

Church News

Mt. Level Missionary Baptist

Mt Level Missionary Baptist Church will have our annual Women's Day Celebration on Sunday, March 16, 2014. The theme is "God's Word: Healing Women's Brokenness through the Generations". Our biblical reference is Jeremiah 18:4 and Psalms 34. The speaker for 7:55am worship service is Rev. Chalice Overy and 10:45am is Rev. Hazel A. Wilson. Pastor of Mount Pelier Presbyterian Church, Rowland NC.

On Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 10:30am there will be a panel discussion on "Helping Women Heal from their Brokenness". Lunch will be served. These events are free and open to the public. Mt. Level is located at 316 Hebron Rd. Durham, NC (919)477-3893. www.mtlevelmbc.org Dr. William C. Turner, Jr., Pastor. Come celebrate with us and bring a friend



North East Baptist

James Edward Osler, II, Ed.D. will deliver his initial sermon at North East Baptist Church on Sunday, April 6th at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Osler is an Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at North Carolina Central University. North East is located at 3204 NC Hwy 55 in Durham. Rev. Dr. Wesley Lam is Pastor. The public is invited to share in this occasion. For more information please call 919-544-2142.

Black Male Initiative Must Address Structural Racism

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females were suspended in 2009-2010 - higher than any other race." CRDC data also showed that black students account for 18 percent of national student enrollment and 42 percent of students referred to law enforcement and 35 percent of arrests, compared to white students who account for more than half of all students, 25 percent of law enforcement referrals and 21 percent of arrests.

Kunjufu said that getting more black male teachers into our nation's classrooms has to be a part any strategy that seeks to provide better educational opportunities and outcomes for young black males.

"It's very important for students to see teachers that look like them," said Kunjufu. "The question becomes, are school districts and

superintendents willing to go the extra mile to recruit African American male teachers?"

Like others who have waited for a targeted program like this from the White House, Ron Daniels, president of the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, a group that works for social, political, economic and reform that impacts the black community, said that the "My Brother's Keeper" programs have to be multi-faceted.

"It's not just about mentoring. Mentoring by itself won't end these problems," said Daniels. "There will be some who will be able to change their behavior and to escape and to be successful, but to look for [solutions] alone absent structural issues is to virtually take a Booker T. Washington approach: clean up, brush up, paint up have good values look decent and everything will be fine."

Daniels added: "Well, everything won't be fine. It'll take more than that."

The black community shouldn't expect the "My Brother's Keeper" initiative to solve those structural issues alone.

Daniels said that Attorney General Eric Holder's aggressive push to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline, to reform mandatory sentencing guidelines, and to reduce the disparities in sentencing between crack and powder cocaine has to work in tandem with the "My Brother's Keeper."

Young blacks continue to be over-represented in a criminal justice system that cost the United States economy \$57 billion to \$65 billion per year in lost output of goods and services related to depressed wages and underemployment of ex-offenders.

Even as the president urged business and civic leaders, members of the faith community and foundations to support this new initiative he often returned to a "no excuses" message directed squarely at the young black and Hispanic males as he tip-toed lightly around the structural racism that will likely slow their at success and better lives. It's a message that has generated eye rolling from black thought leaders throughout his presidency.

"What the president is saying, in a very coded way is that, 'Yeah, we know racism exists, but you have to rise above it,'" said Fields. "I don't know how you rise above it. We've never risen above it. We've managed it, but we've never truly risen above it."

Fields continued: "The difficulty in offering this critique is that there is so little done for this population that you hate to criticize anything that is done [them]. But when it comes from the most powerful elected official in the world, we have to hold him to a higher standard."

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Unemployment Rate for Black Women Falls to Single Digits

By Freddie Allen

NNPA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - During another slow month of economic recovery, the unemployment rate for black women 20 years and older fell to 9.9 percent in February, the lowest rate for that group in five years, according to the Labor Department.

Meanwhile, black men and black teenagers continue to lag behind other major worker groups.

In March 2009, the unemployment rate for black men 20 years and over was 15.4 percent. According to the latest jobs report, the jobless rate for black men is 12.9 percent, the same rate recorded in February 2013.

The unemployment rate for white men 20 years and older was 6.3 percent a year ago and now it is down to 5.5 percent. The unemployment rate for white women was 6 percent in February 2013 and has declined to 5.1 percent in February 2014.

The economy added 175,000 jobs in February and the jobs numbers for December and January were revised up for a net gain of 25,000 jobs.

The unemployment rate ticked up a little to 6.7 percent, most likely because some workers became more optimistic about finding a job and re-entered the labor force, said Bernard Anderson, an economist and professor emeritus at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

"The February report is an accurate indication of where the economy is now," said Valerie Wilson, who was recently named director of the Program on Race, Ethnicity, and the Economy at the Economic Policy Institute. "We are in a recovery. Things are moving in the right direction, but they are moving very slowly and until we are able to increase demand to a point where employers start hiring again, we are going to continue to see these slow job reports."

The number of long-term unemployed workers increased by 203,000 according to the Labor Department, accounting for 37 percent of the unemployed. Black men account for 23 percent of the long-term unemployed in the United States.

"The longer people are out of work their skills erode and they face discrimination in hiring," said Wilson. "They have a difficult time getting into the labor force. No longer they've been out. It's a matter of labor market polarization. We have people that are willing ready and able to work, but are unable to find jobs."

Wilson said that increasing the minimum wage and extending emergency unemployment compensation for millions of Americans would likely increase demand and stimulate the economy, two proposals that have come under fire on Capitol Hill.

In a statement on the Labor Department's jobs report, Congressman Elijah E. Cummings (D-Md.), a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and a member of the Joint Economic Committee, said that we must ensure that every American has the opportunity to participate in the job market and receive fair compensation for that work.

"It is past time for an up-or-down vote on raising the minimum wage, which would lift hundreds of thousands of Americans out of poverty and help us address the growing economic inequality in our nation," said Cummings. "America succeeds when we can all earn a livable

DURHAM COUNTY
Criminal Justice
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
JCPC REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR DJJ FUNDING FOR F.Y. 2014

The Durham County Juvenile Crime Prevention Center announces that it is soliciting proposals for juvenile intervention/prevention programs to be funded by the State of North Carolina in a Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) funds for the State Fiscal Year 2014-2015. These funds are allocated to Durham County to support community programs for Durham County delinquent and at-risk youth, between the ages of 7 and 17, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2014.

The DJJ priority for the use of these State funds is to support community based programs that strengthen and expand needed juvenile court sanctions and treatment services. Programs requesting funding must address the identified "Risk Factors" and should provide treatment, education, and/or academic enhancement as prioritized by the Durham County JCPC and described in the "Request for Proposals" (RFP).

Any local public agency, Private 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, or housing authority interested in applying for these funds must complete and submit your application online by accessing NC ALLIES. Please read and follow all instructions at the following link: www.ncallies.com. You will find additional self-help videos to assist you on the NC ALLIES webpage by clicking on the HELP tab. IN ADDITION TO THE INSTRUCTIONS ONLINE, YOU MUST CONTACT CELIA JEFFERSON, JCPC COORDINATOR AT 919-575-0534 TO RECEIVE A DURHAM FUNDING PACKET AND ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION. A CHECKLIST OF LOCALLY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION.

For further information, or technical assistance applying for JCPC funds in this county, contact Cindy Field, Area Consultant, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, at 919-575-3166 Ext. 268.

A copy of the RFP can be found at www.dconcc.com

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