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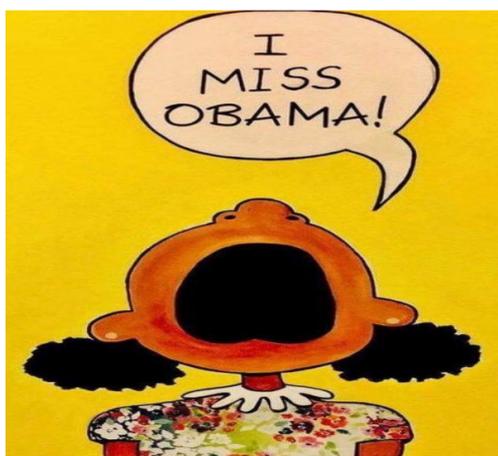
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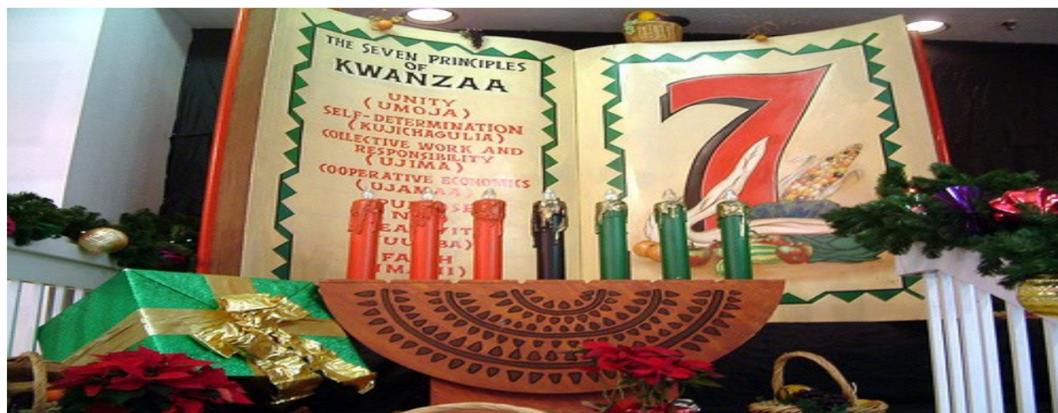
Judi Brown-Clarke Joins Stony Brook University



Judi Brown-Clarke has been appointed Chief Diversity Officer
as Stony Brook University in New York. Clarke is a long-time
MSU employee, former Lansing City Council President and
former Olympic Metal Winner. Picture courtesy of the Lansing State



KWANZAA SPECIAL EDITION



How to Celebrate Kwanzaa?

Kwanzaa is a holiday invented in 1966 by Maulana Karenga (founder of the Black Power group "Us Organization") through which African Americans can connect with their heritage and culture. It's celebrated from December 26 through January 1, with each of the seven days focusing on one of seven core values, or *Nguzo Saba*. A candle is lit on each day, and on the last day, gifts are exchanged. Since Kwanzaa is a cultural holiday rather than a religious one, it can be celebrated alongside Christmas or Hanukkah, or on its own, although Karenga wished for it to be celebrated instead of Christmas and Hanukkah, as he felt these holidays were simply symbols of the dominant cultures in America

Decorate your home or the main room with the symbols of Kwanzaa. Put a green tablecloth over a centrally located table, and on top of that, place the *Mkeka* which is a straw or woven mat that symbolizes the historical foundation of African ancestry. Place the following on the *Mkeka*:

Mazao — fruit or crops placed in a bowl, representing the community's productivity.

Kinara — a seven-pronged candle-holder.

Mishumaa Saba — the seven candles which represent the seven core principles of Kwanzaa. Three candles on the left are red, representing struggle; three on the right are green, representing hope; and one in the center is black, signifying the African American people or those who draw their heritage from Africa.

Muhindi — ears of corn. Lay out one ear of corn for each child; if there are no children, place two ears to represent the children of the community.

