

Subject: Community Outreach – Grief & Prayer Work

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**Grief & Prayer Work
Message from Rev. Nancy Zala**

“Rev. Nancy Zala has done phenomenal work in the area of working with children around grief and prayer. She established a wonderful Prayer Ministry for Children, recruited and trained practitioners specifically to work with children and trained individuals on working directly with children in grief during her tenure at Agape. Rev. Z. is a powerful, compassionate presence and I strongly encourage all of you to make use of her extraordinary talents in working with children and their families in grief or trauma.”

Rev. Nirvana Reginald Gayle
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Dear Ministers,

I just returned from Rev. Guy Johnson's church in Anchorage. His is a bright nugget of warm gold in a bowl of ice and snow. Alaskans are individuals who are unique pioneers, and they've found in Guy and this teaching a strong beacon for a new vision for their lives. Their kindness and generosity to me and growing dedication to principal is unlike anything I've had the privilege to experience.

As director of Agape CRS children's church I've done many years of bereavement support for kids and adults. I went up north to be of help, during this time of trauma for the Alaska church community.

The death of children in any congregation is a catalyst for the myriad pains and unprocessed grief of a lifetime in adults, and shock and disbelief for the kids. My job is to provide, with Spirit, a safe place for the processing of this grief. In Anchorage .I counseled many adults, and children redefining the word `death' to `transition' and eventual transformation. It was a gloriously uplifting experience for me, and I gather for them as well.

Today, I feel more strongly than ever, that I was led to be there, and am impelled to continue with this work for anyone that needs it.

Please don't wait for a trauma to call me. I will come to your church. I will teach a class for practitioners and students, parents, ministers, etc. on praying with, and practicing for, children. I can also instruct setting up Bereavement Support groups (this is a

remarkable community aid, and will provide your church with a new venue), Pastoral care for children, and adults, setting up a Prayer Ministry for kids, etc.

Happy to provide you with snappy references from, Rev. Michael Beckwith D.D, Rev. Mark Vierra, Rev. Duchess Dale, Rev. Roger Juline, Rev. Ron Rude, plus a great number of kids from 3 to 18 years old.

The Children in your church need special spiritual care now, just as much, if not more than adults.

I'll come to you for whatever you can afford. God Provides the rest.

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