Entrusted Connections Ministry Newsletter

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From the Desk of Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams

As we get our balance in 2025, we are reminded of how great God is and His faithfulness to us all. If we keep our eyes on Christ and our faith in His plan, we will be at peace, knowing that Jesus alone is where our help comes from in these uncertain times.

In 2024, we celebrated the blessings of "Fruitful Living," exploring all the possibilities and opportunities of living in the abundance of Christ. Now, as we begin our journey of a new year, we take a pause to clear out all of the "stuff" that we have accumulated over the years, our overflowing closets, our neglected health, our over-burdened finances, and our unguarded hearts that have become filled with emotional baggage that needs to be unpacked, sorted out, discarded or repurposed, so that we can be truly free indeed.

As we explore "Clearing the Clutter" in 2025, we remain grateful as a ministry for all that God has entrusted to our care: the women of the Entrusted Connections Life House, the weekly Bible Studies, the daily Proverbs Prayer Call, the Feeding of needy families in Prince Williams County, the Back-to-School Supplies for PWC Title I schools, and the many opportunities given to ECM to bless others.

We are so very grateful for the financial support of all of our faithful donors. This is not the work of any one or two individuals; it is the empowerment of the Holy Spirit who works in and through each and every donor and each member of the Entrusted Connections Ministry, using their gifts to make a difference in the lives of many. We welcome and celebrate your participation in ECM in whatever capacity you choose; for every gift to us, we pray multiplied blessings upon your life.

Please keep the women and the work of Entrusted Connections Ministry in your prayers. In the midst of any uncertainty that we face, we must never forget that each day is a gift from God, and as His people, we are to Celebrate the Good because God and God alone is good!

Blessings!

Bishop Gale

Celebrate the Good!!!

WE BELIEVE

We believe in one God who exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to this earth as Savior of the world. We believe Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood for our sins. We believe that salvation is found by placing our faith in what Jesus did for us on the cross. We believe Jesus rose from the dead and is coming again. We believe the entire Bible is inspired by God, without error and the authority on which we base our faith, conduct and doctrine. We believe every believer should be in a growing relationship with Jesus by obeying God's Word, yielding to the Holy Spirit and by being conformed to the image of Christ.

Free From Spiritual Clutter

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Join Us!
ECM's Virtual Events
Proverbs in the Morning
"Daily Inspirational Devotion Call"
Each Weekday at 7:30 AM
Dial-In Number 520-525-8485

ECM Zoom Bible Study
Weekly on Wednesday Evenings
6:45 PM – 7:30 PM

Connect via:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81933750955?pwd=3ci3ykEyl2axzeRsuVp5q3qXtIbuz3.1
or
Open your Zoom app and type the following information:
Meeting ID: 819 3375 0955
Passcode: 291073

ECM Prayer Call
Weekly on Thursday Evenings
8:00 PM
Dial-In Number 520-525-8485

Entrusted Connections Ministry Communications

Entrusted Connections Ministry (ECM) understands the importance of consistent and accurate communication. ECM has been using Constant Contact as our communication platform since February 2023. Constant Contact meets industry standards and is a leader in email communications and marketing. In the past two years we have provided information and updates regarding the Annual Women's Retreat, holiday wishes, and fundraising opportunities. We are grateful to be able to reach our supporters and the community at large through this platform. Look out for future communiques to learn about all that ECM is doing in the community and for the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your support!

Sister Jane Fox Long

Communications Director

Donations and Contributions from our Community Partners

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ECM Grants and Fundraising

ECM is thrilled to share that, since our last newsletter, we continue to apply for local and federal grants. Any funds received will directly support the Entrusted Connections Life House and Entrusted Connections Ministry. Our team has learned so much throughout the grant-writing process and continues to grow in this area. A special thank you to Bishop Angeline Coward for her invaluable assistance as we continue to develop. In the realm of fundraising, we are deeply grateful for four years of successful participation in Prince William County's (PWC) Gives day of giving. This event benefits 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofits that are based in or serve the Prince William County area. All funds raised during PWC Gives go toward supporting the Entrusted Connections Life House, and they have played a vital role in helping ECM fulfill the mission that the Lord has called us to. ***We are truly thankful for everyone who has contributed to the ECLH through PWC Gives.*** **Your generous gifts of love are making a meaningful impact on the lives of the "ECLH Ladies." PWC Gives.** ***Your generous gifts of love are making a meaningful impact on the lives of the "ECLH Ladies."***

May God continue to richly bless you!

