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## JUNETEENTH IN LANSING

### IT'S TIME for Juneteenth to be a National Day of Observance!

Greetings from the P.E.E.R.S Board and the Lansing Juneteenth Committee! The Lansing Juneteenth Celebration commemorates the end of slavery in the United States by celebrating the joys of liberty, educating the community about our heritage, and by promoting positive cultural interaction. This year marks Lansing's 27<sup>th</sup> year of celebrating Juneteenth and Michigan's 16<sup>th</sup> year as a state of Michigan holiday! The City of Lansing and State of Michigan proclaim: 'Juneteenth National Freedom Day.' A day worthy of recognition in our city and in our state.

The Lansing Juneteenth Celebration began in 1993, from the vision of Gordon Haskins, a long-time member of Mask Memorial CME Church in Lansing, MI. Gordon, who was originally from Douglasville, TX had a vision that someday the history of Juneteenth would be communicated and celebrated in Lansing, MI as it is celebrated in the state of Texas.

Gordon knew for this to happen; he would need to seek out individuals with talented organizational skills. Therefore, he sought the assistance of Debra Plummer. Debra Plummer, a long time Lansing native, had recently moved back to the Lansing area after living in Milwaukee, WI and Fullerton, CA for more than 15 years. When Gordon asked Debra if she knew what Juneteenth was about, she replied yes. Her knowledge of the celebration came after attending a Juneteenth program in Milwaukee, WI and from several friends living in the south who also celebrate the holiday.

Gordon shared his vision with Debra Plummer and requested her to assist with organizing the first Juneteenth Celebration. This small but robust celebration was held at Mask Memorial CME Church. The keynote speaker for the event was from Linden, TX. Now, 27 years later the recognition and celebration still live on in Lansing. The original Juneteenth Committee consisted of the following members from Mask Memorial CME Church: Gordon Haskins, Debra Plummer, Mary Plummer, Marilyn Plummer, Marsha Plummer, Jim Hughes, Charles Johnson, Jerrye Wynne Scates, Rodney Shepard, Daulton Tansil, Edwin Thompson and Earl Chapman. The pastor of Mask Memorial CME church at that time was Rev. Sterling O. Littlejohn.

The Committee has emerged into a community group of over 25 members and volunteers that includes some of the original founding members of Mask Memorial CME Church and additional members who represent several Lansing's area churches and civic and social organizations (see committee composite photo).

One of the greatest accomplishments for the Lansing Juneteenth Committee was when the Juneteenth National Freedom Day legislation was signed into law on June 17, 2005 as P.A. 48. Marilyn Plummer who worked diligently on behalf of

the Lansing Juneteenth Committee along with Rev. Dr. A. Richard Doss and the late Rev. Dr. Michael Murphy to make this a reality. "In June 2005, Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm signed legislation officially designating the third Saturday in June as Juneteenth National Freedom Day in Michigan. Senate Bill 384 (PA 48) was sponsored by Senator Martha G. Scott. Michigan was the 18th state to officially recognize Juneteenth as a state holiday."

On Monday, June 8, 2020, the Lansing Juneteenth Committee was honored to receive a Resolution offered in recognition of Lansing's 27<sup>th</sup> year celebration and PSA Juneteenth tribute from the Lansing City Council. On Juneteenth Day, Friday, June 19, 2020 Mayor Andy Schor will Proclaim Juneteenth Day in Lansing by way of a City of Lansing Proclamation.

Although the 2020 Juneteenth Celebration's open public activities: The Essay/ Scholarship Contest, Ceremonial Programs, the Parade, and the Saturday Freedom Festival Park Celebration, all have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor's Executive Emergency Order. Some restrictions have been lifted, the gathering of large numbers of people is a health concern and challenge implementing social distancing. This pandemic has changed the way we celebrate and acknowledge Juneteenth this year.

Considering the pandemic, the Lansing Juneteenth Committee has prepared a special Tribute in honor of Juneteenth Day and will be circulating a Public Service Announcement (PSA) on local broadcasting stations and other social media platforms on Friday, June 19, 2020, Juneteenth Day. Please also visit the Juneteenth website at: [LansingJuneteenthCelebration.org](http://LansingJuneteenthCelebration.org) for much more information about Juneteenth and our Tribute as we recognize and promote our rich history.