Zawadi — various gifts for the children.

Kikombe cha Umoja — a cup to represent family and community unity.

Decorate around the room with Kwanzaa flags, called *Bendera*, and posters emphasizing the seven principles. You can purchase or make these, and it's especially fun to make them with the kids.

If you or your children enjoy making flags, try making African national or tribal flags in addition to the *Bendera*.

Practice the Kwanzaa greetings. Starting on December 26, greet everyone by saying "Habari Gani" which is a standard Swahili greeting meaning "what is the news?" If someone greets you, respond with the principle (*Nguzo Saba*) for that day:

December 26: "*Umoja*" — Unity

December 27: "*Kujichagulia*" — Self-determination

December 28: "*Ujima*" — Collective work and responsibility

December 29: "*Ujamaa*" — Cooperative economics

December 30: "*Nia*" — Purpose

December 31: "*Kuumba*" — Creativity

January 1: "*Imani*" — Faith.

Non-African-Americans are also welcome to participate in greetings. The traditional greeting for them is "Joyous Kwanzaa."

Light the Kinara daily. Since each candle represents a specific principle, they are lit one day at a time, in a certain order. The black candle is always lit first. Some people light the remaining candles from left to right (red to green) while other people alternate as follows:

Black candle

Far left red candle

Far right green candle

Second red candle

Second green candle

Last red candle

Last green candle

Celebrate Kwanzaa in a variety of different ways. Pick and choose some or all of the following activities throughout the seven days of Kwanzaa, saving the feast for the sixth day. Kwanzaa ceremony may include:

Drumming and musical selections.

Readings of the African Pledge and the Principles of Blackness.

Reflections on the Pan-African colors, discussions of African principles of the day, or recitations of chapters in African history.

The candle-lighting ritual of the *Kinara*.

Artistic performances.

Have the Kwanzaa Karamu (feast) on the sixth day (New Year's Eve). The Kwanzaa feast is a very special event that brings everyone closer to their African roots. It is traditionally held on December 31st and is a communal and cooperative effort. Decorate the place where the feast will be held in a red, green, and black scheme. A large Kwanzaa setting should dominate the room where the feast will be held. A large *Mkeka* should be placed in the center of the floor where the food is placed creatively and made accessible to all to serve themselves. Before and during the feast, an informative and entertaining program should be presented.

Traditionally, the program should involve welcoming, remembering, reassessment, recommitment and rejoicing concluded by a farewell statement and a call for greater unity.

During the feast, drinks are to be shared from a communal cup, the *Kikombe cha Umoja*, passed around to all celebrants.

Give out the gifts of Kuumba. Kuumba, meaning creativity, is highly encouraged and brings a sense of self-satisfaction. The gifts are usually exchanged between the parents and children and are given out traditionally on January 1st, the last day of Kwanzaa.



News, Views & Commentary

MoneyWalk 419:

This program will help you undo financial bondage.

If you're like me, your mind must be continually renewed to expect by faith the hope that is in your heart for the present and future. The LORD has blessed me enormously, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically, and economically, even though I have not always perfectly walked out my faith. But hold off on your judgment because God is not through with me yet. And, I'm sure He's not through with you either.

God is in the blessing & rewards business for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. Even for many people who are currently unbelievers, He abundantly gives what they need to turn to Him as well as abundant resources to help them care for themselves and their families in this life. He has prepared much better for those who turn to Him by accepting Christ as Savior. Salvation and the inheritance of eternal life are received by grace through faith and not of works so no one can earn them. However, earthly and some spiritual blessings and rewards have conditions attached to them that require obedience to His commands. He desires that you obtain and appropriate them on earth in a way that is wholesome and that helps you be a great blessing to others around you.

