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The Sojourner’s Truth
October 26, 2016
When Shaken to the Core

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The Truth Contributor

I write for those women who do not speak, for those who do not have a voice because they were so terrified, because we are taught to respect fear more than ourselves. We’ve been taught that silence would save us, but it won’t.

- Audre Lorde

From: Sexual Assault: A Violation of God’s Body by Rev. Linda Thomas, PhD

This has been a difficult week for me. I noticed a distinct change in my mood after the presidential debate. I knew that something was very wrong with what I witnessed. I knew it intellectually and the clearest signal that something was extraordinarily out of alignment was when my body began to “speak.” Memories flooded my mind.

I have been ordained for 35 years and in that time, whether it was during the time I worked with youth, single young adults, or married women, the fact is that assault – sexual, verbal, physical, emotional – was a significant part of a narrative I heard and responded to pastorally. It was also a narrative to which I could speak personally.

So, when I heard my friend Michelle Obama say, “(This has) shaken me to my core in a way that I couldn’t have predicted,” during her impassioned speech, I felt a congruence with that statement. Michelle said what I knew but did not yet have words for.

Something within me asked, “Who will speak to what has happened from a perspective of faith?”

When it comes to asking that sort of question, like Moses, I did not and do not want to speak to “this” issue of sexual assault but I feel called to say a FEW words, as much as my introvert self would like to eschew that responsibility. Pain compels me to speak.

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First, people of faith – whether rostered or lay – need to be culturally competent around issues of sexual assault. Sexual assault breeds a culture that normalizes women being objectified, demeaned, and unsafe at the pleasure of men. It is a violation beyond imagination that ruptures if not shatters a woman’s body and spirit.

Depending on the person’s constitution and the power dynamics between the victim and the abuser, one may be forced to cut off a part of herself or himself in order to function. This is much more than splitting oneself. It is a survival mechanism that numbs one’s spirit and may interfere and/or block one’s potential. In sum, sexual assault as well as other assaults is similar to cutting off a part of one’s being while that person still has to function, but with a sense of loss that deadens emotional nerves. Needless to say, it can also dramatically inhibit or damage someone’s ability to enjoy the good gifts of sexuality as God’s good creation.

Because “good people often minimize these experiences” one learns to suppress feelings which, in turn, often causes an ongoing disorienting trauma; yet, the victim must press on with day-to-day living. So, when Trump’s words from the Howard Stern tape as well as the “Access Hollywood” video were played repeatedly for many women, children, and men (or people who may or may not identify with these identities), may have felt something that had been dormant begin to stir within. I wrote elsewhere, “What the mind forgets, the body remembers,” and for many those memories stored in the deep freezer of our bodies begins to thaw.

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That’s what happened to me, and it became worse as the week progressed. I was a wreck—not being able to focus or process clearly, having my sleep interrupted. Sometimes I would just contemplate in utter disbelief of what Donald Trump’s words unleashed in our public discourse. It was evil and vile. I wanted to close my daughter’s ears as well as my own. I was angry, absolutely livid—the one emotion that my superego keeps “under control” lest people experience me as an “angry daughter’s ears as well as my own. I was angry, absolutely livid—the one emotion that my superego keeps “under control” lest people experience me as an “angry

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Neighborhood Health Association Nexus Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Sojourner’s Truth Staff

Neighborhood Health Association held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, October 18, and officially opened Nexus Health Care at the corner of Jefferson and 14th streets in Toledo’s UpTown neighborhood. A variety of local officials joined the NHA board members and CEO Doni Miller to dedicate the new 43,000 square-foot facility.

Board member Cheryl Wilson served as mistress of ceremonies and remarks were offered by U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur; Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson; Luann Cooke, a representative from Ohio Gov. John Kasich’s office; Ann Longsworth-Orr, a representative from U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown’s office; Randy Runyon, president of the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and Clifford Brown, who spoke about the dedication of the Harry Brown Sr. After Hours Clinic.

Toledo NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet Celebrating 101 Years of Service

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner Truth’s Reporter

The NAACP Toledo Branch celebrated 101 years of service to the community at the annual Freedom Fund Banquet as over 400 members and supporters joined the festivities on Saturday, October 22 at Strahan Great Hall.

“As we celebrate yet another anniversary of our Freedom Fund Dinner, we humbly and gratefully thank you for your encouragement and support. 2016 has been busy and eventful in Toledo and across the nation. Our national NAACP theme this year is “Our Lives Matter, Our Votes Count,” said Ray Wood, president of the Toledo NAACP chapter.

