

D M 933 - DMin PROJECT DISSERTATION PROPOSAL

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The aim of this dissertation proposal is to study the decline in the attendance of the African American Church. I would like to add to the studies that has done concerning this problem that is facing the African American Church. The problem with the decline in the African American Church has to do with African American young people. These young people are divided into groups, the largest of which is the millennials. According to the [Pew Center, Social & Demographic Trend, 2010]<sup>1</sup> this group of young people is the best educated, the most ethnically and racially group of young people in history. The questions will be aimed at all our young people but mainly at the millennials because this group has the future of the brick and mortar African American Church.

#### Research Questions

1. What is the difference between spirituality and religion?
2. Do African American young people feel any connection to the African American brick and mortar church?

To find the answers to these two questions I will be using the qualitative method of research to find the answers to my research questions. The qualitative method has to do with the narrative of a group or groups. What is the story? What is going on here? This study will use the qualitative method to gather information from the young people in the church and also the church. The study will collect data from participants in their setting and in their world. I believe there's a story in their world that they will voice in a subjective way.

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<sup>1</sup> Pew Center, Social & Demographic Trend

The study will use small samples of the population in the interview part of this study. Questions will be ask by in the interviewer to get information for the study. This will be done in personal interviews where the persons will be ash questions face to face and person to person or persons to persons. [Creswell, 2013, p 47]<sup>2</sup>. This will be contextual information and also perceptual information.

Demographic will be part of this study in that the study will look the baby boomers generation, generation X, and Generation Y. I will look at generation S. it is the generation before 1945 and the S means silence. Just folk over what you have you earned over your lifetime to the next generation. Silence! This study will pay close attention to the millennials generation because it is the largest, the best educated and stand to inherit the most money from the baby boomers in history. This study will be collecting information to measure the theoretical perception of the young people in the church and in the community the church is located in. I have chosen for this study. I will be using phone interviews and also internet interviews. The researcher will be sending out questionnaires over the internet. The questionnaires will have a notice that this the information that is shared we this study is private and will not be shared with other without their consent. This will be done with all the the information that this researcher collect from all the people that participants in this study.

This researcher will also use the personal interview method in this study. I will invite five person from the community to share their story with me

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<sup>2</sup> Creswell, J. W. [2013] Qualitative inquiry and research design: Choosing among five approaches, Los Angeles, CA: Sage.

concerning why our your people are leaving the church in drove. I will be aiming at personal information from the persons that will meet with me at a location other than the church and the community that the church is located in.

### Ethical Considerations

This researcher will conduct this study in a moral way that will cause harm to anyone that participants in this study. This study is being done help the church and the community to reach african American youth to return to the African American brick mortar church. Ethic has to do with that which is good and right. Ethical behavior is always valued in the community and also the African American Church and the community the church is in.

The study will use data from cross section of the community to answer questions 1 and 2 of the study. The church and it leaders will also be invited to take part in the interviews that will that will be sent out. This will done to try and understand the perception of the the people in the church and also the people in the community. This study will also study the attitudes, belief and behaviors of the people in the church and also the people in the community [Gay et al ; 2012]<sup>3</sup>. The overall purpose of this is to find out why young African American young people are leaving the African American Church brick and mortar church in the Adamsville

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<sup>3</sup> Gay, L. R, Mill, G. E. & Airasian, P. W [2012]

portion of the city of Atlanta. The study will invite young African American in the chosen from church bulletins after getting permission from the pastor. The young people ages will from 18 to 29 years of age. All the questions to be ask will be questions about the decline in church attendance in the african American Church in the Adamsville section of Atlanta, Georgia.

The study will also be investigating the demographic concerning the decline in attendance in the African American Church in the Adamsville section of Atlanta, Georgia. This will be done by collecting data that has to do with age, gender ,race, education level, marital status, years of church membership and so on.

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