means? It means that you've got to accept yourself. So many people are busy trying to be somebody else. God gave all of us something significant. And we must pray every day, asking God to help us to accept ourselves. That means everything. Too many Negroes are ashamed of themselves, ashamed of being black. A Negro got to rise up and say from the bottom of his soul, "I am somebody. I have a rich, noble, and proud heritage. However exploited and however painful my history has been, I'm black, but I'm black and beautiful." This is what we've got to say. We've got to accept ourselves. And we must pray, "Lord, Help me to accept myself every day; help me to accept my tools."

I remember when I was in college, I majored in sociology, and all sociology majors had to take a course that was required called statistics. And statistics can be very complicated. You've got to have a mathematical mind, a real knowledge of geometry, and you've got to know how to find the mean, the mode, and the median. I never will forget. I took this course and I had a fellow classmate who could just work that stuff out, you know. And he could do his homework in about an hour. We would often go to the lab or the workshop, and he would just work it out in about an hour, and it was over for him. And I was trying to do what he was doing; I was trying to do mine in an

hour. And the more I tried to do it in an hour, the more I was flunking out in the course. And I had to come to a very hard conclusion. I had to sit down and say, "Now, Martin Luther King, Leif Cane has a better mind than you." Sometimes you have to acknowledge that. And I had to say to myself, "Now, he may be able to do it in an hour, but it takes me two or three hours to do it." I was not willing to accept myself. I was not willing to accept my tools and my limitations.

But you know in life we're called upon to do this. A Ford car trying to be a Cadillac is absurd, but if a Ford will accept itself as a Ford, it can do many things that a Cadillac could never do: it can get in parking spaces that a Cadillac can never get in. [laughter] And in life some of us are Fords and some of us are Cadillacs. Moses says in "Green Pastures," "Lord, I ain't much, but I is all I got." [laughter] The principle of self-acceptance is a basic principle in life.

Now the other thing about the length of life: after accepting ourselves and our tools, we must discover what we are called to do. And once we discover it we should set out to do it with all of the strength and all of the power that we have in our systems. And after we've discovered what God called us to do, after we've discovered our life's work, we should set out to do that work so well that the living, the dead, or the unborn couldn't do it any better. Now this does not mean that everybody will do the so-called big, recognized things of life. Very few people will rise to the heights of genius in the arts and the sciences; very few collectively will rise to certain professions. Most of us will have to be content to work in the fields and in the factories and on the streets. But we must see the dignity of all labor.

When I was in Montgomery, Alabama, I went to a shoe shop quite often, known as the Gordon Shoe Shop. And there was a fellow in there that used to shine my shoes, and it was just an experience to witness this fellow shining my shoes. He would get that rag, you know, and he could bring music out of it. And I said to myself, "This fellow has a Ph.D. in shoe shining."

What I'm saying to you this morning, my friends, even if it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, go on out and sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures; sweep streets like Handel and Beethoven composed music; sweep streets like Shakespeare wrote poetry; sweep streets so well that all the host of heaven and earth will have to pause and say, "Here lived a great street sweeper who swept his job well."

If you can't be a pine on the top of a hill
Be a scrub in the valley—but be
The best little scrub on the side of the hill,
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.
If you can't be a highway just be a trail
If you can't be the sun be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or fail—
Be the best of whatever you are.
And when you do this, when you do this, you've mastered the length of life.

This onward push to the end of self-fulfillment is the end of a person's life. Now don't stop here, though. You know, a lot of people get no further in life than the length. They develop their inner powers; they do their jobs well. But do you know, they try to live as if nobody else lives in the world but themselves? And they use everybody as mere tools to get to where they're going. They don't love anybody but themselves. And the only kind of love that they really have for other people is utilitarian love. You know, they just love people that they can use.

A lot of people never get beyond the first dimension of life. They use other people as mere steps by which they can climb to their goals and their ambitions. These people don't work out well in life. They may go for awhile, they may think they're making it all right, but there is a law. They call it the law of gravitation in the physical universe, and it works, it's final, it's inexorable: whatever goes up can come down. You shall reap what you sow. God has structured the universe that way. And he who goes through life not concerned about others will be a subject, victim of this law.

