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## New Jersey Seminary to Pay \$27 Million in Reparations for Ties to Slavery

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Correspondent, posted on Nov. 1, 2019

The Princeton Theological Seminary, in Princeton, NJ, has set aside \$27 million to pay reparations for its ties to slavery.

Among the institutions of higher education, the more than two-hundred-year-old Seminary joined Rutgers and Princeton Universities to publicly disclose their ties to the slave trade.

However, neither Rutgers nor Princeton have pledged reparations.

The Seminary recently began a study of its history with the enslavement of African Americans after three Black seminarians launched a petition calling for reparations.

"These payments are an act of repentance," M. Craig Barnes, president of the Seminary, said in a statement. "We are committed to telling the truth," Barnes said.

Although he noted that the Seminary never owned slaves, it was complicit in the slave trade.

Barnes said Princeton Theological Seminary benefitted from the slave economy when it invested in Southern banks. They also received funds from donors who directly profited from slavery, and the founding fathers of the academy used slave labor.

Faculty leaders also once advocated for sending free Black people to Liberia.

"The Seminary's ties to slavery are a part of our story," Barnes stated. "It is important to acknowledge that our founders were entangled with slav-

ery and could not envision a fully integrated society.

"We did not want to shy away from the uncomfortable part of our history and the difficult conversations that revealing the truth would produce."

The Princeton Theological Seminary was the first Seminary founded by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1812. The establishment of The Theological Seminary at Princeton marked a turning point in American theological education, according to historians at the school.

The College of New Jersey, later known as Princeton University, was supportive of this plan, historians stated.

With fewer than a dozen students, in 1812, Archibald Alexander was the first—and for one year the only—professor at the Seminary. He was joined the following year by a second professor, Samuel Miller, who came to Princeton from the ministry of the Wall Street Church in New York.

John White, the dean of students and vice president of student relations, said in a statement that the reparations decision came after a lengthy historical audit and the formation of a task force to investigate the Seminary's past.

"This is the beginning of the process of repair that will be ongoing," White stated.

White served as chair of the task force, which included trustees, faculty, administrators, students, and alumni.

He noted that they took part in a deliberative process to provide opportunities for the campus community to discuss and respond to the audit report.

The task force hosted more than 25 events, meetings, and conversations on the campus in the previous academic year.

Feedback gathered from students, faculty, administrators, and alumni were incorporated in the recommendations presented to the Seminary's board. The Board of Trustees also conducted a year-long process of study, the Seminary's website reported.

"From the beginning, the Board of Trustees has encouraged a thorough process of understanding our history that would lead to a meaningful response," White stated.

With an immediate rollout of the plan and continuation through 2024, the Seminary intends to make a "meaningful and lasting change" with the more than 20 approved initiatives, including:

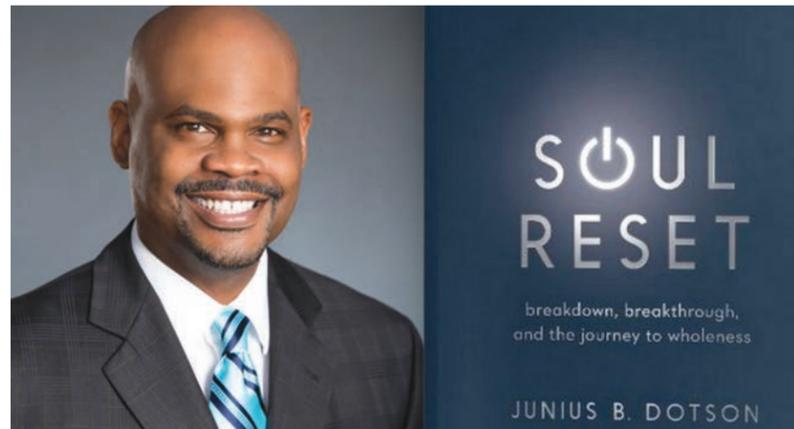
Offering 30 new scholarships, valued at the cost of tuition plus \$15,000, for students who are

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## Pastor and First Lady to celebrate 20 years at Monumental MBC



Monumental Missionary Baptist Church pastor, Rev. Roy C. Watson and his wife, church First Lady Sharon Watson will be feted by the church's congregation November 17 during morning worship service. The pastor and first lady will be celebrating 20 years leading Monumental MBC, located at 2407 W. North Ave.—Photo by Yvonne Kemp



## Rev. Dotson's 'Soul Reset'

By Jessica Dortch, courtesy of The AFRO, an NNPA Member Newspaper

Last September was National Suicide Prevention Month, and the Rev. Junius B. Dotson tackles that topic, along with many others, in his latest book, Soul Reset. As the current CEO of Discipleship Ministries in Nashville, Tenn., Rev. Dotson has been in ministry for almost three decades, however, his journey to holistic spirituality started early in his priesthood.

