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Love in Action Social Justice Ministry, Inc.

Who We Are

The PAW Social Justice Ministry is a network of passionate leaders committed to sharing the love of Christ through service, advocacy, and education. We are dedicated to ensuring that the core values of the PAW are embraced and fully functional among our members. As such, the work of the Social Justice Ministry will be:

- 1) Biblically and doctrinally sound;
- 2) Equipping and empowering;
- 3) Culturally relevant;
- 4) Action oriented; and
- 5) Outwardly focused

We are lovingly devoted to making sure the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World leads the way in addressing social concerns in a way that will glorify God and further amplify the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Founding Members

Pastor Nisan Stewart
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Dr. Malaika Brown
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Mission

The mission of the Social Justice Ministry is to mobilize constituents of the PAW to address modern-day injustices within our local communities, nation and world. The ministry will serve as a hub that provides education, training and opportunities to support the least of these by bringing about sustained change that reflects the Great Commission.

Objectives

- To equip and empower members to live out our salvific requirement to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.” (Micah 6:9)
- To educate members about the injustices and current events most impacting our communities, nation and world and the ways to practically address them.
- To create a culturally relevant space that keeps the organization at the forefront of humanitarian efforts worldwide.
- To facilitate calls to action that leverage the strength of our numbers and power as citizens of the Kingdom.
- To build networks and collaborate with external organizations that are championing efforts to create a more equitable world.

Our Principles

The core focus of social justice advocacy is to ensure that all people in the community are considered in an equitable manner. There are four interrelated principles of social justice; equity, access, participation and rights.

Equity: Equity ensures fair distribution of resources across society regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age or socioeconomic status.

Access: Access ensures all people have access to goods and services regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age or socioeconomic status.

Participation: Participation focuses on empowering all people in a society to actively participate in the decisions that affect their lives.

Rights: It is the right of every citizen to have their civil liberties protected, be informed on decisions affecting them and appeal any infringement on these rights.



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Focus Areas

The ministry will have four areas of focus:

1. Voter Education and Empowerment
2. Criminal Justice Reform
3. Education Reform
4. Economic Justice Reform

Voter Education and Empowerment

Deuteronomy 1:13 – “Choose some wise, understanding and respected men from each of your tribes, and I will set them over you.”

Proverbs 29:2 - When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.

We will educate constituents on their voting rights and empower them to exercise these rights at all every level of government: municipalities, jurisdictions, regional, local, and national/ electoral and voting/election cycles. We will also inform about voter suppression tactics and other methods used to limit our ability to vote.

Education Reform

Proverbs 18:15 – “An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.”

We will increase awareness about the factors affecting our educational system, focusing on the unfair treatment of people of color. We will address the long-standing issues of discriminatory distribution of resources and funding, unjust local/federal educational legislation, the ever-growing achievement gap, and the school-to-prison pipeline.

Criminal Justice Reform

Proverbs 31:8-9 - “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

We will educate PAW constituents on the ongoing impact of mass incarceration and oppressive sentencing guidelines/policies for black and brown people and create opportunities to address/alleviate them. We will also address the needs of formerly



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incarcerated citizens, including their restoration and successful transitioning back into society.

Proverbs 14:31 - “Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.”

Psalm 82: 3-4 - “Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked”

We will identify policies that deny access to equitable economic opportunities in low-income communities and work to provide the ability for constituents to create foundations upon which individual and communal prosperity is possible. Additionally, we will create educational opportunities to enhance understanding of economic justice to aid in dismantling a system that fosters conditions of job insecurity, homelessness, and hunger in our society.