



Entrusted Connection Ministry Newsletter

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From the Desk of Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams

As we continue to walk through this season of pandemic, God is continuing to move through our circumstances and give us confident hope that He is fully in control of our lives and this world. Hope is beginning to arise in our hearts as we see that there is victory on the other side of COVID-19. We have hope in the struggle. Let us take this hope that God has given us through His Son, Jesus Christ, and spread it in our communities and our areas of influence. Let us love unconditionally and share this glorious hope that we have been given. Let us be strategic as we prepare for the time beyond this pandemic and walk as children of light, making the best of every day and opportunity, walking carefully and with the wisdom of God. And always remember, give thanks to God in all things and *“Celebrate the Goodness”* in your life.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will abound in hope and overflow with confidence in His promises.”

Romans 15:13 (The Amplified Bible)

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

“To God Be All The Glory”



**Reopening - Action in
Community Through Service
(ACTs) Safe House**

In April 2020, the ACTs Safe House closed for three months due to COVID-19. Entrusted Connections Ministry (ECM) had provided 37 meals in 2020 prior to its closing. Upon the Acts Safe House reopening in July 2020, ECM was contacted to assist in restocking its pantry in preparation for the return of families needing a safe place to live. ECM answered the call and provided cereal, milk, juice, canned foods, bread, flour, sugar, chips, cookies, meats, eggs, cheese, paper towels and toilet paper. ECM has restarted its delivery of meals to the ACTs Safe House and has delivered a total of 26 meals in July and August 2020. ECM will continue to serve the ACTs Safe House by providing home cooked meals for its residents.

If you have a heart for this ministry, please contact Deacon Jacque Woodson at jacque.woodson@ec-ministry.com.

Deacon Jacqueline Woodson

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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"COVID SERIES –1 SPIRITUAL VICTORY IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC" SERIES

Proverbs 29:18 says *“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he”*. We are grateful to God for the vision He gave our Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams, during this season of COVID. During the months of May and June, the ladies of the Entrusted Connections Ministry (ECM), shared with the residents of the Entrusted Connections Life House (ECLH) in several ministry sessions how to have “Spiritual Victory in the Midst of the Pandemic”. Attendance of these sessions were mandatory for the residents of ECLH and they each received a **Certificate of Completion at the end of this series**. The women of ECM, through twelve Zoom sessions, covered how **the fruits of the Holy Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control)**, can bring a positive impact to our lives during this time of pandemic. We also, as a part of this COVID Series, were blessed with sessions on “Living as a Winner” and “Victory-The Ultimate Defeat of Satan” The ministry sessions were enlightening and a blessing to those delivering the message as well as to those in attendance.

For the culmination of the of the “Spiritual Victory in the Midst of the Pandemic” series, Bishop Gale LeGrand William's hosted a **Virtual Zoom Tea for the Entrusted Connections Ministry Officers and Staff**. During this awesome time of fellowship, the ladies dressed in their frocks and fascinators, enjoyed their individual sandwiches, pastries, and various forms of teas and had fun playing games. The presence of the Holy Spirit was present as our Bishop ministered out of Galatians 5:22-23 (NCV) and Psalm 34:8 (The Message).

We are grateful unto God for the creative ways he has given ECM to minister, fellowship, and provide enlightenment on how you can still have **“Spiritual Victory in the Midst of the Pandemic”**.

Elder Doreen Freeman



Entrusted Connections Ministry High Tea Celebration



“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.” Galatians 5:22



ECM COVID SERIES-2 – THE DICHOTOMY OF THEOLOGY - THE PROS AND CONS

“THE DICHOTOMY OF THEOLOGY”

As a continuation of the Entrusted Connections Ministry’s (ECM) COVID Series, the women of ECM were tasked to conduct an in-depth study, presentation, and discussion regarding the contradictory positions of several biblical practices and disciplines. This series is entitled “**The Dichotomy of Theology**”. Dichotomy refers to a division into two parts with seemingly contradictory qualities or positions. Theology is the Study of God and of God related to the world.

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

The women used scripture, concordances, biblical references, and other references to support their positions. Each presentation taught was evidence that in-depth studying took place. These differences were assigned as Pros and Cons for each assigned topic:

FASTING – Junior Adjutant Courtney Freeman & Sister La’Chele LeGrand

TITHING – Sister Debbie Dockett & Deacon Daisy Banks

WOMEN IN MINISTRY – Minister Roslyn Washington & Sister NiChele Murphy

GRACE – Elder Georgette Agnew & Evangelist Janice Rogers

THE LAW - THE OLD TESTAMENT – Elder Doreen Freeman & Overseer Paulette Williams

THE GIFT OF TONGUES – Deacon Varetta Hamlin & Sister Jane Fox Long

FAITH – Deacon Jacqueline Woodson

Our Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams, The Visionary of Entrusted Connections Ministry, challenged each of us to present and discuss the Pros and Cons of each assigned subject via Zoom meetings twice weekly for 4 weeks. Thank you, Bishop Gale, for this wonderful opportunity to engage, compelling us to grow deeper in The Word of God.