Starting out as the pastor of a local church, Rev. Dotson bore all of the responsibility and pressure that comes with any startup business. In exclusive with the AFRO, Dotson revealed that about three or four years after the church opened, he experienced an emotional breakdown. This episode would later lead to a diagnosis of clinical depression and come as a complete shock to the pastor.

"That's really when my journey to wholeness began," recalled Dotson.

The Soul Reset series was created to address the stigma of depression, suicide, burnout, and grief as it relates to personal and professional roles. Most of the time, people who are in leadership positions feel that vulnerability is a weakness, and

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# Rev. Dotson's 'Soul Reset'

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that they have to "be strong for others," when in actuality, there is power in testimony and transparency.

"Sometimes we super spiritualize everything, so if a person is in need of therapy or even medication, it is looked down upon as if Jesus can't heal it all," the author explains.

"As a disclaimer, the reverend is not saying that Jesus isn't enough, but rather that the Lord works through people. "The source of healing is God, but God heals in various ways," he clarified.

"Part of my rationale, impotence, and desire to write this book is to encourage our churches to be a safe place, and to be places that create authentic community where people can share honestly. Sometimes it's okay not to be okay."

In the book, Rev. Dotson shares several stories of his personal struggles with depression, suicide, and, specifically, grief. The author shared an anecdote with the

AFRO about one of the lowest points in his life, the year 2012.

Tragedy struck back to back in the passing of his grandmother, his mother, and his close friend in a short span of nine months.

The pastor recalls having difficulty navigating through his grief, especially as the holiday season approached. Prayerfully, Rev. Dotson was able to overcome his debilitating grief through self love and self care.

The book includes spiritual practices geared toward self care and spiritual discipline to let readers know that "there is hope beyond your grief, and there is a light at the end of the tunnel."

Rev. Dotson also writes about having an activity that helps you to stay balanced. The Rev. was not a musician, but he admits that listening to music has always helped him stay calm and grounded, which is what inspired him to learn to play piano.

As it turns out, this skill was a hidden talent for the Pastor.

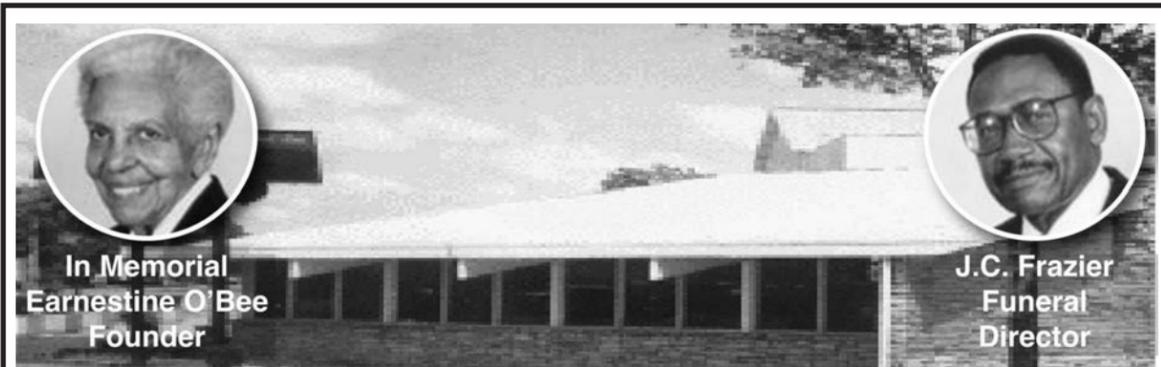
"When I'm stressed or in the midst of a long meeting, I'll walk out and find a piano and that will calm me down," he adds.

In addition to the Soul

Reset series, Rev. Dotson expresses powerful and helpful spiritual nuggets in his 90-second daily radio series called "See All The People." The show, which is featured

on more than 40 radio stations across the country, answers the question, "What if we stopped trying to fix the church, and instead we

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**Louise Mitchell**  
Louise Mitchell Age 83 yrs. Oct. 27, 2019. Funeral services will be held Friday, Nov. 8, 2019 at 11AM. Visitation Friday 10AM until time of services at:  
  
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**Paralee B. Jones**  
Age 99 yrs. October 27, 2019. Beloved mother of Patricia Jones-Penn of Sacramento, CA; Michael (Peggy) Jones of Jackson, WI and Gregory D. (Geneva) Jones. Also survived by 3 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and a host of other loving relatives and friends. The family would like to thank Menomonee Falls Assisted Living for their exceptional care. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019 at 11AM at St. Mark AME Church 1616 W. Atkinson Ave. Instate Tuesday 10AM at the CHURCH until time of services. Visitation Monday 3-7PM (Family hr. 5-7PM) at:

**Antoinette "Tammy" Putnam**  
Age 52 yrs. October 26, 2019. Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 8, 2019 at 1PM. Visitation Friday 12 Noon until time of services at:  
  
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**Emerson S. Morray**  
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# Jersey Seminary to Pay \$27 M in Reparations for Ties to Slavery

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descendants of slaves or from underrepresented groups

Hiring a full-time director of the Center for Black Church Studies

Hiring a new faculty member whose research and teaching will give critical attention to African American experience and ecclesial life

Changes in the Seminary curriculum, including a required cross-cultural component and integrating into the first-year curriculum for every master's student, sustained academic engagement with the implications of the historical audit

Designating five doctoral fellowships for students who are descendants of slaves or from underrepresented groups

Naming the library after Theodore Sedgwick Wright, the first African American to attend and graduate from Princeton Seminary

Naming the Center for Black Church Studies after Betsey Stockton, a prominent African American educator in Princeton during the antebellum North and a Presbyterian missionary in the Sandwich Islands (present-day Hawaii). Before gaining freedom, Stockton was a slave to the chair of Princeton Seminary's Board of Trustees.

