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Dear Readers,

I am opening the May 2022 issue of the Lamp Newsletter International with an urgent and extremely important letter from BISHOP J. DREW SHEARD. He is the Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle of the Church of God in Christ, Worldwide. I am a member and leader in this church.

Bishop Sheard has released his statement and deepest concerns about the horrified shooting in Buffalo, New York on May 14, 2022. Below is more information from Wikipedia. However, it is not the final report or up-to-the-minute information:

On May 14, 2022, there was a mass shooting in Buffalo, New York at a Tops Friendly Markets store, a supermarket in the Kingsley neighborhood on the eastern side of the city. Ten people were killed, and three others were injured; 11 of the victims were African-American.^{[5][6]} The shooter livestreamed the attack on Twitch.^[7]

The accused, identified as 18-year-old Payton S. Gendron of Conklin, New York,^[3] was taken into custody and charged with first-degree murder. He is reported to have written a manifesto, describing himself as a white supremacist and voicing support for the "Great Replacement" conspiracy theory. The attack has been described as an act of domestic terrorism, and the incident is being investigated as racially motivated.^{[8][9][10][11]}

Please read Bishop Sheard's letter on the following page. ---Wanda J. Burnside, Founder and Publisher, THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL.



Church of God in Christ Presiding Bishop J. Drew Sheard's Statement on Shootings in Buffalo, NY

May 16, 2022

The shootings of thirteen innocent people last week in Buffalo, New York is another example of the seemingly endless violence committed in our country daily. A volatile combination of assault weapon accessibility and the misguided racist beliefs adopted by an eighteen-year-old resulted in the deaths of ten and the wounding of three. This young man's actions, spurned to commit these atrocities due to his intense hatred of blacks, has caused unfathomable grief to many.

This senseless loss of life is felt not only in the Buffalo community, but also within the Church Of God In Christ (COGIC). With sincere sorrow, we mourn the lives of our very own who were felled by this demonic act. My sincere sympathy extends to these families now forced to grieve such tragic loss. I pray that God will strengthen, encourage and uplift you during this extremely difficult time.

Brothers and sisters, our country is in turmoil. Societal norms of decency have eroded and mass killings have become commonplace. The vestiges of years of racist government leadership that sowed seeds of racial discord have now germinated into divisive blooms of hate and blatant disrespect. Now, more than ever, is the time for the Church to collectively seek God's face for help and deliverance. **The challenge we face is clear.**

"When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.' When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened" (Jonah 3:6-10 NIV).

In His Service,

Bishop J. Drew Sheard Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle Church of God in Christ, Inc.



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EVIL IS ALIVE!

From the desk of the founder and publisher of The Lamp Newsletter International... Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside



On Facebook, I watched and listened to the press conference on 7 News WKBW with Attorney Ben Crump and the family of Ruth Whitfield, a victim in Saturday's mass shooting in Buffalo.

I have no comments about the SHOOTER, a young white extremist... Well, no more than...HE IS EVIL.

Why do society, educators, law enforcers, psychologist, doctors, the courts, law makers, and on and on and even clergy... attempt to analogize, speculate, discuss, judge, and on and on...about those who do evil acts and deeds? Everybody has something to say after the EVIL ACT, EVIL DEED; EVIL PERSON...commits the horrific crime! Human lives are killed! Human lives are taken! WHY can't the killers be stopped? Why can't Evil acts be prevented?

We need to READ and STUDY GOD'S WORD...Here's the answer:

"What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person," (Mark 7:20-23).

STATEMENT: I did not plan to open this issue of THE LAMP NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL with BREAKING NEWS! and my comments offered here. The Lamp Staff comments and submissions were given before the killings in Buffalo, NY. I hope what we have presented in this issue will be a blessing, encouragement, and bring comfort to you.





DONNA R. BROOKS, The Youth Staff Writer

SCRIPTURES about FOCUSING ON GOD

Colossians 3:2

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Proverbs 16:3

Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

Isaiah 26:3

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR ATTENTION on GOD and the things of GOD!

Blessings! Ms. Donna R. Brooks



"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ," PHILIPPIANS 1:6

There are times that you are certain about God's love. You are positive about His ability to bring you through everyday situations. You know beyond a shadow of a doubt that you can come out victoriously. He gives us daily assurance that He is available and concerned about our lives.

God opened the Red Sea to set the captive Children of Israel free, surely, He can deliver you and me. God protected the Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace; surely, He can help us when we find ourselves under the wire. Therefore, fret not, because God is faithful. Whenever you are faced with a challenge, you can be assured that God will always provide a sure answer in any given situation. He will surely come through for you. He came through for me, He brought me safely through the Coronavirus.

