



Entrusted Connection Ministry Newsletter

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From the Desk of Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams

We celebrate with all humility and great reverence the Hand of God, through Jesus Christ, upon the Entrusted Connections Ministry (ECM). From our first Women’s Retreat in 2008 to this our 13th Annual Women’s Retreat in 2020, the numerous Community Service Opportunities over the years and the establishment of the Entrusted Connections Life House-One, God has kept His love, grace, protection, guidance, and provision over ECM.

When this ministry was called forth by God in 2007, we were guided by Isaiah 43:19 “For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.” (NLT)

God has remained faithful to His Word and continues to do new things in our midst as we are reminded daily to “Celebrate the Good”.

“To God Be All the Glory for Entrusted Connections Ministry”

WE ARE ... ECM

Entrusted Connections Ministry (ECM) is a group of Godly Women that come from many denominations with a common tread to Serve the Lord Our God, with the ability, skills, gifts, and talents that God gave us. We follow a Woman of God, Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams, with a powerful vision and purpose of God’s Leading.

The Ladies of ECM are multi-talented and gifted. What’s so cool about it is that each Lady is uniquely gifted, and we all are knitted together with multicolor thread, knitting together God’s people and souls that are crying out to the Lord. The laborers are few, but the work is plenty.

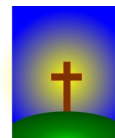
The Ladies of ECM just fit together with their time, talents, gifts, prayer, encouragement, and empowerment for each other as if they are with their families. It is always good to fellowship with family. It is also good to fellowship with women of God where there are no walls, with hands to the plow and when you go home, you are thankful that you were able to serve God’s people.

Just like in church, you don’t get to just come in and fade in and then get up and go home. No, you come and work the will of the Lord while it’s day; you give, you pray, and you put your hand to the plow, then you go home and are thankful that you were able to serve God’s people.

We are a small group with a Big God that is supplying for the portion of the field that he has given us to plow. God Entrusted Bishop Gale and her staff of talented members **to do the work of LovingKindness, Caring, Providing, Teaching, Winning Souls, and Being the Light for this dark world of today.** A light without walls for all to see. A band of worshippers listening to God and following his call.

To God be the Glory for the things he has done and is doing! AMEN

Deacon Daisy Banks



WE BELIEVE

We believe in one God who exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to this earth as Savior of the world. We believe Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood for our sins. We believe that salvation is found by placing our faith in what Jesus did for us on the cross. We believe Jesus rose from the dead and is coming again. We believe the entire Bible is inspired by God, without error and the authority on which we base our faith, conduct and doctrine. We believe every believer should be in a growing relationship with Jesus by obeying God’s Word, yielding to the Holy Spirit and by being conformed to the image of Christ.

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“Then those people will answer, Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or alone and away from home or without clothes or sick or in prison? When did we see these things and not help you? Then the King will answer, I tell you the truth, anything you refused to do for even the least of my people here, you refused to do for me.” Matthew 25:44-45 (NCV)

ECM WEEKLY FAST AND PRAYER CALL

Entrusted Connection Ministry is a prayer focused ministry. Time of consecration with God is an awesome gift that we should not take for granted and it is a privilege and a Spiritual discipline that we all should strive for.

To prepare for our weekly time of prayer, we begin with a fast which starts on Wednesday evening at 9:00 p.m. and ends at 12noon on Thursday. On Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. we call in for a time of corporate prayer.

Would you consider joining us on our weekly Fast and Prayer Call?



The conference call dial-in information is as follows: (712) 775-7031, Access Code 571493130#

Fasting Scriptures:

I Corinthians 15:57 (New King James Version)

Ezra 8:21-23 (New Century Version)

**“Fasting in faith leads to divine deliverance”
(Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams)**

Blessing,

Deacon Varetta, Chaplain

Me...Unapologetically!

I'm here for a purpose, God says so.

My life is a gift, I've come to know.

I accept that all won't celebrate me.

