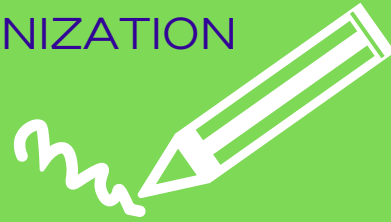


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QUARTER 1
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EEDLO YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE



What an awesome time to be alive and in service to God and His people!

First, allow me to thank each of you for your vote of confidence in me, to serve as the Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization's Young Adult Representative. **GOD IS SIMPLY AMAZING!** I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the stellar work and leadership of Ms. Ashley N. Blakely and the service she rendered as the EEDLO Young Adult Representative! Ashley, you not only **INSPIRED** us... You **TRANSFORMED** us! May God continue to bless and keep you!

As we begin this new season of leadership and service together, I approach each day with open hands, a renewed spirit, and a pure heart. I believe that when we open our hearts and hands to the will and work of almighty God, we find refuge and joy in the beauty of His power and potential.

Throughout this season of servant-leadership, "The Link" will unfold in two forms. The quarterly newsletter will include a lesson on leadership, upcoming events, words to live by, and much more. Each newsletter will also highlight a young adult from our Episcopal District. "The Link" in the podcast format will serve as a space to facilitate intergenerational conversations on Christ, culture, and community. What I know for sure is that in the context of relationships, freedom (or security) is found when there is an intentional focus on community. We learn to walk out our faith and find freedom and comfort through relationships and shared values.

Reflecting on the EEDLO YAR theme "**Impact In Action**", it is my mission to facilitate opportunities for us to learn, worship, and create together momentous energy, embodied in the passionate pursuit of God! Let us commit ourselves to be all that God requires of us!

Continued Blessings!

Dante' D. Buckson

Young Adult Representative 2024-2028
Eleventh Episcopal District Lay Organization
African Methodist Episcopal Church

A Lesson on Impactful Leadership

There are five concepts that represent what I believe to be the irreducible minimum, the essentials for Impactful leadership:

1. **Competence:** Impactful leaders must channel their energies toward those areas of leadership and service in which they are most likely to excel. Play to your strengths and delegate your weaknesses. Teamwork makes the dream work.
2. **Courage:** The impactful leader is the one who has the courage to initiate, to set things in motion, to move ahead, to reach beyond what they see naturally.
3. **Clarity:** An impactful leader must learn to be clear even when he or she is not certain.
4. **Coaching:** You may be good, but without a coach or mentor you will never be as good as you could be. Who's mentoring you? What books are your reading?
5. **Character:** You can lead without character, but you won't be a leader worth following. Your character can either qualify or disqualify you.

A. M. E. FUN FACT

THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH HAS A UNIQUE HISTORY AS IT IS THE FIRST MAJOR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION IN THE WESTERN WORLD THAT DEVELOPED BECAUSE OF RACE RATHER THAN THEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES.



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YOUNG ADULT SPOTLIGHT



THIS MONTH WE ARE PLEASED TO SPOTLIGHT MS. LA'TASHA JONES.

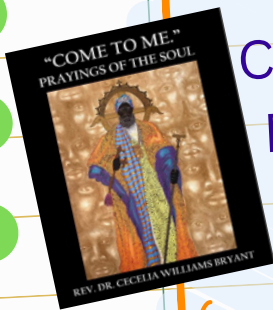
La'Tasha is a member of New Bethel AME Church Monticello, Florida. She presently serves as the Young Adult Representative for the Florida Conference Lay Organization.

On August 2, 2024 La'Tasha received her Masters in Educational Leadership and Administration from Florida State University.

Congratulations La'Tasha!!!

CHECK THIS OUT!

Book of The Month



COME TO ME by
Rev. Dr. Cecilia
Bryant

Song Of The Month

"Holy" by
Shernice



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