

Officers, Members & Staff First Afrikan Church,

There are times in our lives when we must ask ourselves, what is important to us and our ancestors. We consistently proclaim the importance of our spiritual existence and the relationship between us and our heritage. First Afrikan Church is the platform that connects us and provides a community relationship important to continuing a spiritual foundation to ensure the life of this special church.

Unfortunately, the COVID – 19 Pandemic isolated all of us from social interactions at church and other locations where we have gathered for years. We recently celebrated the church's 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and it was a wonderful opportunity to be reminded of how far we have come over the years. First Afrikan Church finds itself at a place where we face significant challenges in meeting our financial obligations and has encouraged the Resource and Visioning Council to assist in developing a plan to increase our financial resources to meet the immediate need as well as a longer-term plan for financial stability.

Therefore, the time has come to ask all of our members and friends to commit to a number of objectives:

- 1. Increase giving on a weekly, monthly and annual basis with the understanding that the commitment we made when we joined the church was to tithe and support the church.
- 2. Strongly commit to pledging your annual commitment and be prayerful to live up to your commitment with a quarterly review by the church administration with a biannual report to the congregation.
- 3. Communicate with other like-minded family and friends to join us on Sunday morning for services that can be inspirational and create a spiritual connection with the First Afrikan Church family.
- 4. Make a special donation of any amount over and above your normal tithe or level of giving during the month of February, 2021.
- 5. Provide a current telephone number and email address to the church office and updated church records and facilitate communication between the Pastor, GCE, Deacon Board and other commissions.

Thank you for your service and sacrifice over the years and your continued support of First Afrikan Church.

Be Blessed,

Samuel F. "Pat" Patterson, Elder Resource and Visioning Council, Stewardship Committee First Afrikan Church