Enhancing community partnerships and supporting historically disenfranchised communities in and around Princeton

Ensuring every member of the Princeton Seminary community understands its history

A committee has been established to oversee the implementation of the plan and will regularly report progress to the board.

The program costs for the responses represent a commitment of more than \$1 million annually on an ongoing basis.

To sustain this programming in perpetuity, \$27.6 million will be reserved in the endowment.

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# 'Soul Reset'

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started seeing all of the people who God has called us to reach?"

The act of seeing someone for who they are is a dialogue without words. Taking the time to get to know someone and being able to positively speak into their lives is a different level of relationship and intimacy.

According to Rev. Dotson, "See All The People" is an invitation for the church to have a conversation with their neighbors of every race and creed. "It's about building relationships that are authentic, organic, and consis-

tent," he stated.

The Soul Reset series is the ultimate tool for team meetings, small groups, book clubs, and other gatherings.

Each chapter ends with an invitation to a spiritual practice that will act as a guide on your journey to wholeness. Rev. Dotson explains that "[This] book is dedicated to the people who did not or refused to give up on their dark days, and for the people in their lives who encouraged them."

—This article originally appeared in *The Afro*.



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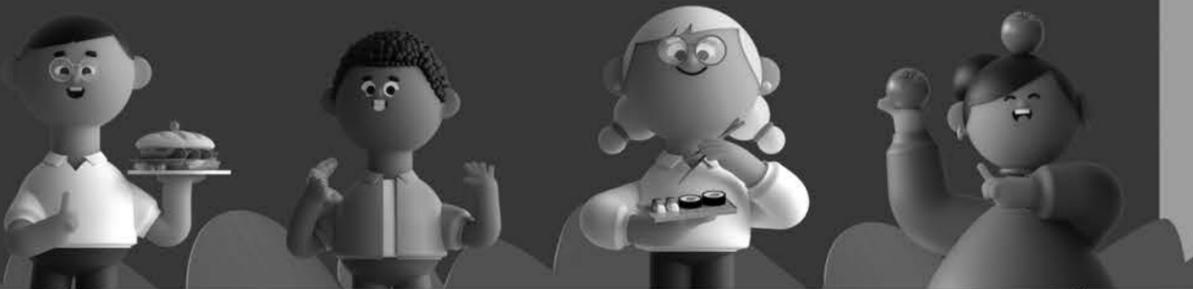
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(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
DIVORCE-40101  
Case No. 19FA005584**

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF  
Petitioner:  
SAMEER MUHAMED  
and  
Respondent:  
MANAL NIDAL HUSSEIN

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO  
THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS  
RESPONDENT:  
You are notified that the petitioner  
named above has filed a Petition for  
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and to  
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requested in the Petition, and you may  
lose your right to object to anything  
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garnishment or seizure of property.

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terference with custody by parent or  
others) is punishable by fines and/or  
imprisonment:

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that a court may consider for modifi-  
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DATE: 11-6-2019  
By: SAMEER MUHAMED  
019-283/11-8-15-22-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 19CV008465**

In the matter of the name change of:  
SHANICE LASHAY RUSH  
By (Petitioner) SHANICE LASHAY  
RUSH

A petition was filed asking to change  
the name of the person listed above:  
From: SHANICE LASHAY RUSH To:  
ISABELLA MARIA RUSH  
Birth Certificate: SHANICE LASHAY  
RUSH

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit  
Court of Milwaukee County, State of  
Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. DAVID C.  
SWANSON  
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM  
413, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2019 TIME:  
10:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by  
publication as a Class 3 notice for  
three (3) weeks in a row prior to the  
date of the hearing in the Milwaukee  
Community Journal, a newspaper  
published in Milwaukee County, State  
of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 11-5-19  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. DAVID C. SWANSON  
Circuit Court Judge  
019-282/11-8-15-22-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 19CV008429**

In the matter of the name change of:  
ANGELO LANCE LIBERTO-SPAG-  
NOLO

By (Petitioner) JEFFREY GERARD  
LIBERTO  
A petition was filed asking to change  
the name of the person listed above:  
From: ANGELO LANCE LIBERTO-  
SPAGNOLO To: ANGELO LANCE  
LIBERTO  
Birth Certificate: ANGELO LANCE  
LIBERTO