Some blessings & rewards that God wants you to have are above and beyond what you currently have and may only be obtained when you ask His will for particular situations and by faith believe and initiate action to bring these currently unseen things into the realm of the seen. Sometimes this requires constant and persistent petition and action until they are received. Satan and his demonic cohorts stand in opposition to your blessings & rewards and try to block them because of the damaging effect these weapons have on his dark kingdom. Through the funding, preaching, and serving of the gospel many people are saved and the dark kingdom is driven out of their life and heart. Because I want the LORD's will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven, I will forever remind myself to have a heart that loves the LORD and other people and put on the mind of Christ to be renewed in my thinking.

I will walk in the Spirit to destroy the unfruitful works of the flesh. I have the power in me to expect the specific things He wants for me, so I will pray, call forth, and wait when necessary until they come. Then, I will move forward in prayer to find out new blessings & rewards He desires for me. I will let the Holy Spirit constantly inventory my heart to ensure



my motives are right, yet I understand the motive behind my prayer requests is not dishonorable even though some things he wants for me and my family are higher cost than I have ever had. The LORD simply knows

how to give good gifts and sometimes desires that you and I have things beyond our current financial ability to obtain. When blessings and rewards are properly obtained, appreciated, and managed they allow you to initiate greater acts of faith, be more useful in Kingdom service, meet family needs, and offer a testimony of His goodness to others, etc.

Please pray for this ministry and email me with any questions. May the LORD bless you richly as you follow His plan!

Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:9-13, Psalm 2:8, James 4:1-2

Please forward these bondage-breaking articles to other people who can use helpful insight!

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THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

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You were given to us, Sweet Jesus
As The Light of the world
Your glory now shines through us, for our brightness to unfurl

Prince of peace, Lamb of God, Wonderful Counselor you are
At Your birth, Wise men knelt before You---
You...our gift, their Brightest Shinning Star

You came to give us life, peace, salvation and glorified power
Oh, Architect of the universe, upon us mercy, You continue to shower
You bled on the cross of Calvary to wash away our sin
You now touch our souls gently, providing warmth and serenity within

You reign over all, Divine Master
Awesome King of Kings
You reign Holy today, Your rule-absolute...
As Lord over everything

You came to redeem our soul
To make our meager lives whole
This prophecy You came to fulfill
For this, I adore and praise you...still
Oh Sweet Jesus, I sometimes wonder why
You were a Christmas gift, yet You were born to die
Then You rose again
And I understand...For now our wondrous new life began

Glory and honor to You
Lord, I freely give
Glory Hallelujah, for within my soul,
You now abundantly live!!!!

RE-CONNECTING SOUL II SOUL: THE PROPHETS' CANDLE, SYMBOLIZING HOPE 12/03/2019



Pastor/Chaplain Pamela June (PJ) Anderson, DMin.
Lt. Commander (RET) USN Chaplain Corps
Certified Peer Support Specialist



NOW, TODAY, IS THE DAY OF HOLY SPIRIT GRACE, WISDOM, AND AWARENESS. BE STILL AND LISTEN TO HEAR HER VOICE

"Hope postponed grieves the heart; but when a dream comes true, life is full and sweet.
Proverbs 13:11 The Voice (VOICE)



AND GOD, on December 10, 1997, my mom became absent from the body and present with the Lord. Every December 10th I hope for KNOWING that my God is working all things together for my good because I love the Lord and that my calling is on point. It has evolved so rapidly since we first co-birthed Space for Grace. And it is quite varied and, at the same time, focused."

Although Space for Grace is a non-traditional faith-based organization, we do acknowledge the traditions of Advent and the proverbial hope found in the expectant Redeemer. A Redeemer who is always with us. A Redeemer who keeps His Word. A Redeemer who shows humanity the way to Redemption (recovery, restoration, renewal).