Our promotion of positive intercultural interaction through education is embraced by two noteworthy projects. The first project, under the direction of artist Julian Vandyke, the creation of the Juneteenth Coloring and Activity Storybook was published in 2004. This year Julian has re-published as "Juneteenth-Celebrating Freedom." Julian will be erecting the Capital Area District Libraries (CADL) Downtown Window exhibit display in Monday, June 15, 2020. Please drive by to view the window display which will be featured until June 30, 2020. The second project, the Annual Essay/Scholarship Program encourages young people to learn by researching and writing. This increases the awareness and understanding of the history of Juneteenth at the middle and high school levels. Scholarships are given annually to Middle and High School students who meet the criteria for responding to questions in relation to Juneteenth History. The Juneteenth Education subcommittee plays an integral part in reaching the Middle and High School levels to teach more about the history of Juneteenth. The Juneteenth Education & Essay Subcommittee has been hard at work to restructure the can-

celled Annual Essay Contest to focus on this year's graduating seniors. According to Chairperson, Debra Plummer "The Juneteenth Education Committee has been at work to determine what we can do to assist students in any way we can. We are not able to hold an Essay Contest for grades sixth through eleventh. To replace what we are not able to do for these grades we will become a Resource Center to assist students, parents and teachers to maintain academic levels when entering school for fall 2021. The Essay program was revamped to hold an Essay Contest for students completing grade twelve planning to attend college in the fall. The Education/Essay Subcommittee received a letter of confirmation from Olivet College for two Scholarships to two (2) Essay Contest Winners. Due to the changes with the contest the Committee agreed to extend the due date for essays until Saturday May 16, 2020 for graduating seniors. The essays will be judged, and winners notified who are recipients of the Olivet Talent Scholarship. The next two runner-up winners will be awarded gift cards to cover the fee for Rush Investment Unlimited to earn Scholarships for the college of their choice. These changes were worked out to continue to show our commitment to Education. A special thank you to Debra Plummer, Juneteenth Education Committee, Chair and members: Mary Gibbs, Ernest Conerly, Dr. Willie Davis, and Leonard Rusher and administrative support member, Rhonda Bishop. on all your efforts to pursue higher educational opportunities for students who affiliate with the Juneteenth Essay Contest. Nationally and globally, Juneteenth is recognized in each state across the United States and around the world. The national organization, the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation or NJOF is advocating for Juneteenth to be a National Day of Observance, [www.njof.org](http://www.njof.org). This effort was led by the founder/Chairman, Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr., M.D.

Dr. Myers celebrated Juneteenth in Lansing on Saturday, June 6, 2009-for the Annual Juneteenth celebration. The celebration included a Jazz Reception as a fundraising event at Gregory's on N. M.L. King Blvd. In Lansing.

**About the NJOF.** [www.njof.org](http://www.njof.org) NJOF is a national foundation, including hundreds of local organizations, that have been instrumental in the passage of Juneteenth Independence Day legislation. The NJOF advances the right of Freedom through its initiatives including education, health, music, art, and technology creating opportunities for a better life for all. By focusing on these key building blocks the NJOF movement creates long-lasting community change. The NJOF is a call to action for everyone to become a part of the change.

We appreciate the support of the Greater Lansing Community and Region for all the years of support of this celebration.

Marilyn Plummer, Chair  
Rev. Dr. A. Richard Doss, Chair, PEERS Committee  
[www.LansingJuneteenthCelebration.org](http://www.LansingJuneteenthCelebration.org)

## What Will Help Lansing Breathe?



Angela Waters Austin

Lansing has been gasping for air for decades. Earl Little was murdered in 1931 by white supremacists who were protected by the legal system that ruled his homicide an accident. One can only imagine the whispers among a community that knew the truth. Both Black and white in on the unspoken pact of silence for the sake of civility and the family-friendly façade. The legacy of El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, aka Malcolm X, is one of global impact yet there is no monument in Lansing. Many are holding their breath right now. Waiting for the uprising and uncomfortable conversations about racism to end. Not race. Racism. Starbucks, like many people (remember the federal government decided Starbucks is a person), confused racism with talking about racism. Glory, glory, the corporate giant has decided that banning Black Lives Matter gear is going to negatively impact their bottom line. Hard to believe they still have one. Is Starbucks still doing the implicit bias work they were so public about when their brand was suffering because of their failure to be accountable for racist policies and practices?