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit  
Court of Milwaukee County, State of  
Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. DAVID SWAN-  
SON  
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM  
413, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2019 TIME:  
1:30 PM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
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three (3) weeks in a row prior to the  
date of the hearing in the Milwaukee  
Community Journal, a newspaper

published in Milwaukee County, State  
of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 11-1-19  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. DAVID SWANSON  
Circuit Court Judge  
019-281/11-8-15-22-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 19CV008283**

In the matter of the name change of:  
SHEMIKA LASHAY JOHNSON  
By (Petitioner) SHEMIKA LASHAY  
JOHNSON

A petition was filed asking to change  
the name of the person listed above:  
From: SHEMIKA LASHAY JOHNSON  
To: MEKA LA'SHAY  
Birth Certificate: SHEMIKA LASHAY  
JOHNSON

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit  
Court of Milwaukee County, State of  
Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. TIMOTHY  
WITKOWIAK  
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM  
415, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2019 TIME:  
9:30 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
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publication as a Class 3 notice for  
three (3) weeks in a row prior to the  
date of the hearing in the Milwaukee  
Community Journal, a newspaper  
published in Milwaukee County, State  
of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 10-28-19  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. TIMOTHY WITKOWIAK  
Circuit Court Judge  
019-280/11-8-15-22-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 19CV008082**

In the matter of the name change of:  
ARTHELLA DANAZ MCRAE  
By (Petitioner) ARTHELLA DANAZ  
MCRAE

A petition was filed asking to change  
the name of the person listed above:  
From: ARTHELLA DANAZ MCRAE  
To: DA'NAZ KA'MOIR GRAY  
Birth Certificate: ARTHELLA DANAZ  
MCRAE

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit  
Court of Milwaukee County, State of  
Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. KEVIN E.  
MARTENS  
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM  
403, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2019 TIME:  
10:30 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
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publication as a Class 3 notice for  
three (3) weeks in a row prior to the  
date of the hearing in the Milwaukee  
Community Journal, a newspaper  
published in Milwaukee County, State  
of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 10-21-19  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. KEVIN E. MARTENS  
Circuit Court Judge  
019-279/11-8-15-22-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING**

**Case No. 19CV008177**

In the matter of the name change of:  
CARICIA MICAELA DUGGER  
By (Petitioner) CARICIA MICAELA  
DUGGER

A petition was filed asking to change  
the name of the person listed above:  
From: CARICIA MICAELA DUGGER  
To: CARICIA MICAELA MONSER-  
RATE-FORLANO  
Birth Certificate: CARICIA MICAELA  
DUGGER

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit  
Court of Milwaukee County, State of  
Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. JEFFREY A.  
CONEN  
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM  
402, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2019 TIME:  
9:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by  
publication as a Class 3 notice for  
three (3) weeks in a row prior to the  
date of the hearing in the Milwaukee  
Community Journal, a newspaper  
published in Milwaukee County, State  
of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 10-23-19  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. JEFFREY A. CONEN  
Circuit Court Judge  
019-278/11-8-15-22-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
DIVORCE-40101  
Case No. 19FA5791**

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF  
Petitioner:  
GEORGE DANQUAH  
and  
Respondent:  
ANDREA LOCKETT

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO  
THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS  
RESPONDENT:  
You are notified that the petitioner  
named above has filed a Petition for  
divorce or other legal separation  
against you.

You must respond with a written de-  
mand for a copy of the Petition within  
40 days from the day after the first  
date of publication.

The demand must be sent or deliv-  
ered to the court at:

CLERK OF COURT, MILWAUKEE  
COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 901 N.  
9TH ST. ROOM 104 MILWAUKEE, WI  
53233  
and to  
GEORGE DANQUAH 10448 WEST  
MONTANA AVENUE WEST ALLIS WI  
53227.

It is recommended, but not required,  
that you have an attorney help or rep-  
resent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the  
Petition within 40 days, the court may  
grant judgment against you for the  
award of money or other legal action  
requested in the Petition, and you may  
lose your right to object to anything  
that is or may be incorrect in the Peti-  
tion.

A judgment may be enforced as pro-  
vided by law. A judgment awarding  
money may become a lien against  
any real estate you own now or in the  
future, and may also be enforced by  
garnishment or seizure of property.

You are further notified that if the par-  
ties to this action have minor children,  
violation of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (In-  
terference with custody by parent or  
others) is punishable by fines and/or

imprisonment:

If you and the petitioner have minor  
children, documents setting forth the  
percentage standard for child support  
established by the department under  
§49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors  
that a court may consider for modifi-  
cation of that standard under  
§767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are avail-  
able upon your request from the Clerk  
of Court.

You are notified of the availability of in-  
formation from the Circuit Court Com-  
missioner as set forth in §767.105,  
Wis. Stats.

§767.105, Information from Circuit  
Court Commissioner.

