



Entrusted Connections Ministry Newsletter

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From the Desk of Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams

We bring good tidings from Entrusted Connections Ministry to each of you!! We are so grateful for the faithfulness of God that has kept each of us over the past 2 years during this season of pandemic. In addition to a pandemic, there was, and is so much confusion and unrest in our Nation and this world, but we still find reason to celebrate all of the good in our lives.

Let us be reminded of the promise of God that He will never leave us nor forsake us. We have a God that is our refuge and strength, and a very present help in the time of trouble. So, let us focus on the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:6-7 (TLB) and allow them to lead and guide us daily....

"Don't worry about anything; instead, Pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank Him for His answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus."

Thank you for your love, support, and prayers for the Entrusted Connections Ministry, Inc.

"To God Be All The Glory!"

Daily Proverbs and Devotion Call

Hello Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you a Ministry and a diverse community group of women who seek, encourage, thirst in **"knock on the door"** of God's Heart each morning. One day I was sharing with my sister that I was yearning to be part of a sisterhood who truly experienced God's living Word as He intended for all of us as His Daughters. She said, I have an answer for you. There is a ministry called **"Entrusted Connections"**, along with "Entrusted Life House". I was so taken by the first moment I called. I knew God had given me a gift. They welcomed me with such an invitation of God's Love and Grace. It's been two and a half years since I've been a part of this devoted women's group, who experience the book of "Acts" in Mark's upper room each morning with them.



Bishop Gale, anointed and spirit-filled, proclaims the living Word of God with laughter along the way. Come and join us. I promise you, get ready to be ignited in your walk of faith that will change, challenge, and revolutionize your life. As Bishop Gale always shares, **"Celebrate the Good"**.

Sylvia

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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THE VOICE OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY ADULT DETENTION CENTER CHAPLAIN

Chaplain Ray Perez

In 1995 I began serving full-time in jail and prison ministry and the consistent heart-break over the last twenty-six years is having inmates make radical commitments to Jesus Christ while they were incarcerated only to have that fruit *"spoil on the vine"* when they were released from custody back into the community. God graciously connected Bishop Gale Williams and the team from Entrusted Connections Ministry with the Prince William Manassas Regional ADC chaplaincy in 2017 and that *"connection"* has become very fruitful.



God knits ministries, people, and resources together in an intricate web of relationships that elevates each individual connection to its maximum potential.

When vision combines with process and this is supported with God's provision what emerges is a ministry that can be self-sustaining, credible, and transformational. This is what the Entrusted Connections Life House is to the newly released female residents of the Prince William Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center.

It is a safe transitional housing and discipleship opportunity that has established seamless spiritual care for the female graduates of the WIND (Women In New Direction) Program in the ADC.

For the first time in these many years of doing jail ministry I am seeing a community-based partnership that is creating a dynamic bridge from incarceration to freedom for our female inmates. Inmates experience genuine security in the healthy and controlled discipleship of the WIND Program in the ADC while they are incarcerated, but few survive in the "jungle" of freedom that offenders experience when they are newly released from custody. ***Without a step-down transition back into the community inmates are highly likely to reoffend and then be reincarcerated within a very short period.***

The ECLH-One has become a shining light of hope that provides legitimate, sustained, and measurable ministry for women who are transitioning from custody back into the community. I am delighted to be a part of the team that is participating in ***the renewal and transformation of ONE LIFE AT A TIME*** as women are finding joy and hope as residents of ECLH-One. This relationship and partnership are truly a reflection of Colossians 2:19b, "the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God."

When the Body of Christ connects and fulfills its God-given function as a BODY lives are transformed, teams are built and the kingdom of our God and King Jesus advances.

**In Christ,
Chaplain Perez**



ECM Newsletter Editor and Chief - Deacon Daisy M. Banks

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Hi my name is **Kelli King** and I was released from Prince William County jail in 2021 after serving 4 1/2 years. I was part of the **WIND** which stands for **Women in New Direction**, I was the mentor there for two years until the dorm was closed down due to Covid.