Ahmaud Arbery, Dreajson Reed, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd were not murdered in Lansing. But they could have been. Lansing residents live in the shadow of a State Capitol where armed white supremacists openly threatened the life of the Governor while the Michigan State Police stood down. Lansing residents live in a community policed by individuals who don't live in Lansing and for the most part, don't reflect the demography of Lansing. Lansing police fired tear gas at protesters exercising their 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment right to protest police murders of Black people that took place in Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky and Minnesota. If Lansing police are "good apples" wouldn't they be on the side of protesters and demanding justice from the "bad apples" who murdered Breonna while she slept?

Lansing, are you breathing yet? #DefundPolice #InvestInBlackLives



# News, Views & Commentary

## MoneyWalk 51:

### Patience Is Required

This program will help you undo financial bondage

If you're like me, your mind must be continually This program will help you undo financial bondage. In order to truly prosper on earth and throughout eternity, you must sow seed by doing the things the LORD told believers to do via the bible. You will have a mind to follow His commands only when you diligently seek Him in praise, worship, and prayer. Such intimacy will cause you to, by faith, honor God by doing good works and abundant giving to spread the gospel and make disciples, as led by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Struggles and difficult financial situations will arise because giving to support ministry allows the gospel to spread throughout the Earth thereby positively changing the lives of men. Satan and his demonic forces don't want your money or service used for this purpose because they hate humans and want us destroyed.

Never fear, walk by faith and not by sight believing God's word that He will work all situations for good for those who love Him. So, faithfully serve and give to faithful Christian ministries to help meet the needs of other people at home and around the world. Then exhibit patience by waiting for the fruit of God's economic plan to ripen so you may harvest them for the benefit of others and yourself.

Patiently seeking the Lord, waiting on Him to provide when the time is right, using biblical principles to order your life and your finances throughout your life will ensure that the windows of Heaven remain open to you with blessings poured upon you. You will not have room enough to contain them and thus you will get to pour much of it out upon other people. You will be blessed and rewarded to be a continued blessing.

Remember Jesus did not come to earth to be crucified until 4,000 years of life on earth had passed. Once here, He could not begin His earthly ministry at 12 years old instead He had to be patient and wait until He was 30 years old. He couldn't bypass the ridicule, persecution, and suffering but had to endure 3.5 years until He was hung on and nailed to a cross. Then, in order to accomplish Father God's purpose, he could not immediately come down but in agony suffered for a while. Finally, He died and had to wait 3 days for His resurrection to be made evident.

In this same manner, you will at times suffer ridicule, embarrassment, and some other distasteful acts and rules against you when you serve Christ to



the world. While doing all you can to be His witness and find ways to spread His Word and share His Life with others, you must exhibit patience and let it produce its perfect work. In eternity and as needed in this life you will lack nothing because He will continue to give you ultimate

victory over Satan, demons, and wicked people used by them.

Please pray for this ministry, email me with any questions, and contact me to speak at your business or ministry conference or workshop. May the LORD bless you richly as you follow His plan!

**Proverbs 20:21, Romans 5:3, Galatians 6:9, Hebrews 10:36, James 1:4**

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

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**WHAT IS PTSD?**  
Posttraumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, is a mental health concern that some people develop after they see or experience a traumatic event.

**7 to 8%** of the U.S. population will have PTSD at some point in their lives.

What it's like to have PTSD may be different for everyone. There are four types of PTSD symptoms.