Grace and Peace

Evangelist Janice Rogers
ECM Grants & Fundraiser

P.S. From our Hearts - Thank you once again. We are elated to maintain our current partners and excited for oncoming and future partners in the Kingdom Work of Entrusted Connections Ministry. We earnestly pray that you will persist in responding to the call to share God's amazing grace through your giving. If you have any questions about our ministry, we would love to hear from you. Please E-mail: ecm@ec-ministry.com or call: 571-572-2612.

ECM Financial Acknowledgement

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Thank you for your generous donations and gifts to Entrusted Connections Ministry and Entrusted Connections Life House One. We are thrilled and blessed to have your support always. Through your donations and gifts, we have been able to do the work of the Lord by serving our community and the needs of the people. You truly make the difference for us, and we are extremely grateful!! Here's a few things we are able to do with your generous donations:

- Gifts for Westminster Senior Home during the holidays and special events
- Back to School supplies for Prince William County Title 1 Schools
- Thanksgiving and Christmas Meals for needy families
- Food and Household Supplies for ECLH Residents
- Support for Post-ECLH Residents
- ECLH One Transitional Houses Rent and Utilities
- Uber Cards for ECLH Residents
- Welcome packages of clothing, toiletries and bedding for new ECLH

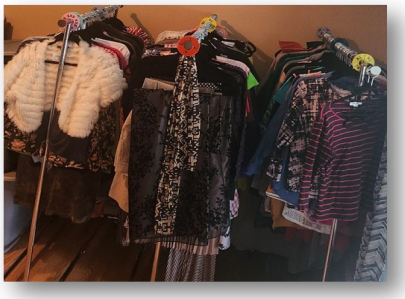
"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." **Luke 6:38 NIV**

Blessings,

Sister La'Chele LeGrand
ECM Financial Secretary

Entrusted Connections Life House (ECLH)

In 2025, the Entrusted Connections Life House (ECLH) Boutique continues to provide clothing, accessories, bedding, bath items, toiletries, and other donations for residents. ECM members and Community Volunteers organize these items. When a resident begins their journey with ECLH, they receive a welcome bag to include clothing and essential items from bedding to personal care. To assist with specific items needed, an **Amazon ECLH Registry** has been established for donations. As gifts are purchased from the registry list, Amazon provides a list of the purchaser, order numbers, to make it easy for us to send donation letters during tax season. **Click here** to access the Amazon ECLH Registry (https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2T8DT8EoQLDPK).



We accept gently used coats, jackets, scarves, hats, gloves, and winter socks to keep in the boutique. We extend our gratitude to local churches, food banks, and various agencies for their ongoing support. The ECLH Boutique serves as a central hub to meet the basic needs of the ECLH residents aiming to ensure everyone has the necessary provisions for a healthy body, mind, and spirit. ***We would like to recognize our newest resident Ms. Randi,*** who has graciously provided her carpentry skills to assist with painting, repairs and maintenance. of the ECLH. Praise God for her contributions! If you are interested in donating items or volunteering your services at the ECLH, ***please contact Boutique Director, Nichele LeGrand-Murphy at ECLH1boutique@gmail.com or 571-275-9960.***

Deuteronomy 15:11 For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore, I command you, saying, "You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy, and to your poor in your land."

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Entrusted Connections Life House-One (ECLH-One)

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Celebrating the Good - ECLH Programs

"Lay open thy works to the Lord: and thy thoughts shall be directed."

Proverbs 16:3 Douay-Rheims 1899 American Edition

The Entrusted Connections Ministry continues to seek the Lord's guidance as we minister to current and former Entrusted Connections Life House (ECLH) residents. God continues to bless the current and new programs to continue our residents' growth in the Lord. Our programs include but are not limited to, life skills training, financial management, and health and wellness, as well as partnerships with community resources to assist the women with becoming productive community members. ECLH continues to be blessed by the ministry of Reverend Dr. Liz John son, who ministers to each new resident through **"The Journey to Forgiveness" program.** Forgiveness for others and yourself is key to overcoming the negative impact of unforgiveness despite your level of success. The program covers reaching back to uncover offenses and learning to release others and yourself to preclude limiting new opportunities and facilitate a new healthy lifestyle. These are one-on-one sessions, and the program ends with a closing ceremony to highlight the completion of an important and necessary achievement in living a fully transitioned life. The ECLH residents come from various backgrounds and circumstances. It is vital that we work to meet the individual needs of each woman. We are thankful for the session Apostle Regina Taylor provides for the women involved in substance abuse. The session, "Biblically Based Substance Abuse Ministry," is taught to provide preventive measures to avoid relapse and recidivism. We praise God for a new program, Entero Helps INC.- Reentry Program and Services, being offered to the residents of the ECLH in 2025. Dr. Givonna S. Cheeks, President/CEO of Entero Solutions, provides resources to assist women through Educational Programs, Workforce Development and Preparation, Professional and Life Skills, and Mentoring. We are excited about what God is doing in this ministry. Another important program is a weekly Sunday night Bible Study with only the ECLH residents and Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams. These Bible Studies are intimate and confidential and include sessions on relevant issues that the ECLH residents face.