Whether they smile or frown, I'll still be free...**to be me...unapologetically!**

I choose to live my best life, governed by God's Word.

I'll live by faith, living purposefully.

I'll be my best friend, kind to myself.

I'll take decisive action on my behalf.....

I'll embrace my life as it is today.

Every day, I'll take action to draw closer to my goals.

Action by action and step by step, who I am and will be are in one accord.

For I've decided once and for all...that I will be **me...unapologetically!**

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Women in a New Direction (WIND)



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Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams, Entrusted Connections

Ministry's, (ECM) President and Founder received another vision from God, which was to minister to a group of women incarcerated within the Manassas, Virginia Detention Facility. ECM's initial visits took place in a room where the women slept; the room was also facilitated with restrooms, yet this area was very neat and orderly. This experience has taught me that incarcerated women are often at the end of a long difficult road. They experience rejection, worthlessness, and hopelessness. Some struggle with deep pain and shame, while some have experienced physical and sexual abuse, addictions, and homelessness. Some are Mothers separated from their children and family, and some while incarcerated have been pregnant with children on the way. Some have cried out due to the hurt and regrets they have experienced. Bishop Gale's Order of Service in ministering to these women releases them to share their testimonies, to ask for prayer, and it compels them to worship with us in songs and the teaching of God's Word. Their prayers are written on paper that we provide to them and collected. Bishop Gale takes each prayer with her and prays over them. I recall

one of the women who was pregnant and did not want to have her baby in prison, to avoid the risk of having her baby taken from her. That prayer request was lifted up to God and answered; this Mother has custody of her baby. God has extended ECM's compassion regarding the "Women in New Direction" with an opportunity to live in transitional housing after they are released from prison. **“Victory reside in the women after they are ministered to ... To God Be The Glory!!!**

“Instead, You direct me on the path that leads to a beautiful life. As I walk with You, the pleasures are never-ending, and I know true joy and contentment.” Psalm 16:11 The Voice

Mother Roz Washington



Westminster Christmas Senior Visit 2019

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 ECM traveled to Westminster at Lake Ridge @ 6:00 pm to brighten the spirits of the senior citizens for the Christmas Season! ECM serenaded the senior citizens with a variety of Christmas carols. The Seniors enjoyed the carols, joined in with us & made requests! The smiles on their faces to hear the songs and to know we were there for them, was absolutely touching! Bishop Gale gave a short sermonette sharing the love of Christ this holiday season. After her sermon, Robbie Jr. & the LeGrand children handed out gifts to the Seniors sitting amongst us as we continued to sing. They also delivered gifts to the seniors in their rooms who were unable to be with us in the common area! While we were singing, we had a gentleman to join in with us who played his harmonica. We also had a gentleman to join us in song up front and even shared a song of his own! *To close out our time with the Seniors, we sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas!"* Thank you to the members of ECM, Mr. Robbie Wiggington for playing the piano and leading the way with the songs and to Elder Claude LeGrand Jr. for playing the drums and percussion instruments for us!

Sister LaChele LeGrand



Entrusted Connections Ministry, in the community, giving through service. We provide healthy meals to women and children in the ACTS Domestic Violence Safe House in Prince William County monthly.

ACTS safe house is located in a residential neighborhood, its location is confidential and provides comfortable shelter and support for families who are in need. The wholesome meals we provide them are nutrients needed to maintain their health, and gives them energy so they feel good.

Studies show having a healthy balanced diet plays an important role in one's overall health and wellbeing.

35for I was hungry and you

gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

~ Matthew 25:35,37 & 40 NKJV ~

Elder Georgette Agnew

Entrusted Connections Ministry, fulfilling the assignments

God has for us through acts of service in the community.