- Reliving or re-experiencing the event**
  - Nightmares
  - Flashbacks
  - Triggers
- Avoidance**
  - Avoiding crowds
  - Avoiding certain smells, sights, or sounds
  - Avoiding talking or thinking about the event
- Hyperarousal or being on guard**
  - Being jittery or overly alert
  - Difficulty sleeping or concentrating
  - Feeling angry or irritable
- Negative changes in beliefs and feelings**
  - Losing interest in things you used to enjoy
  - Feeling guilty or ashamed
  - Unable to trust others

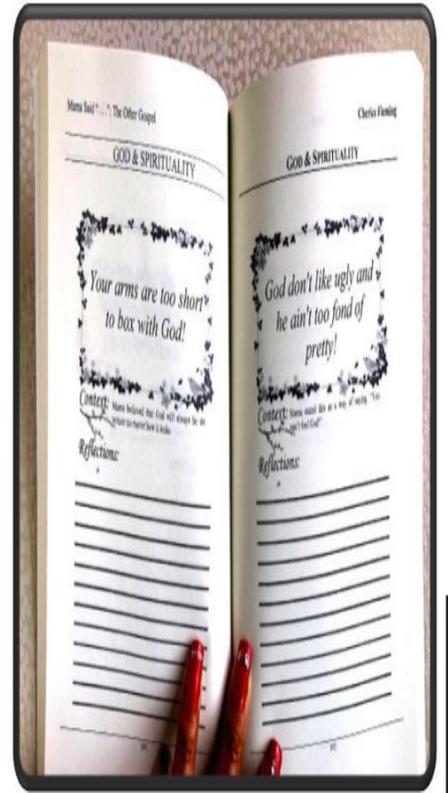
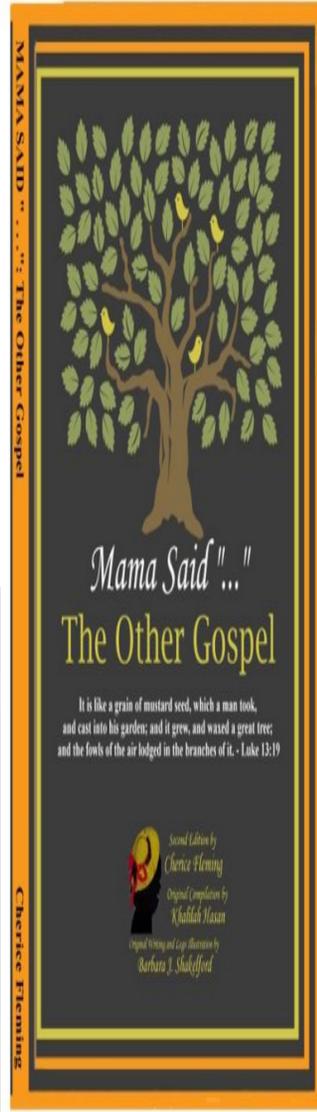
Do you have PTSD Symptoms?  
 • Hear Veterans share their experiences with PTSD and PTSD treatment at [AboutFace](#)  
 • Learn about and compare effective treatment options using the [PTSD Treatment Decision Aid](#)  
 • Explore the National Center for PTSD website for information, videos, and tools to help manage PTSD: [www.pdtd.va.gov](https://www.pdtd.va.gov)

National Center for PTSD  
VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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Wednesday at 6:00 PM and Friday at 4:30 PM

Airs in East Lansing on Comcast channel 30...  
Daily at 9:30 AM, 4:30PM and 6:30PM

Come share information on your function or activity. POETREE N Motion is happy to assist in the promotion of your positive activities within our community.

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Provides: MESSAGES of blessings and inspiration

GUESTS sharing life and education

WORD'S of powerful motivation

And EDITORIALS for deep concentration

## POETREE-N-MOTION

## HEATED AND VENTING

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Infused with **heated** rage... Enraged...Outraged  
Here I go...venting again!  
Venting about the Hypocrisy of white Christianity:  
The silence, the fraudulent theories,  
The lack of opposition to evil deeds...  
The demeaning, the killings, the contempt  
The basis of what Christianity meant,  
A visible contradiction to the teachings of Jesus  
What is it we can ever do that frees us?

VENTING...I can't forgive nor forget...  
I speak truth so you don't forget...  
The bodies lying on a southern street,  
Shot by those in blue, wearing a bulletproof vest

We are no longer hanging from the poplar tree,  
But lying and dying on any street  
Bleeding out at the racist feet  
Wearing a badge to kill...

