

## The NGUZO Saba

We believe as a people redeemed by the Blood of Jesus, we are called to live out that liberation as a KW ANZM PEOPLE. We believe that the NGUZO Saba (the seven principles/values) of which the African American's Holiday Kwanzaa is based is projected as a minimum moral set of African values that we need in order to rebuild and strengthen the family, community, culture and Church. Through the daily living of these values, we become a self-conscious force in the struggle to control our destiny.

We believe that as a people deeply rooted in our culture, we will be able, with Jesus, to break the chains of suffering, oppression, and death. We believe that as we re-affirm and re-store our authentic African heritage and culture, we will realize True Liberation:

**UMOJA (Unity):** *"to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, race and humanity." (That all may be one as you, Mother-Father, are in me, and I in you...I pray that they be one in us. John 17:21)*

**KUJCHAGULIA (Self-Determination):** *"to define ourselves, name ourselves and speak for ourselves instead of being defined, named and spoken for by others." (When God, in the beginning, - created man and woman, God made [them] subject to [their] own free choice...Sirach 15: 14)*

**UJIMA (Collective Work and Responsibility):** *"to build together and maintain our community together and to make our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems and to solve them together and to celebrate our brothers' and sisters' joys." (make my joy complete by your unanimity, possessing the one love, united in spirit and ideals. Never act out of rivalry or conceit... rather, let all parties think humbly of others and superior to themselves, each of you looking to others' interests rather than to [thy] own. Philippians 2:2-4)*

**UJAMMA (Co-Operative Economics):** *"to build and maintain our own stores shops, institutions and other businesses and to profit together from them." (that though Jesus was rich, yet He for your sakes became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich... For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened...but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, 'that their abundance also may supply your lack be equality- that there may be equality. 2Corinthians 8:9, 13-14)*

**NIA (Purpose):** *"to make as our collective vocation, the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness." (And to some, His gift was that they should be apostles; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the Body of Christ. In this way, we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God until we come the perfect Person, fully mature with the fullness of Christ Himself. Ephesians 4:11-13)*

**KUUMBA (Creativity):** *"to do always as much as we can, in the way we can in order to leave community more beautiful than we inherited it. " ("They gathered their brothers [sisters] together, then sanctified themselves, and in accordance with the Words of Yahweh, they began purifying the Temple of Yahweh." 2 Corinthians 29:15)*

**IMANI (Faith):** *"to believe with all our hearts, minds, and spirits in our parents, teachers, leaders, our people and our God and the righteousness and victory of our struggle." (Faith is confident assurance, concerning what we hope for, and conviction about things we do not see. Hebrews 1:1-2)*