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Fashion & Fros: Black Hair Matters

By Megan Davis

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Tommy James Celebrates 80th with Family and Friends

Manhattan’s was the place to be on Tuesday, October 4 as Tommy Jams celebrated his 80th birthday with numerous family members and friends. Donna Moore-James, Tommy’s wife, organized the gala at the restaurant on Adams Street and invitees enjoyed a sumptuous meal along with the company of long-time friends and acquaintances.

Donna and Tommy James, seated, along with family and friends

Loron James, Donna Moore-James, Pamela James, Patrice James, Louis James, Lesa James, Tommy James

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October 26, 2016

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Clara Conner-Petty, fundraising chairman; Felicia Dunston, president; Morgannia Dawson, vice president; Donnetta Carter, public relations and photographer.

Falling Back Into the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s

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Guest Column

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Without voter’s support, the Lucas County Children Services could lose $10 million in helping kids who need food, clothing and qualified foster care.
Local Greek Organizations Celebrate UT Homecoming

The members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., joined together in celebration of the University of Toledo’s Homecoming game on Saturday, October 19, by treating the public to a Southern-styled fried catfish dinner, with all the trimmings.

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The 53rd Annual Commandress Ball

The 53rd annual Commandress Ball honoring Dt. Lena M. Davis, Illustrious Commandress, on October 8 at the Radisson Hotel at the University of Toledo Medical Center commemorated the many years of the organization’s existence, charity and benevolence. Guests traveled from Cleveland, Elyria, Youngstown, Akron, Columbus, Cincinnati, Springfield and Dayton, as well as from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky to attend the gala event.

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Miller also spoke about what the building will mean for the community. “I’m really excited to have this kind of facility in our community that is designed to serve absolutely everybody,” said Miller.

Nexus’s services will include pediatrics, dental, women’s health, vision and primary care. The Mildred Bayer Homeless Health Care clinic will be part of the facility as will an after-hours clinic.

The building will also have a pharmacy, a café, meeting space and a branch of the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union.

Nexus Health Care, as the building is named, is the latest chapter in the success story of NHA, a story authored by CEO Doni Miller who assumed the reins of the non-profit community health organization in 1993.

As NHA has expanded over the years during Miller’s tenure, some facilities have become old and outmoded, not responding well to newer technologies and not particularly user friendly for clients and patients.

This expansion during Miller’s years at the helm is a dramatic turn of events considering what transpired at the agency during its first 20 years of existence. NHA experienced enough difficulties over its first two decades that its very existence had been threatened on more than one occasion.

The agency came about through the extraordinary efforts of its founder, Cordelia Martin, and the funds provided by the Model Cities Program of the late 1960’s.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is a nonprofit, 501c3 and was founded in 1920 on the campus of Howard University. The sorority’s platform is: Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood and Finerwomanhood.

Zeta Xi Zeta was joined by members of Alpha Pi (UT’s undergraduate chapter), and Psi Epsilon (BGSU’s undergraduate chapter chapter), and more than 100 sorority and fraternity members from chapter across the state, region or US.

“IT was wonderful bonding with our fellow Pan Hellenic Council members, in friendship and festivity, exchanging great food;” remarked Basileus Jasmine Aarron, “A truly Blue-tiful day, and we look forward to next year.”

Martin, a community activist who was involved in a number of organizations such as the NAACP and the Lucas County Democratic Party, was passionate about a number of causes – in particular helping the poor, especially helping the poor obtain health care.

In 1969, Martin, then a supervisor of community workers for the Expanded Family Planning Project of the Planned Parenthood League of Toledo, Inc and chairman of the Health Functional Committee, gathered around her a group of like-minded individuals who were equally concerned about the lack of proper health care that was available to... continued on page 12
Jamaican Social Club of Toledo to Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Special to The Truth

On November 5, 2016, the Jamaican Social Club of Toledo, a Non-profit (501) (C-3) Multi-Cultural Organization, will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary Dinner/Dance and Awards Presentation, at its Social & Cultural Center, servicing northwest Ohio and southern Michigan since 1976.

The organization was organized exclusively for charity, education, social and scientific purposes. Its main focus is to encourage a better understanding and cooperation among all cultures and citizens residing in Toledo and northwest Ohio. All services and time provided by board members are 100 percent voluntary.

