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**Earlier This Year, The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) In Collaboration With The Bridge Foundation Completed Another Major International Humanitarian Project By Donating and Shipping 8,100 Afrocentric and Vocational/Technical Books To Help Build A Library In Gambia West Africa!!!**



UAPO Members Loading Books For Shipment To Gambia Standing [L-R]: Coffee Wright, Armel "Oatmeal" Gines, Johnny Lott Sr., Zaki Baruti, Kendra Fipps, Larry Freeman, Pat Jenkins King, Anthony Cage, Aha Sa Inside Truck: JB Bond and Marvin "Kamau" Carter [not pictured] Amari Sneferu

UAPO Members and Supporters Celebrating Number One Books Donor [1906 Books] Carron "Ms Cee Jay" Johnson – Sitting with Red Hair

UAPO Brothers and Supporters At Monthly Karaoke Celebrating Successful Gambia Book Drive

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## From the Desk of Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) President/General Zaki Baruti – A Challenge To Leadership



On April 4, 1967, exactly one year before his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made a most powerful statement at Riverside Church in New York City in his speech "Beyond Vietnam: A Time To Break Silence." His Statement, which is ever so true today, was "And I know that I could never raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the "greatest purveyor of violence in the world

today, my own government." In this speech, he also spoke to what he called the giant triplets impacting American society; Racism, Extreme Materialism and Militarism – as seen today with the current wars. Accordingly, it is my challenge to all those who say they respect and honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther Jr. that in this day of reckoning and turmoil, Spiritual, Political and Organizational leadership must boldly speak out and organize against the foreign policies of a hellbent 34 Count Convicted President, who was also civilly charged and found liable of sexual abuse and defamation in the case of E. Jean Carroll. He also, steadfastly refuses to release the complete and unredacted Epstein files (which we know why), yet he is causing untold death, pain and suffering throughout the world through his wars of aggression and his attempts to recolonize people of color and those of a different faith. Mind you, he demeans different countries of Africa calling them sh\_t holes countries, along with working to diminish/end some of our meager civil rights gains such as corporate and government DEI programs.

Accordingly, the UAPO is challenging our



community to do as Dr. King advocated "Break The Silence" and "Speak Truth To Power." Therefore, the UAPO say "Hell No To The War On Iran-Venezuela-Cuba" or any other parts of the world and "No More Wars For The Billionaires and Their Wealthy Class."



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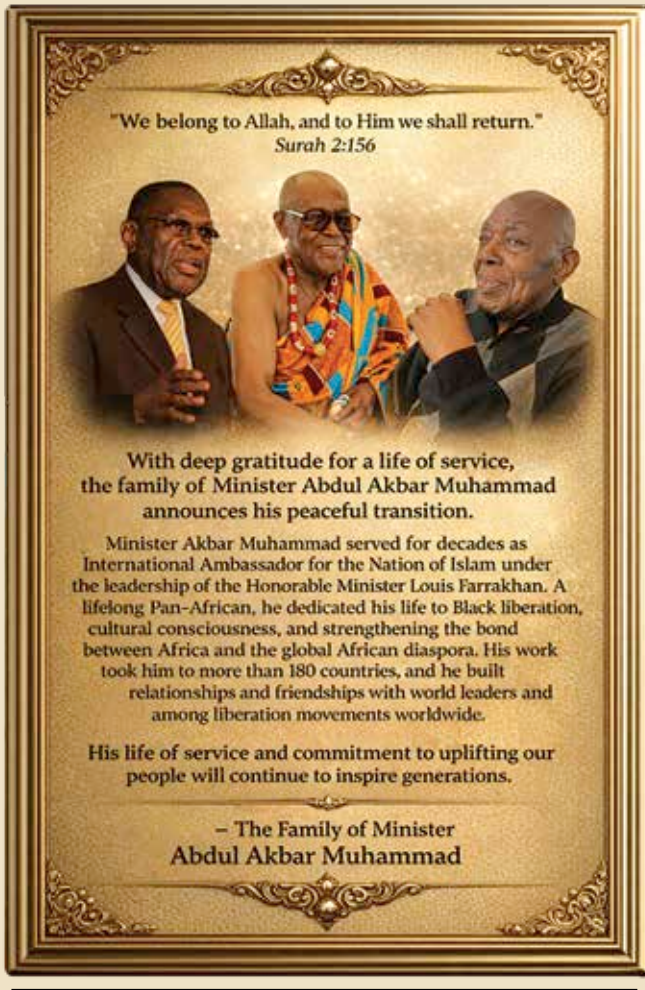
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# The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) Extends Our Deepest Condolences To The Family of Minister Akbar Muhammad and The Nation of Islam In His Transition From This Life To Sitting On The Right Side of Almighty Allah!!

| A Personal Relationship By Zaki Baruti



share his historic knowledge with my students in my history class. Each time he would visit my classroom, you could sense the positive energy and thirst for knowledge that he stimulated in the minds of the students.

In his work within the community at that time, he was completely dedicated to helping Minister Louis Farrakhan rebuild the Nation Of Islam in the spirit of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Upon assuming the role as the International Representative for Minister Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, I was blessed to see firsthand Akbar's diplomatic skills.

