



VILLAGE BUILDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT
(African Centered – Rites of Passage World View)
Restore, Rebuild and Reclaim Our Community



I commit myself to our Creator and to the divine plan.

I commit to learn my brothers and sisters and to love them.

I commit to being open, honest, respectful and obedient to others.

I commit to having a positive attitude and to devoting time and energy in developing effective relationships.

I commit to utilizing my knowledge, talents, skills, abilities and resources for reaching my divine purpose and full potential through the embodiment of African Centered – Rites of Passage World View.

I commit to advancing my learning knowledge, growth and maturity throughout the life cycle to live a strong, healthy and productive life.

I commit to being genuinely concerned for the African Village/Community in Akron, Ohio through community service (minimum of 4 hours a month).

I commit to submit myself to the Code of Ethics and the Disciplinary Policies.

I commit to using the deliberative process in decision making, and to resolve problems and conflicts that arise.

I commit to addressing concerns only in “The Circle” or with the agreed upon communication process.

I commit to surrender my will to the collective will and to enforcing, reinforcing and maintaining consistent disciplinary actions necessary for the betterment of myself and the village/community.

I commit to being personally responsible /accountable by doing my agreed upon part – attendance at meetings, completion of assigned tasks, payment of dues.

I commit to diligently learning how to protect myself, my family and my community.

I commit to challenge things that threaten to derail the advancement of African Village/Nation and will represent myself as a positive role model for others to see.

I commit to implementing the necessary tools to aid myself and others in moving from one passage/developmental stage of life to the next – including but not limited to: Mirror, Model, Map, Light and Shield.

I _____ (Elder, Nation Builder, Warrior, Mentor, Parent, Youth) agree to commit myself to the above statements, and to abide by the policies and guidelines of the process. I understand that I must strive to live my life in such a way that it demonstrates insight and the application of the minimal standards/values through community service and village building within my community (Akron, Ohio).

As it is written, so shall it be: _____
Circle: (Elder, Nation Builder, Warrior, Mentor, Parent, Youth) Signature

Date