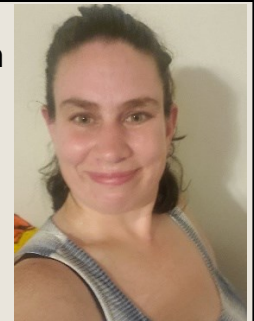


The person I remember speaking to was Bishop Gale, after she told about the Life House, she asked me Ms. King do you have a any questions for me? I said I do, Will you keep me safe, with no hesitation she answered yes I will. Thru my addiction I never felt safe and that was my worst fear, to walk out of those doors and be back right where I started from. But Bishop kept her word and to this day she still is my Cheerleader. I was able to get a job the first 2 weeks I was in the house, I paid off all my fines and most importantly I was Baptized and Bishop was there rooting me on. Every important thing us women go thru Bishop Gail is right there to cheer us on. For myself I was so used to others being ashamed of me or not keeping their word and the Life House teaches us the opposite.

We have support that I have never experienced before. I was able to finish school and now I work at George Mason University as a Peer Support for Addiction and Mental Health. I was taught The Love For God, how to forgive and love myself again. The world has become such a harsh place, but I knew once I walked into the Life House after a long day and closed that door behind me I was safe. And to this day, it doesn't matter what day it is or what time it is, when I call Bishop she always answers the phone, and sometimes just hearing her voice lets me know I'm okay, and for me that is the most important thing.

Blessings!

Hi everyone. My name is Jen Logan. I have been in the Entrusted Connections Life House for almost Thirty Days, and it has changed my life drastically but in a wonderful, amazing way. Before I came to The Life House I was homeless and in very dire straits. A so-called friend had me living with a man that was not a good person. He was into drugs and sex trafficking. I got very lucky that I was saved from that life but not before I was brutally raped so the man could get his drugs. Unfortunately, I became addicted to drugs so I could stop the pain of the abuse. I was living in different hotels every night constantly afraid of being found. I found a place that assisted homeless people and they linked me to a program that helped survivors of sex trafficking. The program was helping me with hotel rooms, but I was still very depressed and felt very alone. The program found out about The Life House, and we filled out an application and I was approved. Several obstacles kept coming up that kept stopping me from moving in. My cats needed boarding because the place doesn't allow pets but as soon as I found a place, I caught Covid. I had to wait until I was healed from the virus. By this point the depression and hopelessness was too much for me to bear so I tried to take my own life. I took a bunch of pills and tried to drown myself in the bathtub. God showed up and wouldn't let that happen. By the grace of God, the cord on the stopper got tangled around my toe and I started instinctively kicking as my lungs filled with water. The cord pulled the stopper out and the water started draining. I started coughing and spitting the water out and I was able to get out of the tub. About two days later my Covid test came back negative and I was able to move into the Entrusted Connections Life House. I know now that all those complications were just Satan attacking me because God had an amazing plan and wonders for my life.



At first it was a little hard to adjust to the new life. I heard all the rules, and I was scared to death thinking how in the world would I accomplish all the things that everyone was asking of me. Well God worked fast. I filled out the application for job number one on the first Monday after I moved in. **Continue on Page 4.**

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The GM told me that he would look at my application and let me know if he wanted to interview me. Well, that Wednesday I had my court date for the drug problem I had. The prosecutor and judge dropped two of the charges and gave me a plea bargain for the third. That was another of God's miracles in my life. I ended up with no jail time and probation with conditions. It was so amazing that the judge actually asked the prosecutor why they were willing to give me such a light sentence and have so much mercy. The prosecutor stated that it was because she knew that I wasn't the problem, and I was just trying to feed a habit I had formed due to the trauma. I could not believe that the person whose job it was to put me away was being so merciful to me and I knew that it was only by the grace of God that she had compassion and sympathy for me.

Entrusted Connections Life House is having me doing Devotionals every morning and going to Church and Bible Studies again. It helped me reconnect with God and I found that God was just waiting for me to come back home to him. The Monday before court I was able to reconnect with my old church and start going back to the Celebrate Recovery program that I was part of before Covid hit and closed everything. When I walked through those doors I was greeted with a big hug and a huge shout of **WELCOME HOME!** from the Leaders Lauren, Jennifer and Theresa. I was in tears and couldn't stop crying from the overflowing of love that I felt embraced me. I received my blue starter chip. I was a mess and so scared and ashamed of who I had become but they still were not judgmental. I even shared my story with the whole group of strangers and family.