It is funded by membership dues, donations, fundraising programs, sponsorships and charitable contributions from individuals and businesses.

Among the many services offered by the Organization are scholarships to High School students in Toledo area for excellent achievements. Sponsorship of a “Dreams for Teens” TV talent show designed to enhance students with exceptional ability to perform competitively. Winners of this talent competition are offered prizes and scholarships. Computers, athletic equipments, stationery and pencils are donated to schools in Jamaica. Assist in devastating situations, such as hurricane disasters in Jamaica. Periodic donations are made to Toledo’s homeless.

The Jamaican Social Club offers assistance to newly-arrived Americans to get adjusted to the community as well as serving as a liaison between the citizens of Toledo and its authorities and the people and government of Jamaica. Additionally, the organization hosted several Jamaican diplomats as well as many other guests from Jamaica; Toronto, Canada; Baltimore, MD; New York, NY; and Indianapolis, IN to the city of Toledo.

In recognition of its many services to our community, the Jamaican Social Club has received several award and proclamation recognitions from our mayors and congresspersons servicing our region.

The Jamaican Social Club is extending an invitation to all its past and current members to join us in celebrating this significant milestone in our history on November 5, 2016.

We, also, extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to our members and supporters who have supported our programs for the past 40 years. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

For more information on our 40th Anniversary Celebration Awards Presentation and Dinner/Dance:

Please contact:
Earl Mitchell, President, Jamaican Social Club
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The Lucas County In-Person Early Voting

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much as others and when we vote those votes absolutely count and can make the difference.”

Waite High School’s Young Men of Excellence served as ushers and greeters. WTVG’s Kristian Brown served as mistress of ceremonies, Rev. Michael Key of People’s Missionary Baptist Church delivered the invocation and ACT-SO competition winner Jamaica McKinley-Riven sang the Negro National Anthem.

The featured speaker was television chef Jeff Henderson, best-selling author and Food Network television star.

The 2016 Freedom Fund honorees were: Suzette Cowell, Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union CEO; Rev. Robert Culp, First Church of God pastor; Doni Miller, Neighborhood Health Association CEO; and Jane Moore, United Way of Greater Toledo Executive VP of Community Impact.

Guests dined while competition winner presented their art forms. A poem by Keyara Edwards, a song by Jamaica McKinley-Riven, a dance by Courtney Draper, drumming by Arthur Bishop, dramatics by Jenasis Savage and drawing by Lyricka Robinson-Smith.

“I just want to thank everyone for their support, this would not be possible without you. It’s truly a blessing when I walk into a grocery store or bank and hear such positivity about our NAACP. We have the greatest support from the community anywhere in the world. I appreciate each and every one of them,” shared Ray Wood.

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those less fortunate in the greater Toledo area.

The group, with Martin in the lead, was determined “to make sure that people in the neighborhood have a place to go where color wouldn’t matter,” says Miller. “They decided to open a health center because so many of their neighbors and friends were dying from causes that they could have been saved from.”

Within a year, federal funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development had been obtained and the Cordelia Martin Interim Health Center was opened in its original location at 1636 W. Bancroft Street.

During those early days the clinic was only open a few days a week based upon the availability of the volunteers who staffed the operation. Federal funding to continue the work of that staff, the board and volunteers was never a given. Model Cities funds ended in 1974 and obtaining continuing federal funds was an ongoing challenge.

In 1975, Daisy Smith, RN, who had been with the Center from the beginning and for whom one of the NHA facilities is now named, brought together 14 women to organize themselves as the Cordelia Martin Health Center Auxiliary in order to augment the organization and to help fulfill a range of needs – chief among those needs was raising funds.

The Auxiliary organized bake sales, rummage sales and charity bazaars along with sponsoring the cleaning of inside facilities and yard work. The woman of the Auxiliary provided valuable supplemental funds for the Center over the next decade and a half, nevertheless, financially, NHA was never out of the woods.

By 1978, the Center had 25 people on staff, had increased patient visits to 600 per month and had added an Adolescent Health Care Program through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

By 2002, nine years into Miller’s arrival, NHA had nine clinics under its wings, a 120-member staff and an $8 million budget.

“We added a number of clinics over the years,” said Miller this past summer a she was contemplating the completion of Nexus. “We now manage 16 facilities such as a clinic for the homeless [Mildred Bayer], a women’s health clinic [Huron Street] and dental clinics. We’ve developed a number of specialty services over the past 20 years.”

