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5 YEARS AND STILL RISING!



SHERMAN PHOENIX CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF BUSINESS



(Left to right): Juli Kaufmann co-director, Kyle Ashley Milwaukee office executive director from the office of the Governor; Dr. Stacia Thompson, executive director Sherman Phoenix

Sherman Phoenix Market place, located on the city's north side on 36th and Fond Du Lac, recently celebrated its fifth anniversary with a big birthday party.

Created out of the burned ruins of a bank and other buildings during protests after a man was shot and killed by a former police officer in 2016, Sherman Phoenix has come to reflect the neighborhood's rebirth. It is now a place of healing and gathering, a beacon of light in the community.

"We want to continue to help businesses and be their first brick-and-mortar, to help them to grow and develop their business, and not just survive but thrive," said Dr. Stacia Thompson, the executive director of Sherman Phoenix in describing the purpose of the multi-business marketplace.

The Sherman Phoenix currently hosts more than 25 Black-owned small businesses, employing more than 75 people.

The celebration included proclamations, music, drinks, and food.

But the party was not held just to celebrate the accomplishments of the past five years. It was about plotting a course for success in the future.

In honor of the fifth anniversary, the Sherman Phoenix Foundation is encouraging people to donate in increments of \$5, attend five events, or support five of the businesses.

The foundation also offers community programs, like a training hub and others.

"(We have) group mental health sessions, we have monthly youth trap therapy, which is group mental health for the family, and we also have self-care Sundays, which is mental health support for veterans," said Thompson.

Milwaukee Health Department's 'MKE Elevate' Launches Five-Year Health Improvement Plan

Milwaukee Health Department's 'MKE Elevate' recently launched a five-year Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) that prioritizes public health challenges of safety, support, and empowerment in the city that has been identified over the past year.



The plan has the support of Mayor Cavalier Johnson and has been shipped through extensive community engagement by the MKE Elevate team at the health department, which officially unveiled the initiative during a launch party at No Studios, downtown.

MKE Elevate is a plan to elevate the health of all Milwaukee residents. While countless individuals and programs work tirelessly to improve health outcomes citywide, this plan seeks to focus and align work to address priority issues selected by the community, for the com-

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Mayor Johnson names three to serve on the MKE Fire and Police Commission



Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson has submitted the names of three individuals to serve on the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission.

The nominees are: Jeff Spence, a former Milwaukee School Board member and retired executive at Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District who, most recently, served as a Senior Fellow/Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer at the district; educator Ramon E. Evans who has held several positions as principal within Milwaukee Public Schools; and, Christopher J. Snyder, a retiree from the Milwaukee Fire Department who rose to the rank of Deputy Chief during his career.

The Mayor selected Snyder from a list provided by Milwaukee

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FIRST PERSON "A Time To Mourn"

By Valerie Daniels Carter

The message that was prayerfully delivered last Sunday was intended to help bring continued healing during this time of loss.

One of the message highlights was "Life is a journey, and at times, the path ahead can seem uncertain.

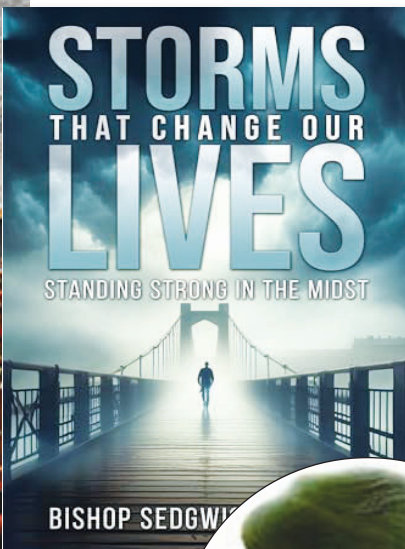
But we must find solace in the wisdom of introspection and faith.



The late Bishop Sedgwick Daniels

Introspection is the examination of one's conscious thoughts and feelings. Introspection is when a person closely reflects on and examines their soulful nature. It's when one honestly observes and begins to regulate their mental state".

Without question, we will never be able to replace Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, our leader and establishmentarian. But as a body of believers, we will stand united and carry forth the vision of



Valerie Daniels Carter

our ministry.

The Bible tells us in Deuteronomy 34:8 that after the death of Moses the children of Israel mourned for 30 days.

The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

Bishop Daniels was promoted to glory on November 12th, 2023; let us pause today in respect and honor of our leader. In reflection, let us take time today to Thank God for Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, "A Legacy Leaver."

We mourn because we had a prolific and profound leader, a man who loved God and people.

When one experiences such a significant loss, there should be a time of pause.

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