The Monday after court I was a whole new person. I walked into CR glowing with my head held high after the amazing week I had, and everyone noticed the difference in me and to top it all off that morning I had been told that I had the job at Papa John's. I started the next day. I couldn't believe how much God had done for me that first week at The Life House and I couldn't believe that only a week prior I had been ready to end my life. By the end of my second full week at The Life House I had worked only four shifts and the GM called me Monday morning and said that I was being promoted to shift leader since one of his AGM's had quit and he needed to promote a shift leader to AGM.

When I got to work Tuesday ready to train for shift leader my GM told me that he had a meeting with the District Supervisor Amir that morning and Amir told him that he saw the way I was working on Sat and was extremely impressed. He wanted me to be trained as an AGM so I eventually can be a GM. I was promoted again and given a raise. I was ecstatic. I met with Amir during my shift on Thursday the following week and he complimented me on my work. I am now training for Assistant General Manager and learning how to close at night. Another miracle that occurred is that my oldest daughter that hasn't spoken to me since October called me and wanted to reconnect and I had an amazing time with her. My brother and I have a much deeper connection as well.

Entrusted Connections Life House has changed my life so much and I have seen blessing after blessing. I have also seen God's power and love so much that I still can't wrap my head around it. Everyone that I have seen has told me how different I look and that I look like a completely different person. They say that I'm glowing and how I have a light about me now. In a matter of two weeks my life has been changed and God has blessed me so much that I can't believe that it's really happening. It's like I'm dreaming, and I don't want to wake up. I'm waiting for someone to pinch me LOL. I'm so glad that we have such an amazing and awesome God. I know that he isn't done yet and I have more blessing in store for me. I thank God every day for Bishop Gayle, Elder Jaquie, Minister Roslyn and everyone involved with the Entrusted Connections Life House. Without their love, kindness and generosity I probably wouldn't even be here today. They gave me my life back and reconnected me with my Heavenly Father. They've helped me restart my journey back to a deep relationship with God. Thank you, Entrusted Connections Life House. I will continue to and remind others to **CELEBRATE THE GOOD!** Hallelujah and Amen. God bless you all. Thank you for letting me share my story.

Jennifer Logan

Donation and Contribution from our Community Partners



Out Reach
First Mount Zion Baptist Church
Women's Ministry

ECLH
Entrusted Connection Life House

Donations

Thank You

(2) 18-piece pot sets	3 individual cooking sheets
(1) 10-piece pot set	3 set cooking sheets
(2) 14-piece pot sets	1 set of potholders
(2) single frying pans	5-piece storage containers
20-piece pot set	64-piece storage container set
(6) 20-piece flatware set	2 glass baking dishes
(1) 49-piece flatware set	(2) 4-piece glass cookware
(1) 30-piece Utensil set	20-piece glass storage
(1) 14-piece Utensil set	(2) 6-piece glass storage
(1) 5-piece Utensil set	(4) 2-piece plastic containers
(2) spatulas	Glass jar
(2) spoons	Glass pot
4-piece wooden spoon set	1 glass loaf dish
3-piece wooden spoon set	94 paper towels
3-piece spatula set	180 rolls of toilet paper
1 kitchen scissor	(3) 6-piece bedding sets
1 basting brush	5-piece bedding set
12-piece measuring cup	(4) twin sheet sets
4-piece measuring spoons	9 single large bath towels
25 bottle of body wash	9 face towels
50 masks	6-piece bath towel set
68 covid kits	(2) 4-piece bath towel sets
Air Fryer	12 boxes of tissue

If you have any questions about our ministry, we would love to hear from you. Please e-mail: ecm@ec-ministry.com or call: **571-572-2612**

P.S. From our Hearts - Thank you once again. We are elated to maintain our current partners and excited for oncoming and future partners in the Kingdom Work of Entrusted Connections Ministry. We earnestly pray that you will persist in responding to the call to share God's amazing grace through your giving.