The $1 million Nexus Health Care clinic came about as the result of a collaboration between a number of government and non-government entities. The Lucas County Land Bank, administered by the Lucas County Treasurer’s Office, acquired the land and spent $45,000 to clean up the site.

The federal government provided a grant of $5 million through the Department of Health and Human Services for construction costs and the Local Initiatives Support Corp (LISC) financed the balance of $6 million through tax credits.

Nexus was opened to the public for general services on Wednesday, October 19.
You had hope that things might be better.

We elected a black man as president, and there was a minute where you could almost see a bit of racial optimism. And then: Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, #BlackLivesMatter, and are we back to where we started? Did we ever really make any progress at all?

In the new book *We Gon’ Be Alright* by Jeff Chang, the answer is maybe – and it’s fixable.

The last four years have been rough.

Every time you turn on the TV or grab a newspaper, it seems as though another black life has been lost and “the list never seems to cease,” says Chang. It’s a trend that’s escalated to the point that it’s now “blown into white America as well,” which should coalesce us but which actually seems to divide us all the more. We seem, as Chang says, to have “slid back toward segregation.”

The current political climate isn’t helping.

Over the past 12 months, whites who felt “undone” by wage gaps and who had “fears of falling” flocked to a candidate that understood how to gain their support by pointing accusing fingers at Mexicans, the Chinese and Muslims. When demonstrations were held to protest this, violence broke out, which only fueled the fires.

Diversity, says Chang, has become a “buzzword.” Schools strive for it but often do it wrong. Hollywood is still “overwhelmingly white,” as are the C-Suites of most major corporations. Colleges struggle with issues of affirmative action, while black students make the same demands of their administrations that they’ve been making “for three decades now.”

And then there’s housing.

Chang uses San Francisco as an example: as the tech industry grows, formerly-black neighborhoods with affordable rents have been taken over by new, elite, mostly-white residents. Overall, “cities are becoming wealthier and whiter,” they’re becoming divided largely by income, and housing projects are being torn down, bringing us full-circle back to resegregation.

“The revolution is never complete,” Chang says. “But redemption is out there for us if we are always in the process of finding love and grace.”

So what can be done?

I didn’t think author Jeff Chang had many concrete solutions here, but in *We Gon’ Be Alright*, he offers an ocean of hope.

In the meantime – long before you get to that – Chang’s provocative essays are wide and quite discouraging. Here, he writes of all that’s wrong in an effort to show how we might feel like we’ve made occasional progress but that nothing’s really changed. Through resegregation, our “progress” is just a problem, rearranged. Most assuredly, that doesn’t make this an eager read.

And yet, there’s grace inside Chang’s observations – grace, which is exactly what he advocates in the end, in a stunning chapter that brings this whole book to a pinnacle.

I wondered if perhaps this book is pocket-sized on purpose: it seems like something you might want to tuck away close and consume in short bursts, in order to ponder. With *We Gon’ Be Alright*, that kind of reading might be better.
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Toledo Gives Favorite Son a Key to the City

“When I’m in that ring, I’m fighting for everybody in this city,” said Robert Easter, Jr. as he gazed upon the crowd of well-wishers who gathered at One Government Center to thank him for bringing glory to his hometown.

The mutual love-fest followed a parade in the champ’s honor through the city’s downtown streets and city officials, led by Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson, came together to present Easter with a key to the city. The IBF lightweight champion, who captured the title with a split decision on September 9 in Reading, PA, with a split decision over previously undefeated Richard Commey of Ghana, trained for his bout at the Glass City Gym and did his roadwork on Toledo streets.

A 2010 graduate of Bowsher High School, Easter improved his career record to 18-0.

“We are so proud to call him ours,” said Hicks-Hudson. “He belongs to us and we belong to him.”
Rhonda Sewell Celebrates 50th with a Party with a Purpose

Special to The Truth

Community leader Rhonda Sewell hosted an epic party with a purpose to celebrate her signature 50th birthday while bringing attention to vulnerable children in the community. The word Purpose was also the title of the party.

She invited guests to donate funds online for two campaigns: The Library Legacy Foundation Early Literacy Campaign, to prepare children to enter kindergarten, and ProMedica Toledo Children’s Hospital Foundation NICU Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome unit for babies born addicted to drugs. Her event netted $7,500 in donations for these two...continued on page 15

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