Living in a world of liars, we need someone whose Truth prevails. Jim Jones, Franklin Graham, and Pat Robertson are believable to the unaware even as they chip away at the Soul of humanity with their interpretations and extrapolations (beliefs, assumptions). I met such a person in church last Sunday. He is smooth, persuasive, charming, and mesmerizing. I was spellbound by his charisma. I came to myself when he stated "this is the best of all worlds in the history of man kind." I responded "You believe in a man who calls Africa a shithole country (not continent)? You trust a man who degrades Black and Brown people? You place your hope in a man who has made a recorded 13,435 false or misleading claims? His response to me was astounding. "At least he does not kill babies." "But he brags about grabbing baby's birth canal," I retorted.

In "An Essay of Man," Alexander Pope writes "people always hope for the best, even in the face of adversity. During the first week of Advent, Hope is a reminder of the promise given through the Prophets that a Messiah would come. For Whom are you hoping?

Romans 5:5 puts it this way. "And hope will never fail to satisfy our deepest need because the Holy Spirit that was given to us has flooded our hearts with God's love."

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Celebration

Announcements

Birthdays in December 2019

- Mr. Kevin Alexander Tyler celebrates his 26th birthday on December 1st, at home with family.
- Ms. Alisha "Happy" Randle celebrates her 35th birthday on December 1st, "just chill'in!"
- Ms. Diona Houston celebrates her birthday on December 1st. She will turn 34 years of age.
- Ms. Marsha Civils celebrates her birthday on December 2nd.
- Mrs. Tracy Faulkner celebrates her birthday on December 2nd, with family and friends.
- Mr. "Wolf" celebrated his 56th year of life, December 2nd.
- Ms. Markita Atwater celebrates her 28th birthday on December 4th. "I want to say thanks to my mother, Rhonda Horton, for being here for me and watching me become a grown woman... Love you Mom!"
- Ms. Patricia Robinson celebrates her birthday on December 4th.
- Mr. T. J. Baldwin celebrates his 32th birthday on December 5th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Pone, of the Hood Riders MC, celebrates his birthday on December 6th. He says "Jesus loves you!!!" to his daughter and granddaughter.
- Ms. Cynthia Delapaz enjoys her 38th birthday on December 7th, with family and friends. "Much Love to my daughters!"
- Ms. Chantelle Brandon celebrates her birthday on December 8th.
- Ms. Jasmine Harris will celebrate her 30th birthday on December 9th at Gregory's Soul Food.
- Ms. Tabitha Fortner celebrates her 32nd birthday on December 10th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Kaylin "Kay Kay" Perkins, celebrating her 23 years, on December 12.
- Mr. Marc David Tyler II celebrates his 30th birthday on December 13th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Candace Clay celebrates her birth, 43 years, on December 15th. She says, "I love Living!"
- Ms. Kimmy Herlick celebrates her 49th birthday on December 15th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Andy Brown celebrates his birthday on December 15th, with his wife Coral, daughters and son.
- Ms. Cheryl Horn-Bernard will celebrate her birth on December 16th.
- Ms. Karen Morrow celebrates her 48th birthday on December 17th. "God Bless my family, friends and extended family, Love you all!"
- Mr. Stafford L. Cobb celebrates his birthday on December 20th. "Life is lived forward and learned backwards" "Peace to all and 1 love!"
- Mr. Jameel Cooper celebrates his birthday on December 20th, with family and friends.
- Ms. DaQuaria Watkins will celebrate her 23rd birthday on December 20th. Grandma says, "She is an excellent student!"
- Mr. Tommie L. Boyd will celebrate his 48th birthday on December 21st.
- Ms. Charita Robinson-Murphy will celebrate her birthday on December 21st, with her husband Michael and children. "Love You, my niece", Uncle Billy
- Mr. Tyrell Potts will celebrate his birthday on December 25th.
- Mr. Anthony Michael Quarles will be celebrating his 28th birthday on December 26th with family and friends.
- Mr. Al Travis will celebrate his birthday on December 26th.

*Special Holiday Message from:
Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration

December is the month of the Holy Days (Holiday) season... A time when people celebrate and share GOD's Love...

