ST. JUDE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Expansion Ministry

Vision Movers Fundraising Initiative

The Vision

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St. Jude African Methodist Episcopal Church
Expansion Ministry Update

Dear Friends and Family Members of St. Jude:

We greet you with Jesus Joy!

The St. Jude AME Church members are excited in the implementation of the Expansion Ministry Building Project for our Brink Road property. With your prayers and support, we have just about completed "Phase One" of the expansion project and ready to move into Phase Two.

We are asking you to continue to support us as you have done in the past. We know these are hard economic times for everyone. However, we ask that you use the power of prayer and faith into this ministry. We have designed a plan of donating toward this kingdom building ministry that we believe will make your ability to give just a little easier. Please see our "Donation/Pledge Action Plan" that is attached to this letter. We are sure you will agree that with this plan and God's blessings, we can meet our financial obligations. Once you have reviewed the plan, we invite you to start your donations soon as possible. Please feel free to contact us should you have questions or need more information.

Thanks again for your past, present and future support. We pray the next letter you get from us will be the invitation to the blessed day we march into our new church sanctuary.

Sincerely,

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Expansion Ministry - Fund Raising Plan
Joint Project Initiative
From the
Steward and Trustee Board Ministries

Project Overview:
This is a fund raising action plan for the Expansion Ministry Project. As we move forward into the phases of the preparatory work and funds that are needed for the building of our new sanctuary, it is evident that we need to keep pace with the costs associated with this project. There are two main areas of consideration that can help us in this Kingdom Building Journey.

1- Increase membership. Attracting and retaining new members would ultimately increase our income and generate funds for the general church operations and the Expansion Ministry. This is an ongoing evangelistic initiative that should be in action all the time. However it does not meet our immediate financial needs.

2- Develop and implement a fund raising program using the existing membership and the Friends & Family database we have established over the years. The objective is to raise funds based on a clear concise plan of action with goals, timelines, and recognition.

The fund raising project (Vision Movers) outlined on the attached sheet would be a joint effort with the Trustee and Steward Board Ministries. We will work diligently together to lead this initiative with leading by example. The donations will be over and beyond Tithes & Offerings. In the outline attached we have provided the following:

- An estimated total goal base on one year of giving (12 Month Plan)
- Goals for Families (Husband and Wife members)
- Goal for Individuals (Single members)
- Goals for a Friends and Family (From current data base to include churches)
- An ongoing recognition and tracking system
- Marketing plan

The Trustee and Steward Board Ministries will lead this effort by:

- Jointly provide ongoing information about the Vision Movers program to the church membership at the church services and meetings
- Lead by example by being the first to contribute
- Develop letters to Friends & Family, churches and any other possible contributors. Send out those letter via mail, e-mail, etc. and provide follow up
- Provide monthly updates of the Expansion Ministry Project, income and expenditures.
- Meet monthly to review progress of the fund raising program make adjustments as needed.

Yes We Can! In Jesus Name!

Expansion Ministry - Fund Raising Initiative
Joint Project
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Project Name: **Vision Movers – Fulfilling The Ministry**

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Goal: $33,000 (Per Year)

- 10 St. Jude Families to contribute $2,000.00 per year*
- 5 St. Jude Individuals/Singles to contribute $1,000.00 per year**
- 4 Friends and Family members of St. Jude to contribute $2,000.00 per year***

Family contribution plan options: $2,000/annually*

- Weekly contribution = $38.46
- Monthly contributions = $166.67
- Quarterly contributions = $500.00

(Based on 10 families = $20,000/ annually)

Individual contribution plan options: $1,000 annually**

- Weekly contribution = $19.23
- Monthly contribution = $83.33
- Quarterly contribution = $250.00

(Based on 5 individuals = $5,000/annually)

Friends and Family contribute: $2,000.00 per year***

- Weekly contribution = $38.46
- Monthly contributions = $166.67
- Quarterly contributions = $500.00

(Based on 4 Friends/Family = $8,000/annually)

Total projected: $33,000 (per year)

Recognition:

- Each family/individual/friend – designated as **Vision-Movers**
- Pinning Ceremonies
- Recognition Dinner
- Names placed on plaque

Marketing:

- Fliers
- Letters
- Tax Exemption Benefit

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St. Jude African Methodist Episcopal Church
Expansion Ministry
Vision Mover Pledge Form

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As an act of Thanksgiving for the many gifts that God has bestowed up me, I pledge to His work through St. Jude A.M.E. Church with this sacrificial offering.