(This message and the following poem, "Surely," are from Chapter 3 (pages 38-40) of the book, THE TRUTH of THE MATTER by Poet Yvette Wilburn. Contact her on FACE BOOK. The book is available on AMAZON.Com.)

SURELY

Surely you have spared my life. For what reason, I do not know. But wherever You lead me, Lord, I will gladly go.

You saved me For Your perfect plan, I want to be obedient Throughout my lifespan. Hallelujah, Glory to Your Name! Surely, I love you.

Thanks for seeing in me, What I just could not see. You stepped in to save me, When I thought I couldn't be free.

Thanks for picking me up And cleansing my soul, I praise you for restoring me... So that I could become whole.

There were many snares and traps Sprinkled along my way, In the Name of Jesus I'm grateful for the chance to say, "Use me Lord, for your service! Lead me even when I'm nervous."

I know whatever you say Will surely come to pass, It's only because of Your deliverance That I am surely free at last.

Dear God,

Help us to remember that we can rest assured in your love. Surely, we can depend on you. In good times and bad. We can activate our faith and watch you move in our situations. Amen. In Jesus' Name we pray.

"For I am the Lord, I do not change; Therefore, you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob," MALACHI 3:6





Do not give up; get up!

Refuse to allow current circumstances to get you down and keep you down.

Make your way through deception to get to the truth.

Do everything you can to rise above the lies of the enemy and to see how much power you have over him.

God said, Allow My power to be your ultimate force to gain the victory.



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Congratulations!

Julian Rodger Palm



"Celebrating my husband @julianrpalm today, as he graduated with his Masters of Science majoring in Exercise Science. He is a man of action. You don't hear Julian bragging about what he's gonna do. You see the results of his hard work!" -Comments from Dr. Kai Palm, wife of Mr. Julian Palm.

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in life. Praise God for His Goodness.



The graduate, Mr. Julian Palm, is with his wife Dr. Kai Palm. They are standing with their two children, Justus and Naomi. God has blessed them in so many ways.

These parents are caring, loving and very involved in the lives of their son and daughter. The entire family is active in the church and community. They are committed to serve the needy and hurting. Justus and Naomi are successful in school and sports. They are high-achievers.

I am extremely proud of them. I sincerely love them with all of my heart. Julian, the graduate, is the second son and child of Elder and Mrs. Rodger Minor Palm (Josefa). Rodger was my dearly beloved brother. He died in 2019. Mr. Jason Minor Palm and Ms. Jolayna Palm are Julian's loved siblings. They also have achieved many great things

I am a truly a proud Auntie! -- Mrs. Wanda J. Burnside, Founder and Publisher, THE LAMP NEWSLETTER



Sandra Hickman Australia Ministry Leader and Staff Writer



The Fingerling By Sandra Hickman

Oh Sonlight of my soul — Begotten Son of God I longed to walk the path, which Thy holy feet had trod. Truthfully I couldn't match it, I could but watch enthralled, The Savior's singular, spectacular life— at the Father's call.

Oh most excellent Savior, Thy life was my reward, surely a dowery for something, that I did not deserve! As for this earthly life, of often-times unworthy me stumbling, in the rising and the falling of following Thee.

The fight was rough and real—yet the battle, it was won! Though in resplendent armor it was often hard to stand. You stepped down from high, scooped me up and carried me. Oh the joyful reassurance, being held in my Master's hand.

I was just a tiny minnow residing in my King. A little fish...chosen, barely a fingerling. Yet, You took me walking upon the waters beneath the shadow of Thy great and mighty wing. Me! This splashing, awkward, eager— little fingerling. ©2022 S L H ><>

WAIT ON THE LOKU INSPIRATION from JORDAN L'ECLUSE of Australia



Jordan is sitting and waiting patiently at a restaurant for his meal. His smile and attitude means everything. Today, in our "Gimme, Gimme" world, this is kind of attitude and disposition is getting less and less common. So many people are on edge and bitter about so many things.

Looking at Jordan inspired me to remember what the Bible states concerning waiting on the Lord to help, deliver, heal and bless us. I must admit, I get edgy and irritable about waiting on the Lord to answer my numerous prayers. I don't smile, I frown. I don't rejoice in waiting. NO! I am fussy!

So, let's have an attitude like Jordan. I am sure that his waiters or waitresses loved serving him. They probably hope to serve him again.





Mike-E Wright is a Legendary Guitarist of Gospel and MORE! He is famous for his awesome musical talents since 1970. He played for the Inspirationalist, the Winans, the Commissions and other gospel greats. Mike-E even is a professional impersonator of PRINCE.

He is also renowned for his major radio broadcasts, concerts, and recordings.