Minister Roslyn Washington

 **Entrusted Connections Ministry**
Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams
President and Founder

 **Entrusted Connections Life House**

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Entrusted Connections Life House-One (ECLH-One)

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ECLH-One Programs

Celebrate Recovery Program - Entrusted Connections Life House- One (ECLH-One)

One of the objectives of ECHL-One is to provide residents with life skills necessary for successful transitions upon exiting the penal systems and other institutions of correction and restoration. A critical part of building life skills is the healing needed from past hurts. Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams, being lead of the Holy Spirit, inquired about one of the programs taught in the small groups ministry at the First Mount Zion Church in Dumfries, Virginia. Reverend Tarra Taylor, along with Carol- Ann Benjamin, Sherry Johnson, and Stacy Funches, are the facilitators of the Celebrate Recovery program at the church.

Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that helps overcome hurts, hang-ups, and habits. This program, developed and launched 26 years ago, at Saddleback Church was designed to help those struggling with hurts, habits, and hang-ups by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process.

After speaking with Reverend Taylor and Minister Stephanie Craddock, Director of the First Mount Zion Small group ministries, the date was set to begin the program on Sunday, October 27, 2019. Though there were tough areas to discuss, the residents stayed connected in the program. In April 2020, there was the need to change from “face to face” training to Zoom training due to the pandemic. The Celebrate recovery team was willing to make the necessary adjustments, which included a schedule change to keep the women engaged in the program.



On Wednesday, June 24, the women of ECLH-One experienced their official graduation from the Celebrate Recovery program. Praise God!

Special thanks to Pastor Torian of First Mount Zion Church; Minister Stephanie Craddock, and the church for their support in the success of the program at ECLH-One.

To God be the Glory!

Overseer Paulette Williams

Entrusted Connections Life House-One (ECLH-One) IMPACT CORNER



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TESTIMONY FROM ALISHA GRIFFIN - ECLH-ONE RESIDENT

I was an inmate at Manassas, Adult Detention Center, where I discovered the Women in New Direction Dorm Program (WIND). A Spirit-based program for Spiritual growth, which was coordinated by Chaplain Ray Perez where various speakers of God's Word came forth. I began learning about You-God again. In detail format, I was able to listen, take in new things, ask questions, and learn. I was able to meet other ladies who had the same interest as me. Praise God! Time began to pass, and it came to a point for me to complete the Program which was only the beginning. After completing I was asked to be a mentor for the Program. I accepted gladly and began learning of the duties necessary. I caught on to them quickly.

Later, I came to the Entrusted Connections Life House, where I continued my Spiritual walk. Attending church services on Sunday, Proverbs in the mornings (Mon-Fri) and Wednesday night Bible Study. Since being here I have completed Celebrate Recovery. Various other classes I have taken are: Parenting, which I have completed and received a certificate for, also Thinking for a Change Class, which I have completed and awaiting my certificate.

Thank you to all who had a hand in my Spiritual journey.

God gave me the gift of a green thumb!!

Brandy Hinegardner—ECLH-One Graduate

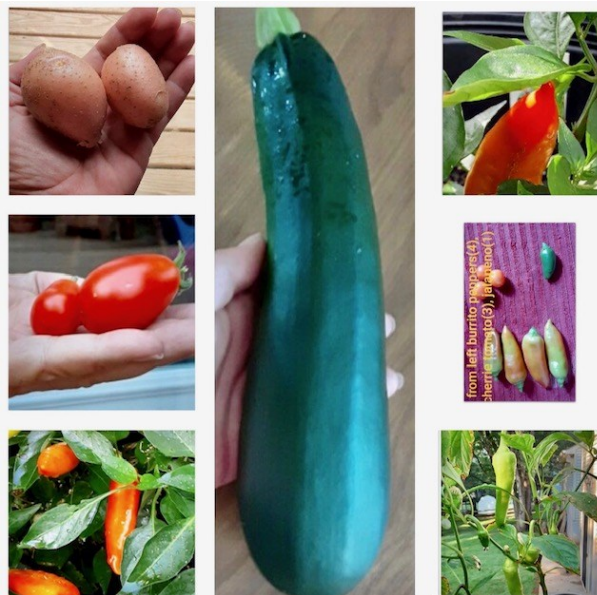
Through my recent journey this harvesting season I have found what a great gift God has given me. I have been able to share my first fruits with Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams, family, my neighbor, and soon co-workers. I have a passion for planting, tending to, grooming, and harvesting my works of art. I have had great success this season. I have grown from seeds with a lot of patients and tender loving care of my soil babies. My love for plants has extended to inside as well.

