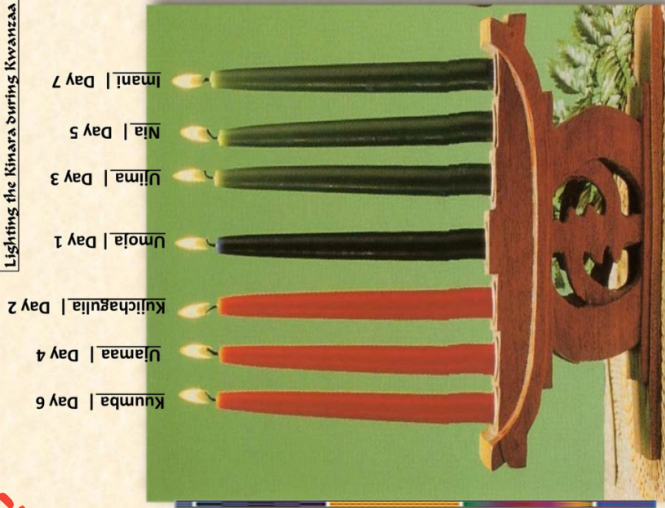


KWANZAA

Lighting the Kinara during Kwanzaa



AS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES LIGHT THE KINARA:

UMOJA- UNITY: UNITED AS A PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES IN HEALTHCARE AND FIGHT AGAINST VOTER SUPPRESSION. " WE STAND UNITED, TOGETHER AS A PEOPLE STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF OUR ANCESTORS, UNITED IN OUR PASSIONATE CRY FOR JUSTICE.

KUJICHAGULIA- SELF DETERMINATION: SOMEBODINESS; I MATTER, WE MATTER. WE REMIND EACH OTHER, AND THE WORLD THAT OR SELF-WORTH MATTERS OUR PERSONAL VALIDATION TRANSFORMS!

UJIMA- COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY.. WE KNOW WHO WE ARE, WHERE WE'VE COME FROM. COLLECTIVELY WE FORGED THROUGH THE NEW ERA OF INJUSTICES.

UJAMAA- COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS. WE WILL FIGHT AND EDUCATE OUR OWN PEOPLE ON: SYSTEMATIC INEQUALITY, AND THE GAP BETWEEN WEALTH DISTRIBUTION FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS AND WHITE AMERICANS. COOPERATION, EDUCATION, FINALLY CLOSING THE RACIST GAP.

NIA- PURPOSE: WE ARE OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS KEEPERS. WE PURPOSEFULLY LIFT EACH OTHER UP NOT DOWN. SOLIDARITY IS THE GIFT WE GIVE EACH OTHER!

KUUMBA- CREATIVITY. WE CONTINUE TO BE CREATIVE BEINGS. WE PRAY, WE SING, WE DANCE. WE HAVE INVENTED, AND DEVELOPED TRANSFORMATIVE TRADITIONS, WE HAVE INVENTED, EDUCATED OURSELVES, BUILT INSTITUTIONS, AND PULLED OURSELVES UP AND FORWARD. OUR ANCESTORS, POETS HAVE REMINDED US: "...AND I RISE" (MAYA ANGELOU).

IMANI- BY FAITH, AS WE LIGHT THE CANDLES REPRESENTING EACH DAY OF KWANZAA, WE ILLUMINATE A KINARA. WE ILLUMINATE THE LIGHT OF OUR AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCES, SACRED, BEAUTIFUL, FORGED IN FAITH, LOVE AND HOPE.