Simply killing a Black man at will

VENTING...I am saturated with a **fiery** rage...  
Each flicker of rage increases over time  
It imbues my thoughts, my heart, my head, my mind  
This rage... only a decibel below hatred...  
Has itself a destructive affect without, within, with time  
I ache with a militant rage  
I ache with an unrelenting rage  
I ache with Ancestral rage...  
I ache with an unquenchable burning rage

This blazing inferno, almost riotous, must  
Somehow engulf our denied equal justice...  
Insatiable rage must in some way erase our dashed hopes  
Yet perpetrated today with robes and gavel...  
Yesterday dashed with robes and ropes  
As this systemic bigotry is forcibly choked  
Strangled, so it croaks and dies  
Only then will my **heated rage** subside...



*Celebration  
Announcements*

By Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration

**Birthdays in June 2020**

- Ms. Tiffani Ferguson celebrates her birthday on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Ms. Sharron "Chi-town" Martin celebrates her 47<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Partied with her girls. "Thank GOD I'm blessed"!
- Ms. Anika Smith enjoys her 34<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Shaneé Reid celebrates her 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday on June 4<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Heidi Orlowski celebrates her 35<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 4<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Taylor Powers celebrates her birthday on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Hazel Carnegie enjoys her 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday on June 4<sup>th</sup>, with a celebration of family and friends.
- Ms. Nickole Bankston celebrates her 37<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 4<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Mr. Rick Alicia (Drummer), enjoys his birthday on June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Asia Bower celebrates her birthday on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Carolyn Rivers celebrates her birthday on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Kanya Whitley celebrates her birthday on June 6<sup>th</sup>, "Grateful that I have a job".
- Ms. Ruby Davis celebrates her 38<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. June Moore celebrates her birthday on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Unae Holiness celebrates her 41<sup>st</sup> birthday on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Victoria Key celebrates her 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday on June 8<sup>th</sup>. She says, "Happy to be Alive!!!"
- Ms. Lisa Kay Tubbs celebrates her 47<sup>th</sup> birthday one June 8<sup>th</sup>, She says, "Not older, just wiser.
- Ms. Kayleanna M. Garvie born June 8<sup>th</sup> enjoys her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday with family and friends.
- Ms. Diane Scofield celebrates her 67<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 8<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Deondra Allen celebrates her 36<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 8<sup>th</sup>, with friends saying, "I'm happy to be alive!"
- Mr. Frank Parks celebrates his birthday on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Brandy Filley celebrates her birthday on June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Tracey Ali celebrates her 57<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 9<sup>th</sup> with little work and a lot of play!
- Ms. Arlean Mitchell celebrates her birthday on June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Clyde M. Brown celebrates his birthday on June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Penora Diamond enjoys her 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Roy Castilla enjoys his birthday on June 10<sup>th</sup>. He says, "Happy with Life!"
- Ms. Latisha Sorrels, a Sexton High School graduate, celebrated her 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. LaShonda Ferguson celebrates her 39<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 10<sup>th</sup>, by having fun with her sister, Chippey.
- Ms. Sharon Edwards enjoys the day she was born, June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Magen Cole celebrates her 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Stevie D. celebrates his birthday on June 10<sup>th</sup>. "Happy Birthday, Black Superman!!!"
- Ms. Shukeyna Thurman celebrates her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Yukia Love Winston celebrates her 45<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 11<sup>th</sup>. She says, "GOD is good!"
- Mr. Clinton Wilson celebrates his birthday on June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Ms. Shukeiva "Tia" McGrew celebrates her birthday on June 12<sup>th</sup>... for the Gemini in all of us! "To be loved is to love!"
- Ms. Paige T. celebrates her birthday on June 12<sup>th</sup>. "Happy Birthday to Me!"
- Ms. Annie C. Williford celebrates her birthday on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Kimberly Fuller celebrates her birthday on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Brian Scott celebrates his birthday on June 13<sup>th</sup>, with friends and family.
- Ms. Taylor Ashley Denise Brown enjoys her 22<sup>st</sup> birthday on June 13<sup>th</sup>. She is growing into a very special young lady, who makes her family so proud!
- MSU Scholarship
- Ms. Monique Jones celebrates her birthday on June 13<sup>th</sup> with family and friends.
- Mr. Freddie Dubose celebrates his birthday on June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Elavia Bermudez celebrates her birthday on June 13<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Mr. Michael Smith, born June 13<sup>th</sup>, celebrates his 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday with family and friends.