So I move on and say that it is necessary to add breadth to length. Now the breadth of life is the outward concern for the welfare of others, as I said. And a man has not begun to live until he can rise above the narrow confines of his own individual concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.

One day Jesus told a parable. You will remember that parable. He had a man that came to him to talk with him about some very profound concerns. And they finally got around to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" And this man wanted to debate with Jesus. This question could have very easily ended up in thin air as a theological or philosophical debate. But you remember Jesus immediately pulled that question out of thin air and placed it on a dangerous curve between Jerusalem and Jericho. He talked about a certain man who fell among thieves. Two men came by and they just kept going. And then finally another man came, a member of another race, who stopped and helped him. And that parable ends up saying that this good Samaritan was a great man; he was a good man because he was concerned about more than himself.

Now you know, there are many ideas about why the priest and the Levite passed and didn't stop to help that man. A lot of ideas about it. Some say that they were going to a church service, and they were running a little late, you know, and couldn't be late for church, so they kept going because they had to get down to the synagogue. And then there are others who would say that they were involved in the priesthood and consequently there was a priestly law which said that if you were going to administer the sacrament or what have you, you couldn't touch a human body twenty-four hours before worship. Now there's another possibility. It is possible that they were going down to Jericho to organize a Jericho Road Improvement Association. That's

another possibility. And they may have passed by because they felt that it was better to deal with the problem from the causal source rather than one individual victim. That's a possibility.

But you know, when I think about this parable, I think of another possibility as I use my imagination. It's possible that these men passed by on the other side because they were afraid. You know, the Jericho Road is a dangerous road. I've been on it and I know. And I never will forget, Mrs. King and I were in the Holy Land some time ago. We rented a car and we drove from Jerusalem down to Jericho, a distance of about sixteen miles. You get on that Jericho road—I'm telling you it's a winding, curving, meandering road, very conducive for robbery. And I said to my wife, "Now I can see why Jesus used this road as the occasion for his parable." Here you are when you start out in Jerusalem: you are twenty-two hundred feet above sea level, and when you get down to Jericho sixteen miles later—I mean you have sixteen miles from Jerusalem—you're twelve hundred feet below sea level. During the days of Jesus that road came to the point of being known as the "Bloody Path." So when I think about the priest and the Levite, I think those brothers were afraid.

They were just like me. I was going out to my father's house in Atlanta the other day. He lives about three or four miles from me, and you go out there by going down Simpson Road. And then when I came back later that night—and brother, I can tell you, Simpson Road is a winding road. And a fellow was standing out there trying to flag me down. And I felt that he needed some help; I knew he needed help. [laughter] But I didn't know it. I'll be honest with you, I kept going. [laughter] I wasn't really willing to take the risk.

I say to you this morning that the first question that the priest asked was the first question that I asked on that Jericho Road of Atlanta known as Simpson Road. The first question that the Levite asked was, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But the good Samaritan came by and he reversed the question. Not "What will happen to me if I stop to help this man?" but "What will happen to this man if I do not stop to help him?" This was why that man was good and great. He was great because he was willing to take a risk for humanity; he was willing to ask, "What will happen to this man?" not "What will happen to me?"

This is what God needs today: Men and women who will ask, "What will happen to humanity if I don't help? What will happen to the civil rights movement if I don't participate? What will happen to my city if I don't vote? What will happen to the sick if I don't visit them?" This is how God judges people in the final analysis.

Oh, there will be a day, the question won't be, "How many awards did you get in life?" Not that day. It won't be, "How popular were you in your social setting?" That won't be the question that day. It will not ask how many degrees you've been able to get. The question that day will not be concerned with whether you are a "Ph.D." or a "no D." It will not be concerned with whether you went to Morehouse or whether you went to "No House." The question that day will not be, "How beautiful is your house?" The question that day will not be, "How much money did you accumulate? How much did you have in stocks and bonds?" The question that day will not be, "What kind of automobile did you have?" On that day the question will be, "What did you do for others?"