Love is GOD's Character; choosing to put the needs of others before self.

As you spend time with family (The foundation of a person's life), friends and loved ones...

Remember: It is nice to be important, it's more important to be nice!!!

You can never show a kindness too soon for you never know how soon it might be too late!!!

We don't laugh because we're happy, we're happy because we laugh!!!

Smile, laugh; Celebrate a life filled with love every day...
May the Love of GOD bring you Peace and Joy!!!

Merry Christmas/Happy New Year 2016
Joyful Hanukkah/Kwanza/Ramadan
*Announcements

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THE REALS OF JUSTICE

Arraignment

By: Ayanna D. Neal



Ayanna Neal

What is an Arraignment? And if I'm the Defendant do I say anything?

"A criminal defendant's initial appearance before a judicial officer, where he/she learns the charge against him/her and his/her liberty is subject to restriction, marks the start of adversary judicial proceedings that trigger attachment of the Sixth Amendment right to counsel." *Rothgery v. Gillespie Co.*, 554 US 191, 213 (2008) The arraignment is the beginning of the criminal justice process. A person who has been charged with a crime appears before a magistrate or judge. A person who has been charged with a crime is the defendant. A defendant may appear at arraignment with or without an attorney. The purpose of the arraignment is to inform the defendant of the nature of the crime(s) charged, the maximum penalty, his/her constitutional rights, right to have a bond set and the right to enter a plea. A defendant arrested pursuant to a warrant must be taken to the court that is stated in the warrant. At the arraignment for a felony or misdemeanor with a penalty more than 92 days jail, the court must make sure that the defendant's fingerprints have been taken. If the person hasn't had their fingerprints taken the court can order to person to go to a police agency to do so or can order the person committed to the custody of the sheriff for the taking of the fingerprints.

When a defendant is arraigned for an offense that the district court has jurisdiction the defendant must be told: 1) the name of the offense; the maximum sentence; and the defendant's right a) to the assistance of an attorney and to a trial; b) to an appointed attorney if applicable; and to a trial by jury. When a defendant is arraigned on a felony charge or a misdemeanor charge that has a maximum penalty of more than one year, the court must advise the defendant of many additional rights, court hearings and dates, and information regarding pretrial release.

When an attorney is present for an arraignment, most attorneys enter their appearance and waive the formal reading of the charge(s). The attorney asks the court to enter a plea of not guilty or stand mute on behalf of the defendant. The attorney will do most of the talking with the court and will direct the defendant when he/she is to speak. The court obtains contact information for the defendant and usually then addresses bond. Most courts provide a copy of the complaint, the document that contains the charge(s), to the attorney. If an attorney is not present, the court will usually enter a plea of not guilty or stand mute on the defendant's behalf.

The magistrate or judge always advises the defendant of his/her basic constitutional rights. Generally, a defendant is required to review the advice of rights form and then sign and date it and provide their address and phone number to the court. If an attorney is present the attorney will go over the rights with the defendant and answer any questions prior to the defendant signing the advice of rights form.

The only thing that a defendant should say during arraignment is to answer yes or no regarding whether they are able to read, write and understand the English language. Answer yes or no as to if they understand their rights. Answer yes or no as to if they reviewed and understand the advice of rights form. Answer yes or no as to whether it is their signature on the advice of rights form and the correct contact information and that they signed the form on that date. If applicable a defendant should answer questions from the court for the purpose of the court making a determination a bond but should not talk about the facts of the case or parties involved in the case.

If, however, a defendant is high on alcohol or drugs before an arraignment, they are unlikely to be able to fully comprehend what is going on. An arraignment should not begin or should not continue if it is known that the defendant is in such condition. The arraignment should be adjourned and rescheduled.

The arraignment is not an opportunity for a defendant to tell his/her side of the story. The defendant should not talk about the facts of the case(s). The defendant should only answer the questions of the court. Anything that a defendant says during an arraignment can be held against him/her.

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