- Ms. Carmen Colon celebrates her birthday on June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Amanda Gelispie celebrates her 31<sup>st</sup> birthday on June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Barbara Isabella (Bella) Thomas celebrates her birthday on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Ray Powers celebrates his birthday on June 14<sup>th</sup>, with a grin as he tells everyone, "come see me at AA rent a car."
- Ms. Johanna Rodrigex celebrates her 46<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Lillian Calabrese celebrates her birthday on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Tiffany Richardson, "Happy 38<sup>th</sup> Birthday" on June 15<sup>th</sup>. She says to her Big Sis- Angie and Sofie ...I'm in my Prime!"
- Mr. Cornelius Robinson celebrates his 67<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Alexis Dingman celebrates her 36<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Christelena Alberez celebrates her 26<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 16<sup>th</sup>, with her loving family.
- Ms. Tracy Woodrum celebrates her 49<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends.
- Mr. Anton Love will celebrate his birthday on June 17<sup>th</sup>,
- Ms. Renee Ostrander celebrates her 36<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 17<sup>th</sup>, saying, "Let's get crunked!"
- Mr. Tim Antes celebrates his birthday on June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Nycole Williams celebrates her 49<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Angell A. Steele celebrates her 45<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 18<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Naomi Steele celebrates her 36<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 18<sup>th</sup>. "Happy birthday"
- Mr. Mario Gonzales celebrates his birthday on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Ordella G. Henderson celebrates her birthday on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Mitchell L. Brown will celebrate his birthday on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Stuart N. Chavis celebrates his birthday on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Shauna and the children say, "We Love You,"
- Ms. Dorothy McDougal celebrates her 35<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 18th, with her sister, Erika.
- Miss Ray'chelle celebrates her birthday on June 18<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Kelly Hopkins celebrates her 36<sup>th</sup> birthday June 19<sup>th</sup>. "I made it!"
- Ms. Courtney M. Cole celebrates her birthday on June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Valerie Black celebrates her birthday on June 20<sup>th</sup>, "Happy birthday, GOD BLESS!!!"
- Ms. Bobbie PerDita, who celebrates her birthday on June 20<sup>th</sup>, will be providing Exclusive Image Consulting and celebrating Life period!
- Ms. Kim Trice celebrates her birthday on June 20<sup>th</sup>. "Thank GOD for another year"
- Mr. Mike Hubbell celebrates his birthday on June 20<sup>th</sup> with family and friends.
- Ms. Felicia Lawrence is celebrating her 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday on June 21<sup>st</sup>, "still young".
- Mr. Alexander Cabule celebrates his birthday on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Ms. Meghan Baty celebrates her 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday on June 21<sup>st</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Mary Lindsley celebrates her birthday on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Mr. Shain "Bubba" Shannon celebrates his birthday on June 21<sup>st</sup> with friends and family.
- Ms. Mildred Davis enjoys her birthday on June 21<sup>st</sup>, with family and friends.
- Ms. Meghan Marriot enjoys her birthday on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Mrs. Lady Rebecca Richardson celebrates her birth on June 22<sup>nd</sup>; home with family and friends. "Mr. Party come on over, please".
- Mr. Marcus McWilliams' celebrates his birthday on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Ms. Michelle Jackson will celebrate her 49<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, enjoying her four children.
- Ms. Shakeva Suttles celebrates her birthday on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Mr. Jordan Luther Brown celebrates his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, becoming a fine young gentleman: whose family loves him very much. Keep up the good work, Student (Olivet College).
- Mr. Tamone Berry will celebrate his birthday on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, with his wife and family.
- Mr. B.J. Berry celebrates his birthday on June 24<sup>th</sup>, with his dad and family.
- Ms. Jessie May Jamison celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends.
- Ms. Quiana Flores celebrates her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Prossie Baby celebrates her birthday on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Earl Fowler celebrates his birthday on June 24.
- Ms. Jennifer Maldonado enjoys her 38<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Glenda Robinson will celebrate her birthday on June 25<sup>th</sup>, with love from her family.
- Mr. Kirk A. Branson celebrates his birthday on June 25<sup>th</sup>, with wife April and family.
- Mr. Kyle Jones celebrates his birthday on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Pastor Nathan Dixon will celebrate his birthday on June 26<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends.
- Dr. Falnye Fry celebrates her birthday on June 26<sup>th</sup>, with family and friends, praising the LORD!
- Mr. Juan Sanchez Jr. will celebrate his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Ella Couthen celebrates her birthday on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Willa Dickens celebrates her birthday on June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Michelle R. Smith celebrates her birthday on June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Betty Plummer celebrates her birthday on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Sherry E. Hawkins celebrates her 52<sup>st</sup> birthday on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