(2) Upon the request of a party to an  
action affecting the family, including a  
revision of judgment or order under  
sec. 767.59 or 767.451:

(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner  
shall, with or without charge, provide  
the party with written information on  
the following, as appropriate to the ac-  
tion commenced:

1. The procedure for obtaining a judg-  
ment or order in the action.
  2. The major issues usually addressed  
in such an action.
  3. Community resources and family  
court counseling services available to  
assist the parties.
  4. The procedure for setting, modify-  
ing, and enforcing child support  
awards, or modifying and enforcing  
legal custody or physical placement  
judgments or orders.
- (b) The Circuit Court Commissioner  
shall provide a party, for inspection or  
purchase, with a copy of the statutory  
provisions in this chapter generally  
pertinent to the action.

If you require reasonable accommo-  
dations due to a disability to partici-  
pate in the court process, please call  
414-278-5112 prior to the scheduled  
court date. Please note that the court  
does not provide transportation.

DATE: 10-30-2019  
By: GEORGE DANQUAH  
019-277/11-1-8-15-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 19CV008308**

In the matter of the name change of:  
MIA ELIZABETH HAYWOOD  
By (Petitioner) SHAWNDREYA ANN  
JOHNSON and By (Co-Petitioner)  
ANTION DION HAYWOOD

A petition was filed asking to change  
the name of the person listed above:  
From: MIA ELIZABETH HAYWOOD  
To: MIA ELIZABETH HUDSON  
Birth Certificate: MIA ELIZABETH  
HAYWOOD

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit  
Court of Milwaukee County, State of  
Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. DAVID C.  
SWANSON  
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM  
413, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: NOVEMBER 26, 2019 TIME:  
9:45 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by  
publication as a Class 3 notice for  
three (3) weeks in a row prior to the  
date of the hearing in the Milwaukee  
Community Journal, a newspaper  
published in Milwaukee County, State  
of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 10-29-19  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. DAVID C. SWANSON  
Circuit Court Judge  
019-276/11-1-8-15-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 19CV008172**

In the matter of the name change of:  
ALISHA MARIE NEWPORT  
By (Petitioner) ALISHA MARIE NEWPORT  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: ALISIA MARIE NEWPORT To: ALISIA MARIE ZAREMBA  
Birth Certificate: ALISIA MARIE ZAREMBA  
IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. JEFFREY A. CONEN  
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 402, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2019 TIME: 2:30 PM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 10-23-19  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. JEFFREY A. CONEN  
Circuit Court Judge  
019-275/11-1-8-15-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
DIVORCE-40101  
Case No. 19FA3118**

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF  
Petitioner:  
KAHLILAH SHANAE ROSS  
and  
Respondent:  
LEONARD ROSS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:  
You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or other legal separation against you.

You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at:

CLERK OF COURT, MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 901 N.

9TH ST. ROOM 104 MILWAUKEE, WI 53233  
and to  
KAHLILAH SHANAE ROSS 3451 N 91ST MILWAUKEE, WI 53222.

It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You are further notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, violation of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (Interference with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment:

If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under §49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under §767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.

You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in §767.105, Wis. Stats.

§767.105, Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

(2) Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:

(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:

1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action.
2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.
3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.
4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders.

(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 414-278-5112 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

DATE: 10-10-2019  
By: KAHLILAH S. ROSS  
019-274/11-1-8-15-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 19CV007389**

In the matter of the name change of:  
JILL MARIE MLINAR  
By (Petitioner) JILL MARIE MLINAR  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: JILL MARIE MLINAR To: JILL MARIE SMILEY  
Birth Certificate: JILL MARIE DE-CLEENE  
IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. LAURA GRAMLING PEREZ  
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 404, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2019 TIME: 10:30 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 10-17-19  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. LAURA GRAMLING PEREZ  
Circuit Court Judge  
019-273/11-1-8-15-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 19CV008066**

In the matter of the name change of:  
JULIA L. PIRELLI  
By (Petitioner) KELLY C. SCHUSTER  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: JULIA LYNETTE PIRELLI To: JULIA ROSE LAURIE SCHUSTER  
Birth Certificate: JULIA LYNETTE PIRELLI  
IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. KEVIN E.

MARTENS  
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 403, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2019 TIME: 10:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 10-21-19  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. KEVIN E. MARTENS  
Circuit Court Judge  
019-272/10-25/11-1-8-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 19CV007894**

In the matter of the name change of:  
DESTIN CALMAR FAYZON FREEMAN  
By (Petitioner) ERICKA ANDREA BLUE  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: DESTIN CALMAR FAYZON FREEMAN To: DESTIN CALMAR FAYZON BLUE  
Birth Certificate: DESTIN CALMAR FAYZON FREEMAN  
IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.

