

Tennessee State Conference NAACP

2017 RACE RELATIONS /ADVOCACY SUMMIT



March 10-11, 2017
Jackson, Tennessee

“Together, We Can Make A Difference”

RACE RELATION SUMMIT **{BACKGROUND: 2004-2016}**

The Race Relations Summit (**now the Race Relations/Advocacy Summit**) was initiated to take a close look at the progress of race relations in every aspect of life across Tennessee. The 1st Summit was hosted on February 27 & 28, 2004 in Jackson, Tennessee. The Summit looked at “50 Years & Beyond Brown v Board of Education” and focused on the progress made in the last 50 years and the challenges that still remain.

The Summit annually brings together advocates and representatives from major corporations, public & private agencies, community based organization to rekindle the discussion and further explore the strategies identified the 2004 Summit. Summit topics have ranged from a discussion relative to obesity, drugs and STD in the youth community, to discussions relative to Diversity in the work place; Disparities in Health Care for the Poor & Minority; Strategies, Challenges & Best Practices for Narrowing the Educational Divide; and Strategies of Exclusion in Government & Politics. The summit has also focused on Criminal /Juvenile Justice by discussing the evidence of a cradle to prison pipeline in the African American Community as well as presented information about the State of AIDS/HIV in Black America, How Politics Affect Economics and discussed best practices for Voter Education, Voter Registration, Election Protection and Get-Out-The-Vote Strategies.

In the past 12 years, we have been honored with the presence of several exemplary speakers for the summits including:

Rev. Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks (deceased), Executive Director Emeritus NAACP;

Mr. Harbert Alexander, noted Author and Historian

Attorney Robert T. Hill, Hill Boren Law Firm-Jackson Tennessee

Honorable Harold Ford, Jr., former U.S. Congressman-District 9

Dr. Jocelyn Elders, former U.S. Surgeon General

Dr. Raymond A. Winbush, Director - Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University

Dr. Daniel J. Wooten, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, East Tennessee State University

Mr. Peyton T. Hairston, former Senior Vice President-Communication, Tennessee Valley Authority

Honorable Judge Earnestine H. Dorese of Memphis, TN

Honorable John S. Tanner, former Congressman for the 8th Congressional District

Dr. Fred Zuker, former President of Lambuth University-Jackson, Tennessee

Rev. Keith Norman, Pastor of First Baptist-Broad, Memphis, Tennessee,

Ms. Beverly Watts, Director of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission

Representative Johnny Shaw [District 80-TN]

Rev. Tommy Vallejos, Director of HOPE (Hispanics Organization for Progress & Education)

Honorable Lyle Reid, retired Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court

Ms. Mary Jane Oatman Wak-Wak, President of the National Education Indian Education Assoc.

Ms. Tomeka Hart, former President/CEO of Memphis Urban

Rev. V.H. “Sonnye” Dixon, Pastor of Hobson United Methodist Church & President of
Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship of Nashville, Tennessee

Mr. Hilary Shelton, Senior VP- Advocacy of the NAACP & Dir. of the NAACP Washington Bureau

Ms. Kelly Harden Assoc. Dean, Graduate Nursing Programs, Union University School of Nursing

Dr. Wesley C. McClure(deceased) President, Lane College

Attorney Jim Emison, retired West Tennessee Lawyer & Historian

Rev. Dr. Randolph Meade Walker, Pastor of Castalia Baptist Church & Moderator of the West
Tennessee Baptist Missionary & Educational Association

Mr. Ken Green, former Chief Support Officer –TN Dept. of Education

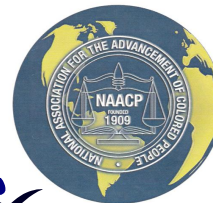
Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow, former Pastor-Forest Heights United Methodist Church

Dr. Logan Hampton, President of Lane College

Dr. K.B. Turner, Assoc. Professor/Chair - University of Memphis, Criminal Justice Dept.

This year, our focus will continue with developing strategies to address equity in the Education, and advocating protecting the rights of every American to a fair Criminal Justice system.

2017 ADVOCACY SUMMIT



SUMMIT AT A GLANCE



Friday, March 10, 2017

**YOUTH/COMMUNITY FORUM
(Lane College-Water Tower Building)
545 Lane Ave – Jackson, TN**

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

WELCOME RECEPTION/YOUTH TOWN HALL
Jackson, Tennessee

6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Welcome Reception (FREE)

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Town Hall Forum – *Combating Human Trafficking
(Presentation by Scarlet Rope Project)*

Saturday, March 11, 2017

EDUCATION, ECONOMIC & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Doubletree Hotel
1770 Hwy 45 Bypass, Jackson, TN 38305

8:00 a.m.

Registration & Sign-In

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Morning Workshop (EDUCATION)

10:15a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Morning Workshop (FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT)

11:45a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

SUMMIT LUNCHEON

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Afternoon Workshop (CRIMINAL JUSTICE)

3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Afternoon Workshop (LEGISLATIVE ALERTS)

6:30 p.m.

FREEDOM DINNER
Dr. Andre E. Johnson

Asst. Professor of Communication University of Memphis

HOTEL RESERVATION:

Doubletree Hotel
1770 Hwy 45 Bypass
Jackson, TN 38305
731-664-6900



Room Rate

Single/Double \$107.00 [plus tax]

Rate Deadline: February 24, 2017

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