

In Memoriam: The Charleston Massacre



This issue of *The Journal of Pan African Studies* is devoted to the nine people, i.e., Mrs. Susie Jackson (87), Rev. Daniel Simmons (74), Mrs. Ethel Lee Lance (70), Mrs. Myra Thompson (59), Mrs. Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd (54), Rev. Depayne Middleton-Doctor (49), Mrs. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton (45), Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney (41), and Mr. Tywanza Sanders (26) who were massacred on June 17, 2015 at historic African-American Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal church (the oldest AME church in the South, see brief history via "*Mother Emanuel*" *African Methodist Episcopal Church History* on the next page) in downtown Charleston, South Carolina during Bible study. The admitted killer, a 21-year-old Caucasian man sat through the Bible class for an hour with his victims before declaring he was there "to kill black people" and opening fire with multiple gunshots fired at close range.