Judge's Name: HON. PAUL R. VAN GRUNSVEN  
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 206, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2019 TIME: 10:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 10-14-19  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. PAUL R. VAN GRUNSVEN  
Circuit Court Judge  
019-270/10-25/11-1-8-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 19CV008040**

In the matter of the name change of:  
RAPHAEL A. JACKSON  
By (Petitioner) RAPHAEL A. JACK-

SON  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: RAPHAEL ANTHONY JACKSON To: RAPHAEL ANTHONY ALLEN-MCKINNEY  
Birth Certificate: RAPHAEL ANTHONY JACKSON  
IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. JEFFREY A. CONEN  
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 402, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: NOVEMBER 22, 2019 TIME: 11:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 10-18-19  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. JEFFREY A. CONEN  
Circuit Court Judge  
019-269/10-25/11-1-8-2019

**SUMMONS  
(PUBLICATION)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
NAME CHANGE HEARING  
Case No. 19CV007499**

In the matter of the name change of:  
JOELLA MARIE ETERNICKA  
By (Petitioner) JOELLA MARIE ETERNICKA

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: JOELLA MARIE ETERNICKA To: JOELLA MARIE ETERNICKA MURRAY  
Birth Certificate: JOELLA MARIE TALLSKY

IT IS ORDERED:  
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Judge's Name: HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO  
PLACE: 901 N. 9th Street, ROOM 412, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53233  
DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2019 TIME: 11:00 AM

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Milwaukee Community Journal, a newspaper published in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.  
Dated: 9-27-19  
BY THE COURT:  
HON. MARY E. TRIGGIANO  
Circuit Court Judge  
019-268/10-25/11-1-8-2019



# Despite struggles of printed media and “fake news,” the Community Journal continues to champion the causes of Black Milwaukee

(First published as an editorial on July 24, 2019)

Two decades ago, columnist Mikel Holt authored an article for the Milwaukee Press Club about the importance of the Black Press. Holt stressed the uniqueness of the Black Media, as well as its unpromising role as an arm of the Civil Rights Movement.

He noted that newspapers from Freeman's Journal to the Community Journal have not only defended African Americans from the tentacles of White Supremacy but paved the way for generations in our quest for equal rights and justice.

For four decades your MCJ has continued that mission, identifying problems, providing solutions, and frequently advocating for Black America to “WAKE UP!” Sometimes this newspaper has been forced to criticize our own for apathy or lack of political participation. WE can do so, because we're talking to family.

Unlike any other newspaper in the state, we have been the catalyst for Black empowerment, cultural development, and even spiritual growth.

We have advocated for state and local laws, uncovered schemes and deceptions, and led campaigns for justice and accountability.

A recent case in point clearly illustrates this newspaper's importance to our Community as a communication entity for our people.

Last week, the city's daily mainstream newspaper, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel—in its Green Sheet news quiz—had a question related to the shooting death of three-year-old Brooklyn Harris.

She was killed while riding in her mother's SUV during a road rage incident on July 13.

Many in the community who had been touched by Brooklyn's senseless death, expressed justified outrage at the paper's insensitivity and disrespect to the little girls' family by trivializing her death in the form of a question!

Under the title of “correction,” the newspaper's editor apologized for the “inappropriate question,” and that it was not made with bad intentions. The editor said the Green Sheet section's editor was “on vacation.”

This is why the Black press is needed! Mainstream media entities don't have the sensitivity, empathy, or desire to plead the causes of people of color, especially Black people. We're simply a sensational headline or trivia question that feeds the mainstream (White) community's negative opinions, beliefs and narrative as to who we are as a people.

We seek not to pat ourselves on the back by emphasizing our commitment, but instead to challenge the misconception that social media can fill the news and advocacy void the Black Press has assumed since 1827.

While it is true there has been a relative decline in newsprint across the board, the Black Press is still as relevant today as it was when the original Journal declared on its masthead “We Wish to Plead our Own Cause.”

That manta is intrinsic on every page of your Community Journal today and fills a void that no other media can. It is also what makes us relevant even as we combat struggling subscriptions and the onslaught of social media misinformation that permeates the blog world, providing propaganda masked as fact.

We freely acknowledge that “fake news” has not only hurt the legitimacy of genuine and honest media and reporting, but has also undercut American democracy and the fourth estate. We also recognize there are few, if any, unbiased news outlets today.

Yet it should also be known The Milwaukee Community Journal has not been sued for libel in our entire 40-plus year history, nor can anyone say we have presented fake news. Indeed, we admit our bias because we report news from an Africentric perspective and analyze events and policies based on how they specifically will impact our Community.

That is our mission and purpose and what makes us unique and a household name in our Community. The fact that you are reading this editorial is a testament to your quest for knowledge, analyzation of current events, and political paradigms. We can assume you don't have to be convinced of our importance.

But others may not be so sophisticated or understand the difference between legitimate news and propaganda masked as information. The most important gift we can provide is wisdom. An educated mind is the most powerful weapon against ignorance and oppression.