May God continue to richly bless you!
Grace and Peace

Evangelist Janice Rogers
ECM Grants & Fundraiser

Thank You & God Bless you all for your gracious Gifts of Love to Entrusted Connections Ministry. Your donations are a tremendous blessings that allows us to do the work of the Lord in our community. Here's a few things we are able to do with those funds:

- ***ECLH One Transitional House**
- ***ACTS Safe House**
- ***Uber cards**
- ***Share packages (Food)**
- ***Welcome packets for New residents**
- ***Gifts for the Seniors during the holidays**

La'Chele LeGrand - **ECM Financial Secretary**

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ECLH-One Program 2021-2022

Entrusted Connections Ministry, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, continues to provide a safe living environment for the residents of the Entrusted Connections Life House (ECLH). Workshops in life skills, finance, and wellness along with community resources assist them the women with becoming productive members of the community. Despite the challenges presented with COVID, God continued to provide ways to stay connected, using Zoom technologies and conference calls.

Since the conception of this transitional house four years ago, we continue to see God transforming the lives of the women of ECLH, through prayer, fasting, studying the word, consistency, and training in areas of need.

We are grateful to God for Reverend Tarra Taylor and the small group ministry teams of First Mount Zion Baptist Church, Dumfries, Virginia, for their willingness to provide ongoing lessons that align with the Celebrate Recovery Curriculum. Currently, the theme is, " *The Journey Continues Step Study*." Each session consists of a lesson focus, principles & steps to follow and the Beatitudes. Zoom meetings are scheduled for these sessions. Thank God for the Unity in the Spirit!

Studying God's word is vital for all of us. The ladies of ECLH participate in the ECM Wednesday night bible study via Zoom and a more intimate study of God's Word, led by Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams on Sunday evenings, using the book, " *Experiencing the Love of God* "from the Women of Faith series.

Amid the COVID pandemic, the women were able to focus on strengthening their finances and credit. Debbie Williams, Yorktown, Virginia, provided individual sessions to address specific financial needs and concerns. In March, Mr. Paul Moses, Richmond, Virginia, presented an interactive financial literacy session, entitled, Getting Up to Get Out, which incorporated vital credit information and tools.

Another series that has been fruitful to the women of ECLH is *the Journey to Forgiveness sessions*. We understand the importance of forgiveness for ourselves and others that have had a negative impact on our lives. We can dress up, earn excellent salaries, accelerate in our employment opportunities, and love God; however, unforgiveness can hold us back from reaching the heights and depths of God's love when we try to suppress our feelings. Thank God for this program, developed and taught by Reverend Dr. Liz Johnson, Manassas, Virginia. We continue to celebrate the completion of this series with ECLH residents. The beautiful pictures in this article highlight Kelli King, as she completed this series.

Entrusted Connections Life House mission is to offer hope, grace, and support for persons seeking new beginnings that are exiting the penal systems and other institutions of correction and restoration. God continues to equip us with the needs of the ministry through your prayers and support. We thank God for the love shown to this ministry.

Pastor Paulette Williams

Director of ECLH-One Program

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:15 (ESV)

Entrusted Connections Life House – “All Is Well!”

“A TRANSITIONAL HOME FOR WOMEN EX-OFFENDERS”

As we begin to put the season of COVID-19 behind us, Entrusted Connections Ministry (ECM) is happy to report that all is well with the Entrusted Connections Life House (ECLH). Despite the challenges of COVID-19, the ECLH stayed opened and three ex-offenders were able to continue to participate in the various ECLH Programs.

One Resident actually started the ECLH Program at the beginning of COVID in March 2020. She successfully participated in the various ECLH Programs which enabled her to reunite with her family after graduating in April 2021. Another Resident entered the ECLH Program in March 2021. The longest resident has been at ECLH since August 2019 and continues to take advantage of the various ECLH Programs.

ECLH has continued to be blessed with new residents. Since last year, ECLH reaccepted one ex-offender and accepted two new ex-offenders. ECLH also expanded its outreach to non-ex-offenders (other women in need of housing) and one has been accepted.

To date, 9 ex-offenders and 1 non-ex-offender have participated in the ECLH Program; 5 have successfully completed the programs and 2 currently remain.

All of the ECLH residents participate in the ECM Morning Proverbs Call, the ECM Wednesday Night Bible Study, Sunday Bible Study with Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams, and various other programs. Hopefully soon, ECM will be able to minister to the Women in New Direction (WIND) at the Prince William County – Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center again. ECM prayerfully anticipates new participants in the ECLH Program from the Wind Dorm and other community organizations. So, as God opens doors, ECM is excited about what God is doing at the ECLH!