My Annual pledge toward the Vision of the Expansion Ministry is $_____

Please except my pledge donation as follows:

___ In Full
___ Monthly
___ Quarterly
___ Weekly
___ Other

Payment Options:
Check _____ *Credit Card* _____ *(On Line payment via web site www.stjudeamec.org)*

Start Date: _____ Estimated Completion Date_____

Name (Print) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail address _____

Signature _____

Mail Pledge Form, Checks or Money Orders to:
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St. Jude A.M.E. Church
Expansion Ministry Progress Report

The following is a brief report of the progress we have made with the Expansion Ministry meeting the requirements of Montgomery County

Completed Expansion Initiatives and Plans

Storm Water Concept Study

Public Comment Period Report

Preliminary Plans signed and submitted to Montgomery County Planning Board

Traffic Study Report Submitted

Recording of Plot Submitted

Conservation Plan Submitted

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St. Jude AME Church
Internal Spiritual Uplifting Initiatives

The following are some of the Spiritual initiatives the St. Jude members have done and continue to do to praise the Lord during this venture in Kingdom Building

Jericho March and Prayers around proposed site of the new church building

Expansion Ministry 2 Night Revival
(Sermons from Pastors currently building new church building.)

Evangelism Outreach Initiatives
(Increase membership with regular community outreach visit to invite them to St. Jude AMEC)

Daniel Fasting and Prayer during Lenten Season

Vision Movers Fund Raising Project (Installment plan for donations to Expansion Ministry)

St. Jude On Line Donation Payment Process

Dear Saints:

St. Jude believes in reaching out and meeting the people where they are. To that end, we have provided the option of planting your seeds of support via tithes and offering or who just want to bless the church with a love donation. To make a special donation or send your tithes and offerings you can use our secure on line payment system.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house. Test Me now in this, says the Lord Almighty and see if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour you out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:10

The following is a step by step process for the on line donation payment.

1. Go to church web site www.stjudeamec.org and click on the hyperlink for Donations. There is one on the top and another in yellow on the left side of the home page.
2. Complete all the fields in the form. Make sure you chose your donation type from the donation drop down arrow. (Tithe, General Offering, Expansion Ministry, etc.) If you are making a special donation, you can select "Special Offering" from the selection arrow then enter the type of donation you are making. (Church Anniversary, Expansion Ministry, etc.) **This form is for the church records and is not the formal payment page.**
3. Make sure type in the security code before clicking on the "Submit" button. Once you click on the "Submit" button you will be taken to a page to verify the information verifies the information you have provided at this point in the process. If anything is wrong you can click on the Back arrow to the form page and make the corrections. If all the information is correct, click on the "Donate" button.
4. On this page you must enter the total amount of the donation in the top of the page where it says: Update total. After entering the total donation, click on the "Update Total" button. You should see the total amount on the right side above the "Update Total" Button.
5. The next section on the page gives you a choice of payment with credit card or PayPal account. **You do not need a PayPal account to make the payment!** If you have a PayPal account, the system will ask you if you want to use your PayPal account to make the payment. If you do not have a PayPal account, click on the "Continue" button

6. This is the page for your credit card information. Some of the information you may have submitted on the first page. That was for the church records. This page is for the actual credit card transaction. **All fields must be completed.** Bank debit cards are accepted. Click on the "Review Donation and Continue" button. The system may ask you if you want to use a PayPal account again. Since you have chosen to not use a PayPal account, click on the "Continue" hyperlink.

7. This is the final page before you commit to the payment and your credit card is charged. Please review the information carefully. If all is correct, click on the "Donate" button. You will see the confirmation of payment page. You can print out this confirmation page. You will also receive an e-mail confirming the payment.

Remember, this is a safe secure way to pay you donations on line. St. Jude will not receive any credit card information. We only get the donation deposited into the St. Jude PayPal account. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or need more information. Please contact Bro. French Thompson at 301-631-3820 or french_thompson@yahoo.com.

Again, we thank you for your prayers, love and continued support.

Rev. Dr. Byron J. Grayson, Pastor and the Steward Board Ministry