## Classifieds The Legals/Classifieds/Public Notices Public Notice

**PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT**  
**THE MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES**  
 The Milwaukee Community Journal, Inc. expanded its services to the greater Milwaukee community with the publishing of legal notices in the “WEEKEND EDITION”. As a qualified provider of the publication of legal notices, MCJ will serve City, County and State offices for publishing community notifications.  
 Such notifications include:  
 Public Hearings  
 Public Meetings  
 Election Notices  
 Divorce Proceedings  
 Name Changes  
 Publication of Summons when personal services cannot be made to defendants  
 Notice of Auction of unclaimed storage or property  
 Probate Notices  
 Foreclosure Sheriff's sales notice of creditor listing of property for sale.  
 Other general legal and public notices  
**ABOUT MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL (MCJ) WEEKEND EDITION**  
 The Milwaukee Community Journal Weekend Edition is published weekly. Each week, MCJ Weekend focuses on different subjects, HEALTH, PERSONAL, FINANCE, FAMILY, MEN, AND WOMEN. THE WEEKEND EDITION now includes the publishing of records designated by the Milwaukee County Circuit Court for publication of legal notices, with added value in the Wednesday Edition. The Weekend Edition is a public newspaper of general circulation that complies with the laws of Wisconsin relating to publication of legal notices. MCJ Weekend Edition has published weekly over ten years, in the State of Wisconsin and Milwaukee County. We have a paid circulation of approximately 89% of our circulation, weekly. And our actual paid subscribers are over the 1000 required by State Statute.  
**ABOUT THE MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY JOURNAL (MCJ)**  
 The Milwaukee Community Journal (MCJ) is a quality news organization published throughout Milwaukee and the surrounding suburbs. Established in 1976, the Milwaukee Community Journal has advanced the plight, struggles and victories of minorities in Wisconsin, with a passion for building community. The MCJ accentuates the positive, analyzes the negatives and advocates to seed success. The Milwaukee Community Journal stockholders are Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo (90%); Mikel Holt (5%); and Todd Thomas (5%) respectively, and is current in filing by the State of Wisconsin, effective October 10, 2018.  
 Signed: Patricia O'Flynn Pattillo,

**For all your ADVERTISING NEEDS CALL 265-5300**

**SALES REPRESENTATIVES**  
 MCJ is seeking strong self starters to sell a viable niche market medium with over 42 years experience in the City of Milwaukee. Applicants must have their own auto, be acknowledgeable of the city, and be capable of meeting sales goals, weekly. Experience preferred but will train. Ability to be bonded are criteria for consideration. Send resume to:  
**Milwaukee Community Journal, Inc.**  
 3612 N. King Dr.,  
 Milwaukee, WI 53212  
  
 ...include references. Small base plus commission start. Visit <http://www.milwaukeecommunityjournal.com> to learn more about us.

**Visit MCJ Healthy Start Website at [mcjhealthystart.com](http://mcjhealthystart.com)**  


**INVITATION TO BID**  
**Muskego School**  
 S75W17476 Janesville Road  
 Muskego, WI

Muskego School is a 40-Unit Family Apartment Building  
 (22) Historic Units & (18) Townhome Units

Commonwealth Construction has this project and is the General Contractor.

Site Inspection and Plan Review will be held on Site @ Janesville Road, Muskego, WI Monday, November 4, 2019. Our staff will be available anytime between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Subcontractors are encouraged to visit the site anytime during the times noted.

Construction is to begin January 2020. We are requesting quotes for the following trades:

• Demolition	• Finish Carpentry	• Flooring	• Plumbing
• Abatement	• Insulation	• Painting	• HVAC
• Excavation	• Roofing & Siding	• Acoustical Ceilings	• Electrical
• Concrete	• Doors and Windows	• Specialties	• Asphalt Paving
• Structural Steel	• Overhead Doors	• Appliances	• Landscaping
• Masonry	• Drywall	• Blinds	• Fencing
• Rough Carpentry	• Plaster Repair	• Fire Protection	• Site Utilities

**Plans can be downloaded FREE OF CHARGE @**  
<https://www.commonwealthco.net/bids/>  
 Plans will also be available for review at the following plan rooms:

**ONLINE PLANROOMS**  
 ConstructConnect (CMD Group & ISqF) [www.cmdgroup.com](http://www.cmdgroup.com)  
 Dodge Data & Analytics [www.construction.com](http://www.construction.com)  
 FDL BidLink [www.fdlbidlink.com](http://www.fdlbidlink.com)  
 La Crosse Builders Exchange [planroom@laxbx.com](mailto:planroom@laxbx.com)  
 Wausau Builders Exchange [www.wausaubex.com](http://www.wausaubex.com)

**Bids due no later than November 11, 2019 @ 12:00 PM**  
 All EBE, MBE, WBE and DBE firms WELCOME

**COMMONWEALTH CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION**  
 P.O. Box 1658, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1658  
 Ph: (920) 204-4258 • Fax: (920) 922-8171  
 Eric McClyman, Estimator  
[e.mcclyman@commonwealthco.net](mailto:e.mcclyman@commonwealthco.net)  
**Bids accepted via mail, fax, and email**

**Start Date:** January, 2020  
**Completion Date:** December, 2020  
**Prevailing Wage:** No

  
 In accordance with the WHEDA Emerging Business Program and further, the Workforce Development Program requirements are mandatory on this project. Please note Supplement to General Conditions (00 80 00) and Section 3 & Minority Outreach (01 80 00) in the project manual for specific requirements as you will need to comply with them on this project. Any exceptions must be duly identified, supported, approved and documented.