\*Party Website: [www.mrpartycelebrationservice.com](http://www.mrpartycelebrationservice.com) Face book Page: [www.facebook.com/mrparty1985](https://www.facebook.com/mrparty1985)

CONNECTING SOUL II SOUL – ...EXODUS REVISITED-Part One 06/12/20



Pastor/Chaplain Pamelajune (Pj) Anderson, DMin.  
Lt. Commander (RET) USN Chaplain Corps  
TFAM National Veteran's Support Chaplain  
Certified Peer Support Specialist



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

<sup>7</sup>And, the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt [America] and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians [White Supremacist] and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land....Exodus 3:7-8 New King James Version (NKJV)



"DEAR GOD, I woke up this morning with my mind, stayed on Jesus. I woke up this morning with my mind wondering, "How long, Lord," before we as a people arrive at the promised land of which the Lord and Dr. King spoke.

I woke up this morning with my mind asking for Wisdom to get through another day, to bear the burden of witnessing another black child of God murdered, to hear a comforting word from the Spirit Realm for my community and myself. I woke up this morning praying for a man so enthralled by hatred that he refuses to deck the Whitehouse gallery of previous Presidents with the photo of the former President Barack Hussein Obama. I woke up this morning, and I

thank You, God, for waking me up, feeling numbed by the horrific violence visited upon black and brown families from time immemorial. With a heart of gratitude, I woke up this morning, KNOWING that You have not and will not leave or forsake us."

The world is continually blessed by powerful, anointed, and gifted leaders and legacies full of hope, faith, light, love, and grace. They come to the earth for a little while to show us the most excellent way to BE family, to BE mindful, to BE neighborly, to BE the beloved community, and to BE at one with the only One – known by many divine names.

And, yet, I find myself back in bondage and in that proverbial Egypt land, enslaved and oppressed by the same-ol'-same-ol'-damned, dominant, fear-filled Empire.

What is it about the human condition that causes us to repeat history? Are we incapable or unwilling to learn the lessons of the Sage? Why are we here if not to express the Image of Goodness and the Likeness of Love, for crying out loud?

I am beginning to understand the meaning of "a stiff-necked people." I see us in Holy Writ, antiquity, and contemporary times trying to make it on our own.

And so, here we go, back again to Exodus Revisited, Part I.

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## BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!

By Ernie Boone

National Football League commissioner, Roger Goodell finally seems to have gotten it.

Friday, June 5, Goodell issued a statement of apology admitting that the league got it wrong when it sought to prohibit player protests during the playing of the national anthem and to discourage player engagement in anti-police violence protest activities.

Goodell said that the NFL had been wrong when it failed to listen to players seeking to call attention to the nation's failure to hold police and others accountable for taking the lives of Black Americans.

The apology is an important first step in the league's attempt to join in the fight to end police violence, hold law enforcement officers accountable for such actions and help move the nation toward the realization of a "more perfect union."

It is, however, merely a first step, and a baby step at that. If Goodell and the NFL's Good Old Boys Owners Club is sincere, they can make a major move by forking out the money needed to make Colin Kaepernick whole.

Kaepernick, who was scapegoated and punished for taking a knee during the national anthem by being blacklisted and banished from the league, hasn't been on an NFL roster since 2017. He can be made whole by paying him what he would have earned had he been on an NFL roster all that time being paid at the rate he earned during his final season in San Francisco.

He should also be made a free agent and allowed to seek out and sign with any team with whom he can make a deal.

Such a move by Goodell and the NFL owners is highly unlikely. While one would assume that Goodell would never have issued such a statement without the backing of, at least, the majority of the NFL owners, it is clearly understood that there are at least 10 owners, those who donated to Trump's campaign, who would not readily support the idea.