Growing Sunflowers, I can see a beautiful flower bloom, then watch it dry up and have sunflower seeds to eat. With Mint I watch a genuinely nice green color leaf with a fabulous smell. This is great for putting into hot tea, chewing right off the plant, making mint jelly. My Zucchini plants {2} have gotten so BIG and produced HUGE veggies you cannot find at your grocery store. This is just one of many! Moving on to Tomatoes. Full size, Cherrie, Roma. Several types of Peppers: Jalapeno, Sweet Banana, Liberty Bell, Hot Burrito. And finally we have Watermelon and Garlic

Other flowering and non-flowering plants to include Butterfly Bush, Marigolds, Sweet William, Morning Glory, Rose of Sharron, Black Elder, Purple Heart, Angle Ivy, Orchid, Venus Fly Trap, Spider Plant, Amaryllis, Golden pothos, Jade Plant, several species of Cactus, Aloe, even a Lemon Tree I have started indoors, and Avocado seeds I am sprouting as this is a 10 year process from germination to harvest.

My next attempt is Eucalyptus Tree, I am waiting on my seeds to come from California now! My soil babies are a wonderful and well needed relaxation time for me, they give me something to look forward to at harvest time and allow me to share with others which gives me great joy.

Giving God the glory, I give thanks to HIM every day for this great gift he has given me. I could feed a small village if God gave me the calling. Anxiously awaiting next year and new choices to master!



Entrusted Connections Life House-One (ECLH-One) Partnerships

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Angel of the Quarter

“People Who Make a Difference in the Kingdom”



Entrusted Connections Ministry is proud to announce our 1st **Angel of the Quarter, Mrs. Darlene Rytter Gray**. Mrs. Darlene (as she is so affectionately called) has been a constant presence since the start of the Entrusted Connections Life House One (ECLH-One) in Manassas, VA. Mrs. Darlene started as a volunteer at the Prince William County Detention Center, Manassas, Virginia. Mrs. Darlene attended the very first meeting for the establishment of the Entrusted Connections Ministry’s transitional home, ECLH-One. Upon the opening of the ECLH-One, for the first 6 months, Mrs. Darlene volunteered to be the full-time live-in mentor for the residents of ECLH One, providing guidance and support to those who had been newly released from incarceration. Even after getting married, she continues to be a constant presence for the ECLH-One and is a participant in the ECM daily devotion calls and weekly Bible Study. Both she and Mr. Gray contributes financially to ECLH-One as well as to the residents. They assisted one resident with a car, provided Uber Cards, paid rent, and provided food/meals. To the residents, she will always remain a friend and a spiritual confidant. Mrs. Darlene’s heart is a mirror of unconditional love. **Congratulations to Mrs. Darlene, Angel of the Quarter!!**



Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams is proud to announce Entrusted Connections Ministry’s new partnership with ***Bringing Resources***

to Aid Women’s Shelters (BRAWS).

This organization’s mission “is to bring dignity and empowerment to women and girls living in shelters by providing personally fitted bras, underwear, tampons and pads”. *These much needed and often overlooked necessities are provided to shelters and schools all over Virginia.* On July 28th, BRAWS provided the residents of the Entrusted Connections Life House One with undergarments and feminine products. ECMs’ new partner, BRAWS, is making a difference in the lives of the ECLH One residents.

Deacon Jacqueline Woodson

Serving Despite COVID-19

Due to COVID-19 and the mandatory Shutdown, Entrusted Connections Ministry (ECM) has not been able to minister to the Women in New Direction (WIND) at the Prince William County – Manassas Regional (PW-MR) Adult Detention Center (ADT) since March 2020. Knowing that those incarcerated especially those in the WIND Dorm still need to be ministered to, ECM seized the opportunity to provide daily devotionals. ***“Loving Kindness in the Morning”*** devotionals authored by Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams are routinely being requested by the inmates and provided. ECM continues to serve in accordance with the following scripture, ***“And when did we see You as a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?” The King will answer and say to them, “I assure you and most solemnly say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it for Me.”*** Matthew 25:38-40 (AMP) ***Simply put, ECM is doing whatever is asked of them, representing our Savior, during this season of COVID-19.***

Deacon Jacqueline Woodson