**Faith-Based Transformations: The Black Church’s Strategy in Juvenile Crime Mitigation**

SR 953: Research for 21st Century Scholarship

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Begin work on 120-day Research for 21st Century Paper (see below):

1. In preparation for Assignment #4, choose a scholarly topic of interest. Type the topic on

the title line on the cover page and the first page of the paper. Explain your reasoning for

choosing the topic in the introduction section (after the title and before the first Level 1

heading) of the paper. Use your best academic voice, correct sentence structure, tense,

and punctuation. In the rest of the introductory paragraph, preview three points you

would address in an essay about your topic with ideas that came from your sources.

2. Develop a list of search terms and phrases that pertain to the subject chosen and

include these immediately following the first Level 1 heading. Give the list a name and

use the name as the Level 1 heading (use the heading styles in the template and the

APA 7 Manual or Guide provided in the hyperlinks in this syllabus). Present the list in a

complete sentence or a bulleted list with an opener (e.g., Search terms related to the

topic of this paper are as follows:). Use correct punctuation.

3. Continue building the Works Cited list you began in Assignment #2. Locate a minimum

of two books (minimum of one published in the last five years) relevant to your chosen

topic and develop an APA reference for each book. Insert the properly formatted

references in the Works Cited section of the paper.

4. Locate four primary research journal articles relevant to your chosen topic; three articles

must be less than five years old. Develop a reference for each journal article and insert

the references into the Works Cited section. Put your 10 references in alphabetical

order.

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This subject was chosen because the Black Church has long stood as a cornerstone of hope, resilience, and moral guidance within African American communities. It offers more than spiritual solace and a gathering place on Sundays or mid-week Bible classes; it has been vital to social welfare and community development. However, amidst the challenges of systemic inequalities and socio-economic barriers, the issue of juvenile crime, disproportionately affecting African American youth, has reached a critical point. This increasing trend reflects these communities' broader socio-economic and psychological challenges and underscores the urgent need for effective intervention strategies. This paper posits that the Black Church is critical in mitigating this urgent issue among African American youth through its unique position of influence, to which it can develop vital mentorship programs, robust academic support and enrichment, and holistic family support services. Thus, the aim is to explore these multifaceted approaches employed by the Black Church in juvenile crime mitigation within the African American community, highlighting its potential to effect positive change in the lives of at-risk youth and, by extension, the broader community.

**Key Research Terms**

The Black church and juvenile justice.

The Black church and juvenile delinquency.

The Black church’s role in reducing youth crime.

African American juvenile crime mitigation.

The Black church and social advocacy for youth.

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