In his statement, Goodell said that the NFL condemns racism and encourages all to speak out against racism and the systematic oppression of Black people. He said that Black lives matter.

If the NFL is to be believed, however, it is necessary for Goodell and the owners to do more than issue statements and put forth pleasant sounding words and phrases.

The NFL has over the years watched football become America's game. Millions of people crowd stadiums and watch television screens each week. It has become a more than \$15 billion (with a B) industry.

The NFL has the resources. If it is to be what it says it is. If it is to take its proper role in this fight for human justice, then it must step up and begin by doing right by Kaepernick. His is a Black life the NFL all but destroyed. His Black livelihood matters. The NFL must take action that shows that it understands Kaepernick's life matters. Then, and only then, can Goodell and the owners lay claim to a spot among the true leaders in the struggle for justice and human rights and give life their assertion that they are convinced that Black Lives Matter.



Collin Kaepernick, Source AP

## THE REALS OF JUSTICE

### WORK, COVID 19 AND EMPLOYER LIABILITY

By: Ayanna D. Neal



Ayanna Neal

Your employer has made you go back to work, and you get COVID-19. Is your employer liable in such a situation?

Employers don't want the issues of liability at the forefront of their mind when they've dealing with months of closed or reduced business and now handling business in a new way. Employees don't want to have to think about putting their life at risk just to earn a living.

The state of Michigan provided protection to health care workers and health care facilities that provided medical support "of this states' response to the COVID-19 pandemic is not liable for an injury sustained by a person by reason of those services, regardless of how or under what circumstances or by what cause those injuries are sustained, unless it is established that such injury or death was caused by the gross negligence, as defined in MCL 30.411(9), of such health care professional or designated health care facility." (Executive Order 2020-30)

The state of Michigan has implemented safeguards to protect employers from COVID-19 in executive order 2020-114 which provides minimum requirements for employers to adhere to protect employees, customers and to keep the community safe.

Additionally, a First Response employee, who is diagnosed with COVID-19, can file a worker's compensation claim. If you are not a First Response Employee, you too can file a worker's compensation claim, if you can show specific exposure to COVID-19, have a positive test so long as you can show that the exposure arose out of and in the course of employment like any other work injury and that it has caused a loss of wage earning capacity.

It is very important that employers follow at least the minimum safeguards, that don't interfere with other work safety safeguards, implemented by the Governor's Executive Order to make sure employers are doing what they can to keep employees and the community safe while avoiding lawsuits that allege negligence. Employers should monitor the workspace, as well as employees, to create a record and environment that fully ensures employee safety. An employer could be sued for failing to provide a workplace free of hazards that cause or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm. But whether the employer is found liable is completely different issue.

Employers and employees alike must deal with a new business normal moving forward. It's important to have a safe work environment so that businesses can operate safely. Michigan has a Work Share program that is administered by the Unemployment Insurance Agency that allows an employer to reduce the hours that an employee works while allowing that employee to receive partial unemployment benefits. An employer must submit a workshare plan to the Unemployment Insurance Agency and if the plan is approved the employees would be entitled to unemployment benefits equal to the reduction in their work hours. For some employers this is hugely beneficial as they reopen and assess the demand on their business by customers and how many employees are needed at a particular time to run the business effectively and safely. This is also beneficial to employees because if they have fringe benefits, they can maintain them with this program. Some view the Work Share program as too restrictive. An employer must agree not to lay off any employees from the group of employees who have reduced hours. This could be especially difficult if the business doesn't bounce back after reopening. An employer would have to get permission to modify the workshare plan from the unemployment insurance agency and the agency, not the employer, does an assessment and makes the determination as to whether the employer's plan can be modified.

Employees are often concerned about disclosing to their employer they themselves or a family member they've to care of have a positive diagnosis for COVID-19, because they are concerned, they'll lose their job. An employer is prohibited from discharging, disciplining, or discriminating in any manner against or retaliating against an employee for requesting benefits under the Emergency and Medical Family Leave Act (EMFLA) or the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA).

In the blink of an eye, whether we are business owners or employees, our normal has been turned upside down. What used to be normal will probably never be. For those who can, working from home is the most safe and effective safeguard that employers can take for employees, while continuing to be productive and profitable.

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