Now I can hear somebody saying, "Lord, I did a lot of things in life. I did my job well; the world honored me for doing my job. I did a lot of things, Lord; I went to school and studied hard. I accumulated a lot of money, Lord; that's what I did." It seems as if I can hear the Lord of Life saying, "But I was hungry, and ye fed me not. I was sick, and ye visited me not. I was naked, and ye clothed me not. I was in prison, and you weren't concerned about me. So get out of my face. What did you do for others?" This is the breadth of life.

Somewhere along the way, we must learn that there is nothing greater than to do something for others. And this is the way I've decided to go the rest of my days. That's what I'm concerned about. John, if you and Bernard happen to be around when I come to the latter-days and that moment to cross the Jordan, I want you to tell them that I made a request: I don't want a long funeral. In fact, I don't even need a eulogy more than one or two minutes. I hope that I will live so well the rest of the days—I don't know how long I'll live, and I'm not concerned about that—but I hope I can live so well that the preacher can get up and say, "He was faithful." That's all, that's enough. That's the sermon I'd like to hear: "Well done my good and faithful servant. You've been faithful; you've been concerned about others." That's where I want to go from this point on the rest of my days. "He who is greatest among you shall be your servant." I want to be a servant. I want to be a witness for my Lord, to do something for others.

And don't forget in doing something for others that you have what you have because of others. Don't forget that. We are tied together in life and in the world. And you may think you got all you got by yourself. But you know, before you got out here to church this morning, you were dependent on more than half of the world. You get up in the morning and go to the bathroom, and you reach over for a bar of soap, and that's handed to you by a Frenchman. You reach over for a sponge, and that's given to you by a Turk. You reach over for a towel, and that comes to your hand from the hands of a Pacific Islander. And then you go on to the kitchen to get your breakfast. You reach on over to get a little coffee, and that's poured in your cup by a South American. Or maybe you decide that you want a little tea this morning, only to discover that that's poured in your cup by a Chinese. Or maybe you want a little cocoa, that's poured in your cup by a West

African. Then you want a little bread and you reach over to get it, and that's given to you by the hands of an English-speaking farmer, not to mention the baker. Before you get through eating breakfast in the morning, you're dependent on more than half the world. That's the way God structured it; that's the way God structured this world. So let us be concerned about others because we are dependent on others.

But don't stop here either. You know, a lot of people master the length of life, and they master the breadth of life, but they stop right there. Now if life is to be complete, we must move beyond our self-interest. We must move beyond humanity and reach up, way up for the God of the universe, whose purpose changeth not.

Now a lot of people have neglected this third dimension. And you know, the interesting thing is a lot of people neglect it and don't even know they are neglecting it. They just get involved in other things. And you know, there are two kinds of atheism. Atheism is the theory that there is no God. Now one kind is a theoretical kind, where somebody just sits down and starts thinking about it, and they come to a conclusion that there is no God. The other kind is a practical atheism, and that kind goes out of living as if there is no God. And you know there are a lot of people who affirm the existence of God with their lips, and they deny his existence with their lives. You've seen these people who have a high blood pressure of creeds and an anemia of deeds. They deny the existence of God with their lives and they just become so involved in other things. They become so involved in getting a big bank account. They become so involved in getting a beautiful house, which we all should have. They become so involved in getting a beautiful car that they unconsciously just forget about God. There are those who become so involved in looking at the man-made lights of the city that they unconsciously forget to rise up and look at that great cosmic light and think about it—that gets up in the eastern horizon every morning and moves across the sky with a kind of symphony of motion and paints its technicolor across the blue—a light that man can never make. They become so involved in looking at the skyscraping buildings of the Loop of Chicago or Empire State Building of New York that they unconsciously forget to think about the gigantic mountains that kiss the skies as if to bathe their peaks in the lofty blue—something that man could never make. They become so busy thinking about radar and their television that they unconsciously forget to think about the stars that bedeck the heavens like swinging lanterns of eternity, those stars that appear to be shiny, silvery pins sticking in the magnificent blue pincushion. They become so involved in thinking about man's progress that they forget to think about the need for God's power in history. They end up going days and days not knowing that God is not with them.

