



# Ward Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church



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## **Haggai 2:9**

**“The glory of this latter temple shall be GREATER than the former,” says the LORD of hosts.  
“And in this place I will give peace,” says the LORD of hosts.”**

*“This is Our Season of GREATER”*

## **Ward Restoration Plan**

Spiritual Restoration – Temporal Restoration – Community Restoration

**SPIRITUAL RESTORATION** – The congregation of Ward Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church is in need of much spiritual restoration. The Pastor will lead the congregation in targeted bible study discussions and lessons while also emphasizing the need for personal spiritual development. Weekly sermons will also seek to reinforce the need for spiritual restoration by uplifting and restoring hope in worship service attendees. All major days will have a direct spiritual component and cannot simply be used as a means for “raising money.” The church is a spiritual house and if we focus on the spirituality of the people and implement relevant and viable ministries, God will provide everything we need. Men’s Day, Women’s Day, and any other annual days should be filled with so much vigor and excitement that the congregants willingly give their assessed amount out of freewill and not grudgingly. All leaders are expected to be role models for the rest of the congregation by exercising and demonstrating their deep and sincere commitment to individual spiritual development. *“One cannot lead, where one will not go.”* On the first Sunday of each month, I am asking each member of Ward and any friends of Ward to make a monthly sacrificial offering above and beyond one’s normal tithes and offerings to assist with all three aspects of the Ward Restoration Plan. Remember, it cannot be a sacrifice if it does not hurt! This is serious business.

**TEMPORAL RESTORATION** – Ward Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church is also in need of serious temporal restoration. There are areas of our church buildings that we cannot occupy. There are also areas currently in use where restoration is needed. We plan to restore the I.A. Miller multipurpose room to an available space to be used for ministry both to the congregation and community. The space can comfortably seat more than 300 persons. We will also restore the use of our full commercial kitchen with modern appliances to continue serving others. The choir room will also be restored along with renovating the current open space that is used for church school. We will restore the ceiling of our sanctuary and make use of our additional two existing buildings. God cannot be pleased with the neglected manner in which we maintain HIS house!

**COMMUNITY RESTORATION** – Ward Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church must be intentional and deliberate to restore robust and productive relationships with community partners. We must be present at school board meetings, community meetings, and other meetings of interest. Ward must have a seat at the table! We do not want to sit dormant while the community is moving. We must have an active role. *“If we do not participate, others will dictate.”* The Pastor will meet with D.C. government officials to determine the most pressing needs of Ward 7 and our community in which the Ward A.M.E. Church serves. The Pastor will then lead Ward in an exercise that will explore options for developing ministries to meet these needs.

*Every Member of Ward Must Give of Their Time, Talent and Resources So It Will Get Done!*

***It Can Be Done – It Will Be Done – God Will See That It Is Done***