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The Newsletter of the Fourth Episcopal District
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#### WHAT AN ADVENT-FULL SEASON!

Rev. Dr. Christal Bell

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ADVENT IS HERE! AS WE PREPARE OUR SACRED VIRTUAL SPACES FOR THE SEASON, LET US NOT FORGET TO MAKE ROOM IN OUR HEARTS FOR HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE. BEING ADVENT-FULL, MEANS TAKING DELIBERATE AND INTENTIONAL TIME TO INVITE THE DIVINE TO BE OUR LIGHT IN EVERYTHING WE DO, SAY, AND THINK EVEN IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC.

THOUGH MANY OF US WILL NOT GATHER AROUND CHURCH ALTARS FILLED WITH POINSETTIAS OR EXCHANGE GIFTS LIKE IN TIMES PAST, THERE IS STILL REASON TO CELEBRATE. GOD IS HERE, CHRIST IS HERE, THE LIGHT IS HERE, THIS IS THE TRUTH AND CRUX OF OUR FAITH.

MY PRAYER IS THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES WILL BRING LIGHT, LOVE, AND LAUGHTER AROUND KITCHEN TABLES, LIVING ROOMS, AND OTHER SACRED SPACES WHERE WE NOW WORSHIP. WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT 7PM (CST) BEGINNING NOV. 28TH FOR OUR DISTRICT ADVENT SERVICES WHICH WILL BE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE ON THE DISTRICT PAGE.

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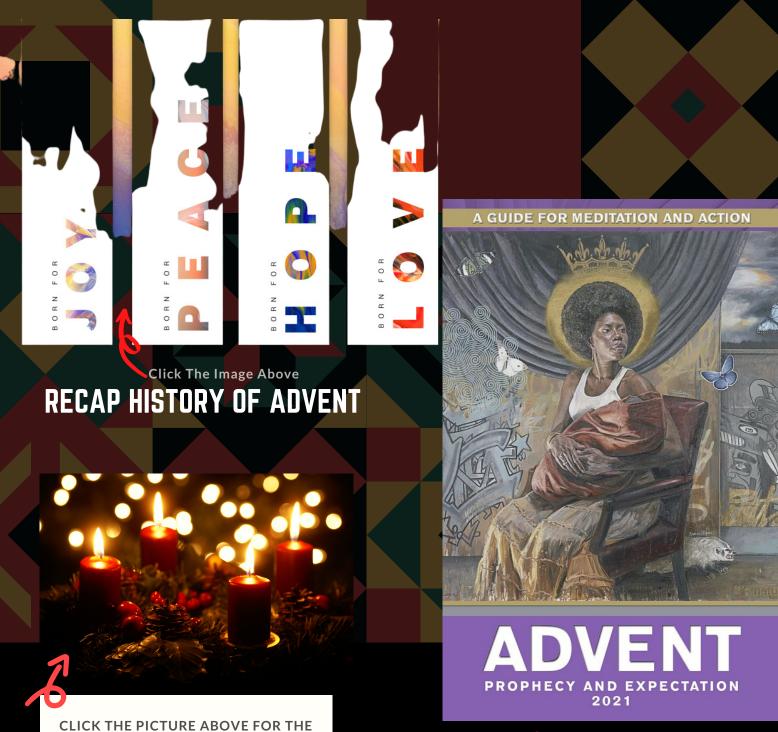
HAVE A BLESSED ADVENT SEASON.

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FOURTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR



NOVEMBER 2021 ADVENT



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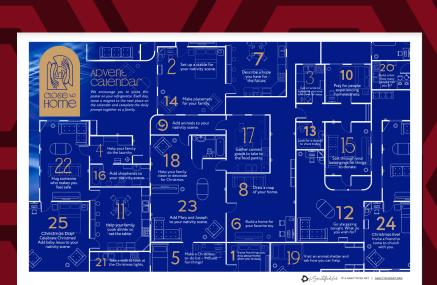
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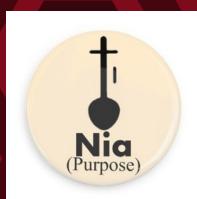
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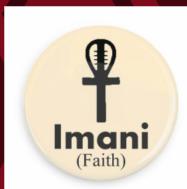


## **KWANZAA (DEC 26-JAN 1)**

4th Episcopal District Christian Education Team

Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration held in the United States (and, more recently, Canada) but also celebrated in the Western African Diaspora. The celebration honors proverbs of our African culture and is observed from December 26th to January 1st, culminating in a feast and gift-giving.

This written observance has been produced in order to lift up each of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.



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# KWANZAA PRINCIPLES & SCRIPTURES

First Principle:

``UMOJA''

which means: "UNITY"

"We, as a people, can accomplish much working in unity one supporting the work of the other.

#### Suggested Scripture:

"The group of believers was one in mind and heart. No one said that any of his belongings was his own, but they all shared with one another everything they had." Acts 4:32

#### **Second Principle:**

"KUJI-CHAGU-LIA"

which means: "SELF-DETERMINATION"

"To realize that GOD has given us all that

we need for success if we just believe in

ourselves."

#### Suggested Scripture:

"So, we must rid ourselves of everything that is in the way, and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and let us run with determination the race that lies before us."

Hebrew 12: 1b

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#### Third Principle:

"UJIMA (U-Ji-ma)"

which means:

COLLECTIVE WORK AND

**RESPONSIBILITY** 

"To build and maintain our community together and make our brothers' and sisters' problems, our problems, and to solve them together."

Suggested Scripture:

"The work they do will be successful, and their children will not meet with disaster. I will bless them and their descendants for all time to come.

Isaiah 65: 23



#### Fourth Principle:

"UJAMAA (U-Ja-ma)"

which means:

"COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS"

This is to build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together. Some believe this principle should go as far as developing a completely self-contained community such as Black Wall Street in Oklahoma and Rosewood in Florida in the 1920's as well as the one that was created by Elijah Mohammad in the 60's.

#### Suggested Scripture:

"His lord said unto him, well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of the lord."

Matthew 25: 23

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#### Fifth Principle:

"NIA"

which means:

"PURPOSE"

Who am I, Am I really who I say I am? Am I all that I ought to be, What is my purpose?

#### Suggested Scripture:

"I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for."

Jeremiah 29: 11

#### Sixth Principle:

KUUMBA (KOO-M-BAH)

which means:

"CREATIVITY"

It is through new ideas that we achieve higher levels of living and a greater appreciation for life. Each family member should find creative things to do throughout the year that will enhance the family and community as a whole.

#### Suggested Scripture:

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

I Timothy 4: 14-15

# Seventh Principle:

"I M A N I" which means:

"FAITH"

To believe with all our hearts in GOD, our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

#### Suggested Scripture:

"Jesus answered, 'I assure you that if you believe and do not doubt, you will be able to do what I have done to this fig tree. And not only this, but you will even be able to say to this hill, get up and throw yourself in the sea, and it will. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer"

Matthew 21: 21-22

# FOURTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT ADVENT SERIES SERVICES 7PM (CST)

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