The residents participate in creating vision boards, weekly bible studies, Proverbs in the Morning devotional call, and other sessions, as well as times of celebration during the holidays and special events. . As You can see, the Entrusted Connections Life House is a dynamic entity of the Entrusted Connections Ministry. We want to thank each of you for your prayers, monetary support through monthly donations, the Prince William County Gives program, and other resources that we receive from individuals desiring to help this ministry. We praise God for each one of you. Your prayers and support continue to equip us to meet the needs of each resident who comes to live in the Life House.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:15 (ESV)

Pastor Paulette Williams

Director of ECLH-One Program

Entrusted Connections Life House

"All Is Well!"

ECLH
Transitional Support for New Beginnings
Established December 2018

"Transitional Support for New Beginnings" The Entrusted Connections Life House (ECLH) remains a pillar in Prince William County since its establishment in 2018. It continues to be a shining light and a safe place for ex-offenders. The ECLH has averaged two to three residents at any given time throughout 2024. Currently in 2025, there is one resident with a pending arrival. New to the ECLH is a live-in House Assistant that helps with management, safety, and security.

All of the ECLH residents participate in the ECM Morning Proverbs Call, the Wednesday Night Bible Study, Weekly Bible Study with Bishop Gale LeGrand Williams, and various other programs. ECM ministers to the *Women in New Direction (WIND)* at the Prince William County – Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center every third Sunday. This provides a Ministry opportunity for worship, the preached word and an invitation for salvation. This is also a time for inmates to be introduced to the ECLH program. ***Please continue to keep ECM, ECLH and the women it serves in your prayers. ECM remains excited about doing the Work of God!***

Giving During the Holidays to Freedom High School

For the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays Entrusted Connections Ministry (ECM) provided Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Packages to Freedom High School families. Each family received a complete meal that included macaroni and cheese, carrots, green beans, cauliflower, apple pie and a turkey. It was a blessing to be able to help the families and see the smiles on their faces as they picked up the packages. *Their Thank You's were often accompanied with hugs. This was ECM's first time sharing with this Title One school during the Holidays and it turned out to be such a blessing to all!*

Back to School with Freedom High School

Entrusted Connections Ministry was blessed to have an opportunity to provide the students at Freedom High School in Woodbridge, VA at the start of the 2024 school year with back-packs full of school supplies in support of their rising Freshman Program. This program provides students transitioning from middle school to high school with support throughout the year to ensure they focus on grades and attendance. ECM provided 50 backpacks filled with binders, spiral note-books, pocket folders, a pencil case, glue sticks, pencils, pens, and scissors. ECM's support of this Title One School and this program started in 2023. God blessed us to see the joy, excitement, and thankfulness of the Freedom High School students. ECM is humbled by every opportunity that we have to assist and encourage the youth. Please continue to keep "All Children, Young and Old" lifted in prayer! A shout out to the LeGrand Family, for putting the backpacks together.

Elder Jacqueline Woodson ECLH Coordinator

Good Grounds to Sow Into

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There are many ways for SEEDING into ECM and ECLH from the comfort of your home. You can give through:

VANCO online at:

www.ec-ministry.com

Recurring giving and one-time gifts can be established

CashApp to: $ECM2007

ZELLE to: ecm@ec-ministry.com

PayPal to: Paypal.me/entrusted connections

Direct mail to:
Entrusted Connections Ministry
P.O. Box 587
Occoquan, VA **22125-0587**

Recurring direct deposit or Allotment initiated through your employer or initiated by bill payer through your bank and sending it to Entrusted Connections Ministry.

- **Please Contact lachele.legrand@ec-ministry.com for more information.**

From The Entrusted Connections Ministry's Officers and Staff:
Thank You For 18 Years of Generous Support

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