THE PASTOR'S PEN 🗷

October 18, 2020

PRAYER

- ✓ Sis. Moody's brother, A. J. Beamon, passed
- ✓ Prima Triplette
- ✓ Sis. Arrila Eversley
- ✓ Sis. Judy Thomas, and Sis. Paula Baker
- ✓ Sis. Hale and Mother Loper
- ✓ Bishop Lawrence Kirby
- ✓ Jones / Wright Families
- ✓ Sis. Nina Hooker's brother, Henry
- ✓ Bro. Berry's nephew, Marshall Augestine
- ✓ The Bible Study Prayer List
- ✓ Brother John Reid's sister
- ✓ Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church Family ✓ Sis. Ebone Jackson

- ✓ Families affected by the Hurricanes, storms, flood, and the fires out west

- ✓ Sis. Pauline Cross
- ✓ Bro. Casey Perine, Chris Perine and their mother, Shirley
- ✓ Family of Sis. Eva Ellis who passed
- ✓ Our children and their educational needs
- ✓ Bro. John Lewis' nephew, Marvin Kerr, passed
- ✓ 6 year old Alonzo
- ✓ Sis. Freddie Delaney's grandson, Rashad, Passed
- ✓ Peace in our streets
- ✓ Sis. Marquala Ellison
- ✓ Sister Nather Roby
- ✓ McCoy family
- ✓ Healthcare Workers / First Responders / Essential Workers / Those infected and affected by the Coronavirus

OPINION: COVID-19 REVEALS THAT DESCENDANTS OF SLAVERY STILL HAVE THREE-FIFTHS STATUS

Following is an opinion article written by my nephew, Dr. Tito Izard:

Opinion: COVID-19 reveals that descendants of slavery still have three-fifths status

What if your American dream was already in a health and economic crisis? How would you survive a global disaster?

Tito Izard

Updated 11:28 a.m. CDT Sep. 10, 2020

Editor's note: Six months ago, Gov. Tony Evers ordered nonessential businesses and schools to close and people to stay home — the official start of a statewide battle with the coronavirus. We asked a diverse group of people from Wisconsin to reflect on the lessons of the past six months and to look ahead.

America awaited a coordinated response that never came as a novel virus ravaged its way across the globe. The most vulnerable facing the pandemic, African Americans, whose lineage has the worst health status, hoped this crisis would be different.

But public health and economic recovery require timely and effective engagement between community advocates, health officials, health systems, clinics, municipalities and state government. If only stakeholders would work together to coordinate the distribution of federal resources and reserves. That hope remains.

The pandemic has disrupted America's stability. Hopefully, it is a temporary disruption of the economy and liberty. But what if your American dream was already in a health and economic crisis? How would you survive a global disaster?

For American Descendants of Slavery, outcomes don't exceed 3/5ths or 60% of America's white median outcomes. There is no parity in household income, wealth, homeownership, educational attainment, employment or health.

And now we can add COVID-19 mortality to this list of disparities. Every health indicator is a direct consequence of being an American Descendent of Slavery.

The solution lies in the promise of this country — justice for all. The enslaved body was an asset. It could be used as currency, collateral or credit. After emancipation, the freed slave became an American liability. No other ethnic group began its independence as an American debt. The societal, economic and health disparities exacerbated by COVID-19 remind America to satisfy this debt.

A comprehensive reparations plan for descendants of slavery would advance liberty and justice in criminal justice, restorative health equity, housing integration, economic inclusion, educational attainment and employment, and industry representation.

Without it, this is what 3/5th American citizenship life looks like for the descendants of the enslaved.

Dr. Tito Izard is president and CEO of Milwaukee Health Services Inc.

CHURCH MEETING

Church meeting will be held on Saturday, November 7, at 1pm. In order to participate in the meeting you must register with your name, email address or phone number. Please call the church office. Only those who are registered will receive the Zoom link information. If you have questions, please call the office, to get the correct information.

OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

¹⁹ They will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you. For I am with you," says the Lord, "to deliver you." **Jeremiah 1:19**

OCTOBER MEDITATION QUOTE

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

"If you hear the dogs, keep going. If you see the torches in the woods, keep going. If there's shouting after you, keep going. Don't ever stop. Keep going. If you want a taste of freedom, keep going."