And I'm here to tell you today that we need God. Modern man may know a great deal, but his knowledge does not eliminate God. And I tell you this morning that God is here to stay. A few theologians are trying to say that God is dead. And I've been asking them about it because it disturbs me to know that God died and I didn't have a chance to attend the funeral. They haven't been able to tell me yet the date of his death. They haven't been able to tell me yet who the coroner was that pronounced him dead. They haven't been able to tell me yet where he's buried.

You see, when I think about God, I know his name. He said somewhere, back in the Old Testament, "I want you to go out, Moses, and tell them 'I Am' sent you." He said just to make it clear, let them know that "my last name is the same as my first, 'I Am that I Am.'" Make that clear. I Am." And God is the only being in the universe that can say "I Am" and put a period behind it. Each of us sitting here has to say, "I am because of my parents; I am because of certain environmental conditions; I am because of certain hereditary circumstances; I am because of God." But God is the only being that can just say, "I Am" and stop right there. "I Am that I Am." And He's here to stay. Let nobody make us feel that we don't need God.

As I come to my conclusion this morning, I want to say that we should search for him. We were made for God, and we will be restless until we find rest in him. And I say to you this morning that this is the personal faith that has kept me going. I'm not worried about the future. You know, even on this race question, I'm not worried. I was down in Alabama the other day, and I started thinking about the state of Alabama where we worked so hard and may continue to elect the Wallaces. And down in my home state of Georgia, we have another sick governor by the name of Lester Maddox. And all of these things can get you confused, but they don't worry me. Because the God that I worship is a God that has a way of saying even to kings and even to governors, "Be still, and know that I am God." And God has not yet turned over this universe to Lester Maddox and Lurleen Wallace. Somewhere I read, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, and I'm going on because I have faith in Him. I do not know what the future holds, but I do know who holds the future. And if He'll guide us and hold our hand, we'll go on in."

I remember down in Montgomery, Alabama, an experience that I'd like to share with you. When we were in the midst of the bus boycott, we had a marvelous old lady that we affectionately called Sister Pollard. She was a wonderful lady about seventy-two years old and she was still working at that age. During the boycott she would walk every day to and from work. She was one that somebody stopped one day and said, "Wouldn't you like to ride?" And she said, "No." And then the driver moved on and stopped and thought, and backed up a little and said, "Well, aren't you tired?" She said, "Yes, my feets is tired, but my soul is rested."

She was a marvelous lady. And one week I can remember that I had gone through a very difficult week. Threatening calls had come in all day and all night the night before, and I was beginning to falter and to get weak within

and to lose my courage. And I never will forget that I went to the mass meeting that Monday night very discouraged and a little afraid, and wondering whether we were going to win the struggle. And I got up to make my talk that night, but it didn't come out with strength and power. Sister Pollard came up to me after the meeting and said, "Son, what's wrong with you?" Said, "You didn't talk strong enough tonight."

And I said, "Nothing is wrong, Sister Pollard, I'm all right."

She said, "You can't fool me." Said, "Something wrong with you." And then she went on to say these words, "Is the white folks doing something to you that you don't like?"

I said, "Everything is going to be all right, Sister Pollard."

And then she finally said, "Now come close to me and let me tell you something one more time, and I want you to hear it this time." She said, "Now I done told you we is with you." She said, "Now, even if we ain't with you, the Lord is with you." And she concluded by saying, "The Lord's going to take care of you."

And I've seen many things since that day. I've gone through many experiences since that night in Montgomery, Alabama. Since that time Sister Pollard has died. Since that time I've been in more than eighteen jail cells. Since that time I've come perilously close to death at the hands of a demented Negro woman. Since that time I've seen my home bombed three times. Since that time I've had to live every day under the threat of death. Since that time I've had many frustrating and bewildering nights. But over and over again I can still hear Sister Pollard's words: "God's going to take care of you." So today I can face any man and any woman with my feet solidly placed on the ground and my head in the air because I know that when you are right, God will fight your battle.