Entrusted Connections Life House-One (ECLH-One)

ENTRUSTED CONNECTIONS LIFE HOUSE - A TRANSITIONAL HOME FOR WOMEN EX-OFFENDERS *Established December 2018

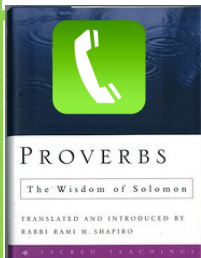
The Entrusted Connections Life House (ECLH-One) continues to be a shining light in Prince William County, Virginia for Women Ex-Offenders in need of a place to go upon release from incarceration. The "Life House" provides a safe environment or "incubator" for its residents and a support system that includes Entrusted Connections Ministry (ECM), local churches, Prince William County Government, Food Banks, and the benevolence of the community. In December 2019 we celebrated our **1st Year Anniversary** for this transitional house and there have been two Ex-Offenders who have successfully transition out. Residents can stay in the "Life House" up to one year. Currently, there are three residents in the "Life House" who continue to strengthen their relationship with God and participate in the various programs offered by ECM, to include Celebrate Recovery, The Journey to Forgiveness, and Financial Management to name a few. All of the residents are currently employed, are responsibly taking care of their personal expenses and they all participate in the daily devotional calls and attend Bible Study and Church on a weekly basis. ECLH-One and the work that ECM is doing is well recognized by the Prince William County Community as a Faith-Based Transitional Home.

We encourage you to stop by the ECLH-One Table here at the "ECM 2020 Women's Retreat" or go on-line to learn how you can help make a difference in the lives of EX-Offenders.

Additional information regarding ECLH-One can also be found online at <https://ec-ministry.com/eclh>.

DEACON JACQUELINE WOODSON

Daily Proverbs and Devotion Call



As part of one of the Entrusted Connections Life House (ECLH) daily traditions, *the Daily Proverbs and Devotion Call was birthed in 2019*. Opening in prayer, Monday through Friday, participants from ECLH, ECM, and family and friends come together to hear a rich and illuminating Word out of the book of Proverbs. The 31 Chapters are read every month depending on that day's date. For example, on the 15th of the month, Proverbs 15 is read. Additionally, each month a different version is read. In February, we focused on the Amplified version. The wisdom that is brought forth each day continues to amaze us as our own Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams allows the Lord to use her as he downloads and sends a new Word daily with wisdom to help us all in our endeavor to live life to the fullest.

After receiving a great Word from God, we then share in the reading of Jesus Calling by Sarah Young and Lovingkindness in the Morning by Bishop Gale Williams, confirming The Lord's Word. We then begin repeating our daily affirmations that remind us about the Lord's promises, His goodness, and His love.

As this 15-20 minute call comes to a close and the benediction is given, we are thanking God for yet another enlightening fellowship, as we are reminded by Bishop Gale to always "**Celebrate the Good**". This morning call allows us to meet God early in the morning, seek his new mercies, guidance, love, wisdom and promises as He directs our paths and are blessed to be a blessing.

The devotion call begins at 7:30 a.m., and the dial-in information is as follows: (712) 775-7031, Access Code 571493130#

ELDER DOREEN FREEMAN



Entrusted Connections Life House-One (ECLH-One)

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ECLH-One Programs

Entrusted Connections Life House-One (ECLH-One) provides transitional housing, Biblical principles, through the teaching of the Word and life skills for its residents.

Currently, the women of ECLH-One, and many others, participate in daily devotions conference calls at 7:30 a.m., Monday - Friday (Morning Seekers) led by Entrusted Connections Ministry, through prayer, the readings and summation of the Proverbs, Jesus Calling Devotional by Sarah Young; and Loving Kindness in the Morning Devotional, which through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, was written by Bishop Gale L. Williams; and affirmations that are provided from God's Word are echoed by everyone on the call. These calls give the residents and all participants an opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of the Word of God as well as fellowship with other believers and supporters of the ministry. The residents also participate in mandatory Bible Study sessions on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm led by Bishop Gale L. Williams followed by one training opportunity each week. The conference call telephone number for the Daily Devotion Call and Bible Study is (712) 775-7031 Access Code 571493130#.

Training opportunities are provided by skilled Christian individuals, to assist with building and strengthening life and personal finance skills, and other aspects of life along with activities and events in a Christ-centered environment.