Harriet Tubman

ELECTION WORKERS!

The City of Milwaukee Election Commission is looking for hardworking citizens that have a dedication to democracy and protecting voter rights to work at the polls.

Election Inspector

Election Inspectors play a vital role at voting sites. They work directly with voters and assist them in any of the following capacities:

- Check-in registered voters and provide the voters with a ballot and voter number.
- Register qualified individuals to vote who are new voters or have an address or name change.
- Handle the voting machine to verify ballots are accepted and give out "I Voted" stickers.

Election Inspectors are paid \$230 (hazard pay increase for 2020 Fall Elections) for a full-day shift and are required to attend one paid training class (\$21.75) or retraining (\$15.00). To receive training class payment, you are required to work on Election Day. Lunch and dinner breaks are allowed for full-day shift workers. A full-day shift is 6:00 a.m. to close of the voting site.

Election Inspector Applications

- <u>Election Inspector</u> (Online Application)
- Election Inspector (PDF)

Chief Inspector

Chief Inspectors manage the voting site and ensure all operating procedures are followed. Chiefs are also responsible for completing Election Day documentation, reconciling voter numbers and ballots, and resolving voter concerns.

Chief Inspector Applications

- <u>Chief Inspector</u> (Online Application)
- Chief Inspector (PDF)

Chief Inspectors are paid \$325 (hazard pay increase for 2020 Fall Elections) and must work a full-day shift. An additional \$25 is included for attending the mandatory training class. To receive training class payment, Chiefs are required to work on Election Day for the full-day shift. A full-day shift is 6:00 a.m. to close of the voting site. Lunch and dinner breaks are allowed.

Bilingual Election Inspector

The Election Commission is in need of additional bilingual (fluent in English/Spanish or English/Hmong speaking) poll workers.

The experiences at the polls are highly rewarding, challenging, interesting and personally satisfying. Many of the City's Election Inspectors have worked in these positions for 15 to 40 years. We hope that you will consider contributing your time to strong elections in Milwaukee.

Bilingual Election Inspector Applications
If you are bilingual and able to work on the upcoming election days, please complete an Election Inspector application.

NOTE: There are two shifts to choose from

- 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. or later
- 1:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. or later

ABSENTEE VOTING

✓ **ABSENTEE VOTING:** https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/VoteAbsentee

✓ WHERE TO APPLY FOR ABSENTEE: Online

✓ **DEADLINE TO REQUEST APPLICATION:** Oct. 29, 5 p.m.

✓ EARLY INPERSON VOTING DATE: Oct. 20 Received

✓ **MAIL BALLOT DEADLINE:** Nov. 3, 8 p.m

Test Up MKE

Test Up MKE is a new website launched to provide the latest COVID-19 information and testing access. This site provides easy access to information on the effects of the pandemic on groups disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 such as essential workers, immigrants and BIPOC communities. The website is available in English, Spanish, Hmong, Arabic and Burmese. It also has an accessibility feature for those with hearing, visual and other special needs.



BIBLE STUDY

- ✓ Facilitated by Pastor Childs --- Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
- ✓ Facilitated by Sis. Davis (for women) --- Monday at 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ Facilitated by Deacon Cocroft --- Tuesday at Noon

CALL-IN PRAYER

✓ Mondays at 5:45-6:00 p.m. /// Wednesdays at 5:45-6:00 p.m. and /// Saturdays at 10:15-10:30 a.m.

CHURCH SCHOOL

✓ Please check the website for the Church School Class Schedule

CENSUS

✓ If you have not done so already, please make sure that you complete your 2020 Census

BE SAFE, BE SMART, BE SERIOUS

I remain prayerful for your safety and security and remain available to you to listen and share regarding your needs and concerns. Please call me, text me (414-852-4010) and/or email me pilgrimrestpastorchilds@gmail.com so we can talk out and talk through anything and everything that you may be going through or need assistance

We love you, Pastor Martin and Sister Thresessa Childs