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Elder Jacqueline Woodson

Angel of the Quarter

“People Who Make a Difference in the Kingdom”



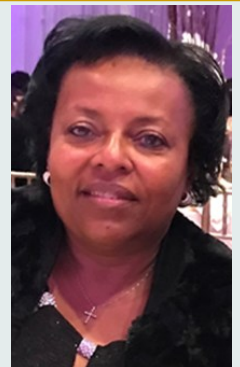
Entrusted Connections Ministry (ECM) is proud to announce our Angel of the Quarter, **Elder Jacqueline Woodson**. Elder Jacque' serves as the Vice-Chair of Entrusted Connections Ministry and as a member of the Adjutancy Academy of the African American Joint College of Pentecostal Bishops.

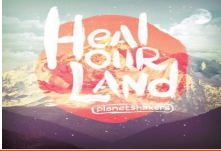
Elder has been a faithful member of the Entrusted Connections Ministry since its inception in 2007. In serving the Ministry, she has allowed the Lord to guide her in extending her gifts in areas such as The Entrusted Connections Life House (ECLH) Resident Coordinator, the ECM COVID gift baskets to the first responders in Hunters

Holmes McGuire Veterans Center of Richmond, VA and at the Westminster Senior Facility in Woodbridge, VA. She has also been an ECM food delivery volunteer at the ACTS Safe House (home for battered women), Northern Virginia. Her participation and devotion in these areas of Ministry have positively impacted and demonstrated the loving-kindness of Jesus Christ.

Elder Jacque' participates in the ECM Daily Devotion calls, weekly Bible Study, annual Christmas celebration at Westminster Senior Facility, ECM Annual Off-Site, and the ECM Annual Women's Retreat. She never hesitates to serve where she is needed. We thank Elder Jacque' for the gift of her time and resources to support the work of the Entrusted Connections Ministry.

We are grateful to God for Elder Jacque' in Entrusted Connections Ministry. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless her as she continues her Service in the Kingdom of God.





ECM WEEKLY FAST AND PRAYER CALL



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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 12 Noon 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: (520) 525-8485

Fasting Scriptures:

***I Corinthians 15:57 (NKJV)
Ezra 8:21-23 (NCV)***

Blessings,

Deacon Varetta Hamlin, ECM Chaplain

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

ECM Weekly Bible Study

***"Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."
Psalm 119:105***

Are you looking for a deeper understanding of God's word? The Entrusted Connections Ministry (ECM) Officers and Staff invite you to join us for the ECM Weekly Zoom Bible Study with Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams. One Wednesday of each month the Bible Study is led by a member of ECM. This midweek ECM Zoom Bible Study is held on Wednesday from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm. Please join us by sending an email to ecm@ec-ministry.com for the Zoom information. Prayerfully, we will see you soon!

What attendees are saying about the ECM Weekly Zoom Bible Study!

"The ECM Wednesday night Bible Study is, and has been, very inspiring. I am really delighted to be a part of this enlightening, Bible based teaching. Hosted and led by Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams, a true leader, has been a constant aid in my daily walk as a Christian. Each and every session has interesting content and technique both relevant and timely. Bishop's guided insight and leadership cultivates an amazing environment to learn, teach and share among a group of dedicated women determined to do the will of God. Blessings, blessings, blessings!"

"Each Wednesday I look forward to zooming in to the **ECM Bible study**. There is not a night that I don't learn something new and get reminded of lessons I learned before, but now am learning all over again at a new level. New Christians and old alike can glean from the wisdom given. We have studied many topics relating to practical everyday Christian living from walking in God's peace to the sermon on the mount. Occasionally she has ladies on the call teaching on a given topic. Right now, we are learning about the Wisdom of God and its characteristics. This is definitely what we need to live as women of God. The ladies in the life house love the teachings, as well as the rest of us. Bishop Gale is an excellent teacher and a great leader."

GOOD GROUNDS TO SOW

There are many easy ways for **SEEDING** into ECM and ECLH from the comfort of your home. You can give through:

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Minister Roslyn Washington	Sis. Debbie Dockett
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