"Darker yet may be the night, harder yet may be the fight. Just stand up for that which is right." It seems that I can hear a voice speaking even this morning, saying to all of us, "Stand up for what is right. Stand up for what is just. Lo, I will be with you even until the end of the world." Yes, I've seen the lightning flash. I've heard the thunder roll. I've felt sin-breakers dashing, trying to conquer my soul. But I heard the voice of Jesus saying still to fight on. He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone. No, never alone. No, never alone. He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone. And I go on in believing that. Reach out and find the breadth of life.

You may not be able to define God in philosophical terms. Men through the ages have tried to talk about him. Plato said that he was the Architectonic Good. Aristotle called him the Unmoved Mover. Hegel called him the Absolute Whole. Then there was a man named Paul Tillich who called him Being-Itself. We don't need to know all of these high-sounding terms. Maybe we have to know him and discover him another way. One day you ought to rise up and say, "I know him because he's a lily of the valley." He's a bright and morning star. He's a rose of Sharon. He's a battle-axe in the time of Babylon. And then somewhere you ought to just reach out and say, "He's my everything. He's my mother and my father. He's my sister and my brother. He's a friend to the friendless." This is the God of the universe. And if you believe in him and worship him, something will happen in your life. You will smile when others around you are crying. This is the power of God.

Go out this morning. Love yourself, and that means rational and healthy self-interest. You are commanded to do that. That's the length of life. Then follow that: Love your neighbor as you love yourself. You are commanded to do that. That's the breadth of life. And I'm going to take my seat now by letting you know that there's a first and even greater commandment: "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength." I think the psychologist would just say with all thy personality. And when you do that, you've got the breadth of life.

And when you get all three of these together, you can walk and never get weary. You can look up and see the morning stars singing together, and the sons of God shouting for joy. When you get all of these working together in your very life, judgement will roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

When you get all the three of these together, the lamb will lie down with the lion.

When you get all three of these together, you look up and every valley will be exalted, and every hill and mountain will be made low; the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places straight; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh will see it together.

When you get all three of these working together, you will do unto others as you'd have them do unto you.

When you get all three of these together, you will recognize that out of one blood God made all men to dwell upon the face of the earth.

When you get all three of these together... [recording ends]

Resource: <https://projects.seattletimes.com/mlk/words-life.html>

A Call To SERVE

Service/Mission Projects During the Pandemic

MISSION PROJECTS

With the world being in the midst of a global pandemic, it's been very difficult for us to gather together during our sessions over the past year to serve the communities in which we convene. Furthermore, with so many people losing their jobs or being furloughed due to the pandemic, it's been very hard to serve in our own communities. Not all gifts have to be monetary, you can give with your time and be just as great a blessing as those who donate money. I encourage you my fellow young adults, to seek places where you can lend a helping hand, look for ways to serve in your community and beyond, and give when you can no matter how small.

Action Request: LaTanya Hyman, Third Vice President

Though it seemed hard to reach out to others at the beginning of this pandemic, I am grateful for the following opportunities:

- ◆ Attended a City-Wide prayer/community action event following the shooting of George Floyd
- ◆ 3 Missions Motorcade Events – Our missionary department (Friendship MBC – Fayetteville) drove around our county to visit elderly members of our church. We honked loud, displayed our homemade signs, and gave each of them a COVID-19 survival bag (paper towels, tissue, sanitizer, hand soap, a devotional book, and a personal letter from our Interim Pastor).
- ◆ Went grocery shopping for those who were part of the at-risk population
- ◆ Participated in our churches Annual Angel Tree
- ◆ Our Young Adult Department collected socks to be distributed to local homeless shelters.