"Yo...I was blessed to do another assembly for the shorteez (children/youth) of Una Antioch School today. It was amazing! I love sharing my gift in any way I can! Holla at ya boy!"- Comments from MIKE-E WRIGHT.

Pausing to See God Clearly Jeanne Dyson, Founder and President (left)



Jeanne's heart for Jesus shines. Gentle, transparent, relevant and timely, she teaches the Word of God with clarity, using stories that relate to everyday life. She has a passion about pausing to see God clearly—to see what He is doing and to know He sees us, His chosen daughters.

Her heart beats for the opportunity to open the Living Word of God. There we find and enter His presence. We see ourselves as He sees us and we find hope and peace for today and also our tomorrows.

Jeanne speaks from the heart about how she overcame fear. She's a recovering perfectionist who is learning to go with the flow— and bumping into God's divine appointments when she least expects them.

2022 RETREATS! Women are excited and look forward to attending Jeanne's events. She had a well-attended retreat in May! There were more than 50 women who were blessed and restored! There is a special gathering coming in July 2022. Her ministry is growing by leaps and bounds!

Need A Retreat or Workshop Speaker?

Jeanne lives in Connecticut and travels to share at retreats, events, workshops and writer's groups. To contact Jeanne about The Stream's Edge or for information about speaking for your event. Send an inquiry to jeanne.doyon@gmail.com

You can also find more information about speaking topics on my website at: www.jeannedoyon.com Northend Church of God in Christ in Detroit, MI special announcement and invitation to...



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Mrs. Elena Braceful, the sister of Duke Fakir of the Legendary Four Tops comments...

Congratulations!

To my Brother Duke the Last Legendary Member of The Four Tops. News Press Release of "I'll Be There: My Life with the Four Tops Duke Fakir." It is Fantastic! A must Read! It released on May 6, 2022. Photo: Mr. Duke Fakir is the on left on the top row. He is the only original member of this







Mr. Levi Jenkins Mrs. Michele Barnes' Grandson Mrs. Marcia Washington and Mr. Tony Washington They have back to back Birthdays in May!



Happy Sweet 16th Birthday to...SWEET COUSIN MAYA!



MY PRECIOUS LOVED ONES...SO DEARLY BELOVED...Never forgotten..



Missionary Marie Palm *(Michele &Wanda's)* My Father's Mother May 5th



Mother Blanche Campbell McCann My Mother's Mother May 20th

Miss. Regina Morna Palm My Baby Sister *(Wanda's)*

May 29th

I was truly so blessed to have wonderful family members in my live. God blessed me to have caring, tender, loving, giving and praying grandmothers. My sister, Regina, was the same way. My heart is forever full of memories of them...until we meet again...

Wanda J. Burnside and Michele Barnes





For 70 years, Ramelle and Lovell Lee, were fondly known for years as, "The Twins," by family and friends. Yes, our staff writer, Author Ramelle T. Lee, was blessed to have a loving twin brother. On, May 25, 1949, he was the first-born twin. So, that made her, "Baby Sis." They also had an older brother, Andrew Lee. Their proud parents were, Mr. Andrew Lee and Mother Barbara Eddins Lee.

On March 20, 2020, God called Ramelle's brother, REVEREND LOVELL EDDINS LEE, home to be with Him. He leaves behind, Ramelle, his wife Missionary Annette Lee, their children, and grandchildren.

Surely, this is a very emotional time for Ramelle. Yet, we extend our continued love and prayers to Ramelle. She means so very much to us and many others.

GOD BLESS YOU, RAMELLE T. LEE!

Missionary Marty Prudhomme of Louisiana...

Truly has a green thumb! These Trumpet Lilies are in full bloom in her yard. Missionary Prudhomme also is an author, speaker, painter, artist, lecturer, jeweler and crafter. She is a devoted wife, loving mother, precious grandmother and beloved great-grandmother.



You can order her books, jewelry, crafts, and paintings by contacting her at: Amazon: Marty Prudhomme – and on Facebook: Marty.

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God Takes Away Burdens By Ramelle T. Lee © 2022

Are you worried and upset today? Tell God all about your struggles. He is the ultimate problem-solver. No burden is too great for Him to handle. He will take away your burdens and sorrow.

Let go of everything that makes You feel frustrated and overwhelmed. Satan, has come to destroy your peace! But, God has come to heal your broken heart. He listens to your every prayer. Don't give up or be discouraged! God is Your Miracle-Worker!

Trust God to help and rescue you From your distress, doubts and fears. He has come to give you hope, Comfort and peace.

Those burdens you have will soon fade away When you take the time to seek God in prayer.

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Thanks,

WIC Staff





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