Some of the training opportunities include:

Managing Finances – provides the residents with practical skills with budgeting and setting up accounts. This is an ongoing workshop as changes in needs arise;

The Journey to Forgiveness; Letting Go – provides instruction, based on biblical principles and discussion on forgiveness; and

Celebrate Recovery – is a Christ-centered recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. The lessons are based on the Beatitudes.

Entrusted Connections ministry celebrated two-holiday events at ECLH-One. In November, the women of the "Life House" as well as the ECM staff and friends, enjoyed a Thanksgiving Day feast and wonderful fellowship. The scrumptious dinner included turkey, dressing and all of the fixings!



In December, we had a Christmas Celebration for the residents, their families, ECM friends and staff.

Two young women (ECM supporters), wanted to bless the ministry and organized this event. One of the young women wanted to give back to the community for her birthday and thought this celebration would be a great way to bless not only the residents, but also their children. Another young lady, age 15, while preparing for heart surgery after Christmas 2019 decided to prepare and give individual Christmas gift containers of personal hygiene items for all the residents and as God remains faithful to givers, this young lady experienced great success in her surgery and remains blessed by her unselfish benevolence. The women of the house decorated the rooms and delicious breakfast foods and desserts were prepared. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas music, games and moments of reflection. The ECM Angel Tree provided gifts for the residents and their children. Many friends and supporters of the ministry provided gifts or monetary donations based on a list



submitted by residents. After dinner, the gifts were distributed. What a joyful moment to see the smiles on their faces! One of the residents mentioned how these celebrations mean so much to them.

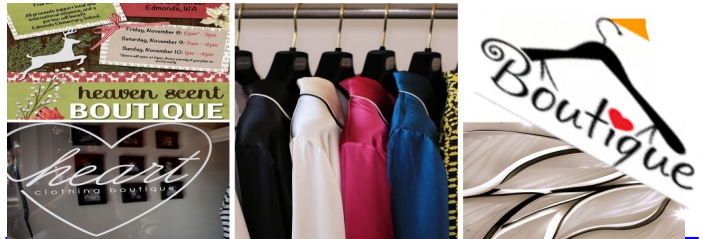
To God Be the Glory for the great things He continues to do in this Ministry.

CO-PASTOR PAULETTE WILLIAMS





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ECLH Boutique

Entrusted Connections Life House (ECLH) Boutique

The ECLH Boutique launched September 28, 2019. The boutique carries clothing apparel, accessories, bedding, bath, toiletries, and other donated items that meet the needs of the women staying at the ECM Life House-One. Since its inception we have received an outpouring of donations and volunteer services from several resources. One of the largest donations came from First Mount Zion Baptist Church, Deaconess Ministry, who provided several blankets and throws, 14 complete sets of towels, hand towels and wash cloths and 14 sets of sheets.

Several of the ECM members and other individuals from the community volunteered time setting up clothing racks, hanging clothing items, steaming clothing, organizing donated items in bins and drawers, and assembling shelving units. The ECLH Boutique operates as grand central station to address the basic needs of Gods people. *Our objective is to ensure every person has the outer and inner coverings needed to provide a sound body, mind, and spirit.*

If you are interested in donating items or volunteering your services, please contact *Boutique Director, Nichele LeGrand-Murphy* at chele10.nm@gmail.com.

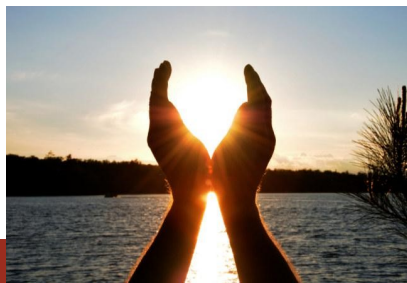
Deuteronomy 15:11

For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore I command you, saying, "You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy, and to your poor in your land."

BY GIVING
SERVICE
TO OTHERS,
I GIVE
SERVICE
TO GOD.



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HANDS

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