Minister Patton-Williams, President

The missionaries of Grace MBC, Kittrell joined together with all three departments to share some goodies and cheer with our seniors and shut-in members during the Covid Pandemic. We teamed up and put together gift bags with survival kit items such as wipes, sanitizer, tissue, and snacks. We then mapped out a route to each of their homes. We did a driveby caravan and safely visited them and delivered our gifts to their doorsteps. They were so grateful for the company as well as the supplies.

Even though all may not be able to team up or venture out, we all can do something to help someone in need. I encourage all who can, think of and pray for someone who is alone, elderly, and/or shut-in during this time. Give them a call, send them a card with scriptures and encouraging words; even get their mailing address and have supplies shipped to their doorstep. Let's make these efforts ongoing and consistent!

Ms. Freda LeMay, Secretary

- ◆ I was blessed with the opportunity to continue participating in service projects with my church, Friendship MBC-Fayetteville (FMBC) since March 2020. I would like to share with you. :)
- ◆ I participated in (3) Missions-Motorcade (i.e. FMBC missionary members drove their vehicles in a line throughout Cumberland county to visit elderly members of my church June 7, 2020, September 13, 2020 and October 11, 2020.
- ◆ I assisted my church with Second Harvest Foodbank distributed boxes of food to seniors in senior housing.
- ◆ I donated socks to a local homeless shelter on November 22, 2020.
- ◆ I also participated in an Angel tree event to donate Christmas gifts for a young boy in a needy family.

Mrs. Kyerre Patton-Williams, Assistant Secretary

Since COVID-19 shut down schools, Pine Acres Community Center which I am Executive Director and Site Coordinator opened daily to feed youth that were virtual learning. My site continued to feed youth daily even weekends



until they transitioned back to school. We provided over 60,000 meals in the Fuquay-Varina and other parts of Southern Wake County. Along with awesome volunteers we were able to have an on-site curbside pickup and also deliver meals to neighborhoods daily averaging 800-900 meals daily. We also provided weekend care packages for families to be able to eat until meals were provided the next week. We even provided easter eggs for each family to do an easter egg hunt at home to reduce the spread of the virus.

We furthered our efforts by providing family boxes and produce boxes to anyone that needed the resources. We are continuing to this day with provided fresh, frozen, and shelf stable food, hygiene kits, PPE, and weekly youth snack bags each week. Also, providing schools supplies to the kids returning in in person learning. We are now a Wake County food stability HUB servicing southern Wake County servicing over 1200 families a month. During Thanksgiving and Christmas, we provided full meals with turkeys, hams, roast, and roasting hens, Also, we adopted three mobile home parks with a partnership with area churches to provide Christmas presents and other resources.



Bryan Haynes, Fourth Vice President

Helping Those Help Others

Working in a hospital in the midst of a pandemic has not given me much time to serve the community or the people of God. I have watched from the sidelines as others have given out food boxes, delivered food to overworked hospital staff, and delivered those much needed items to several nursing facilities across North Carolina. Though my life has been busy and in a bit of disarray, I still found a way to lend a helping hand.

My first act of service was helping a very dear friend of mine and her children help their local food pantry ministry. Each year, for the past three years, my friend along with her son and daughter bake cookies to sale to help raise money for a food pantry in the Mount Pleasant, NC area. I think it's so precious when kids choose to serve, so I did not hesitate to make a donation to my bonus niece and nephew.

A co-worker of mine has a non-profit organization called Tray's Angels. Continuing from a class project when she was in nursing school, she has continued to serve parts of Cumberland and Harnett county. This year she donated to Ladles of Love, a nonprofit restaurant that not only offers free meals, but they deliver to the sick and shut in. The other place she decided to service this season, was the Fuquay-Varina food pantry. Not only did my co-worker donate food, but she collected coats, personal hygiene items, and blankets, to name a few. I donated 10 blankets to her efforts in Fuquay-Varina. Throughout this new year, I plan to look for ways that I and the young adults in my county can continue to serve.

LaTanya Hyman, Third Vice President

At Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, we took socks, hats and gloves to the people in Tent City. This is an area of homeless people in Charlotte.

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