**Deputy Chief Land Use Planner**

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission has an immediate opening for a Deputy Chief Land Use Planner to supervise the preparation of county and local park plans, comprehensive plans, and sewer service area plans. The Commission conducts area-wide land use and transportation planning for the seven county southeastern region of the State.

This position will aid in directing and coordinating the activities of the Land Use Division and monitor and delegate planning activities to division staff. The primary responsibilities include:

- The provision of technical assistance and guidance to communities within the Region.
- Attend four to six plan commission and other meetings of local government bodies each month to present and review planning reports.
- Supervise Division socioeconomic, land use, and environmental inventory work.
- Supervise the preparation of the regional land use plan.

The successful candidate will have a well-developed understanding of local, county, and regional planning and an understanding of Federal and State laws and regulations related to planning and land development, a thorough understanding of the methods and procedures needed to collect and analyze planning-related data, and an understanding of zoning and land division regulations.

The ideal candidate would be highly motivated, and have most or all of the following:

- A high degree of political acumen and diplomacy as the position works with numerous local, State and Federal agencies.
- Strong interpersonal skills, tact, good judgement, leadership and the highest degree of professional competency.
- Excellent writing, research, and presentation skills.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office products.
- Familiarity with land use and economic modeling software preferred.
- Working knowledge of GIS software.

A Bachelor's degree or Master's degree in planning or a related field. Ten years' experience in planning, zoning, public administration, landscape architecture, or related field. Master's degree in planning, public administration, or landscape architecture preferred. AICP is desirable. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Please submit resume and cover letter by December 2, 2019. Submissions should be directed to:

Ms. Elizabeth A. Larsen, SPHR, SHRM-SCP  
 Director of Administration  
 Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission  
 PO Box 1607  
 Waukesha, WI 53187-1607  
 Phone: (262) 547-6721  
 Fax: (262) 547-1103  
 E-mail: [elarsen@sewrpc.org](mailto:elarsen@sewrpc.org)  
[www.sewrpc.org](http://www.sewrpc.org)

# FIRST SUNDAY COMMENTARY:

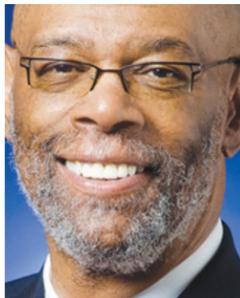
# For the Last Time, God is Not Schizophrenic

By James A. Washington, Publisher of the Dallas Weekly, courtesy of his column, "Spiritually Speaking"

Let me state up front. This is not new. I heard something recently that has stayed with me and has rapidly become embedded in my spirit, so I thought it was worthy to again pass along to you. "God is not schizophrenic."

It sounds simple enough, but, at closer inspection, you might want to seriously consider its implications.

When I looked for a biblical reference point, there were actually too many to quote. I mean the bible is full of confirmation regarding God's consistency.



Washington

His unwavering faithfulness to us. God does indeed keep His promises and in His unpredictability, He is predictable.

God loves us no matter how hard we try to deny this. We can never remove ourselves from this truth. It/He never changes. Warts and flaws and faults, God loves us. That means you and all your hidden secrets too. Deal with it.

The problem with God's consistency is our inconsistency. When put into that perspective alongside God's steadfastness, our fickleness screams out almost as some kind of bizarre trick.

What I'm saying is our behavior can become unsteady and sinfully shaky. But our faith should not. In the context of our faith, the consistency of God's promise and His covenant with us should flourish. It should provide us with that proverbial 'rock' that we need to lean on.

After all, we're not dealing with trick questions, slight of hand or spiritual illusions when it comes to God's promise of eternal life and everlasting salvation. With faith comes the understanding that "God is not schizophrenic."

Someone once told me that there should be some things and people in life that you can always count on. Folk who will be there for you no matter what! The reason we can relate to this is we know so many things and people in our lives that we cannot count on, or certainly shouldn't.

So called friends will let you down. Family will fail you. Circumstances will change. Results are inconclusive and fame is fleeting. Being a Christian does not exempt us from everyday and every people challenges. They can be severe and debilitating.

Tests and testimonies are real. Yet God is steadfast. He does require however — or should I say, demands — the discipline of faith.

Unfaithfulness, schizophrenia, relapses, backsliding; all combine to get us into spiritual trouble. Faith, fortunately, always gets us out. That's because God is good all the time. And God is God all the time, always was, always will be. He is not lost. He has not moved and left no forwarding address. He's at the same place where you originally found Him and blessedly for you, he's patiently waiting for you to acknowledge His presence there again and again and if needed, again.

My bible says faith proves itself by its obedience to the Lord. The more we accept His steadfastness, the clearer our paths become. When all is said and done, once you know where home is, you're never lost. Because when we acknowledge the Almighty and who we are in relation to Him, we too, will never be lost or forsaken. May God bless and keep you always.



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