As the Nation of Islam International Representative, Akbar organized numerous delegations that traveled and met with different heads of states. Accordingly, in 1983 Akbar invited me to travel in a delegation to Libya and it was there that I was blessed to meet Muammar El Qathafi, leader of the 1968 Libyan Revolution, and head of the country. It was with Akbar, Kwame Toure (Stokely Carmichael) leader of the All African People's Revolutionary Party, Imari Obadele, leader of the Republic of New Africa, and Chokwe Lumumba, leader of the New Afrika Peoples Organization, Rosie Douglass, President of the Caribbean nation of Dominica and myself as head of the Universal African Peoples Organization, along with other national activists, that we formed the (Worldwide African Anti-Zionist Front). Also, I will never forget that it was Akbar in 1987 that led another delegation to Libya which included me in defiance of Ronald Reagan's executive order not to travel there for a memorial program commemorating Qathafi's survival after the United States government first attempt to kill him in a bombing raid on his home one year earlier in 1986. To that end, Akbar was fearless. While in Libya, we



August 30, 2014, Akbar Muhammad and Zaki Baruti Leading A March During The Ferguson, MO Uprising In Response To The murder of Michael Brown Jr.

got an opportunity to meet Daniel Ortega, President of Nicaragua.

Other travel experiences with Akbar included our visit to Zimbabwe, where we were able to meet President Robert Mugabe. Also, it was with Akbar, in a visit to the Sudan, that we met its President, Omar Basheer.

Finally, it was through Akbar, that Minister Louis Farrakhan endorsed my candidacy for Governor of Missouri in 1988 and we were able to shock the political pundits of that time with my vote total of over 87,000 votes, which was 19% of the vote total in a state that had only a 10% registered Black voting population.

Our last battle together was during the Ferguson uprising and like always, Akbar was out there on the front lines. Akbar was a prolific reader, who was always encouraging people to purchase conscious books and Read, Read, and Read. May the spirit of Akbar Muhammad live forever!!!

My personal relationship with Brother Akbar began when I met him in the late 1970's. Upon my interactions with Akbar, you immediately felt his impact as a man of great wisdom, knowledge and understanding who had an undying love for his people here, in this country and across the globe. As a public-school teacher at that time, it was my duty to have Akbar come to my classroom and

## Black Community, Bring Your Dollars Home!

| Deacon JB Bond

Since spending is the Black community's superpower, it must be harnessed and strategized to work for the community in the same way it works for all the other ethnic groups in America. As we all know, it is no secret that all the other ethnic groups depend on the Black community to keep their businesses thriving. There is no need to write another book on how or what the Black community needs to do to gain their liberation here in America. Enough books have been written, and speeches and marches have been made and done. However, since the time Afrikans were kidnapped and brought here stripped of language, land, family, spirituality, etc. and deprived of who they were, only to be put in an amnesiac state of mind (void of remembrance) to who they were. And, to add insult to injury, they were revived by the very ones that put them in this dilemma only to have the enslavers tell them who they are and what they can do.

Thus, the Afrikan is dead and the Negro is born. And the Afrikan has been trying to prove themselves to America ever since. In the Civil War, they fought to prove themselves loyal to the Union only to have America betray them and give the land they fought for back to those who were oppressing and enslaving the Black Community. This type of betrayal has gone on since the Civil War and all the wars that followed.

Black people could never understand why white America could not see their

humanity because most of white America is void of humanity itself. Who would consider having a thirty-four-count convicted felon as President of the United States of America; no one, except those who are void of humanity.

This is the 250th year of America's fight for freedom from British rule to become a sovereign nation.

As Black people continue to fight for equality under the law, they must realize that no one is going to give equality to them. Black people must demand it and take it for themselves by redirecting all their spending power. This will take sacrifice and willingness from the Black community to accomplish this. Remember the Black community has been mis-educated to look for others outside of the community to help them solve all their problems. The problem with that solution is that your enemy will never give you liberty. A historical fact is that during the 1st reconstruction in 1878, the Missouri Compromise set the Black community back to enslavement - not as chattel enslavement, but Jim Crow enslavement in which the Black community had no laws that white America was bound to respect. This went on for over one hundred twenty years. This is why Black people must take a hard look at history and ask themselves individually, "Am I willing to sacrifice for my future or just allow my open enemy to master my fate. The short answer is - if Black people are to have a future, then they must determine what

that future is going to look like in this country just as Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglas, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson did. They all chose to sacrifice.

Black people must recondition themselves to understand how and where to spend their dollars. This is easier said than done. But if Black people could allow themselves to see just how much their dollars have done for other ethnic groups with businesses in the Black community, then they should realize why they must consciously redirect their dollars to be spent in the Black Community and with Black businesses throughout the country.

When they witness the improvements that their dollars are making in their community, they are more inclined to convince others to be a part of community building. The time has come to do for self and for Black America to realize that they are a nation within a nation and America has never hinted to treating Black America equitably. So, therefore, Black people must be strategic with their spending.

In this way, they will become a formidable force in the everyday structuring of all aspects of this country and not just a footnote that is not taken seriously.

Consequently, the Black community must understand the reason for sacrifice:

1. To get the attention of the Powers that be

2. To get a seat at the table of economic decision making
3. To gain political power
4. To rid the country of outright open racism against the Black Community

What does redirecting the spending dollars in the Black Community look like? I'm glad you asked because it looks like this. Black people must spend their money with the Black Community the same way they spend their money with the White Community, and stop boycotting the Black Community. If you are not spending at least 2% of your monthly income with and in the Black community, then you are the problem. This is where redirecting spending starts. The continuous boycott of Target sent a loud message to the private sector not to take the Black Community lightly. We are the children of the Most High God, and He said that He would never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5 KJV)

Kwame Ture said, "Organize, Organize, Organize." So, we start with the organizations already in the Black community: Fraternities, Sororities, Churches by denomination, Black banks throughout the country, farmers, skilled laborers, etc. If these groups can lead the way, the rest of the Black Community will indeed follow suit. Spending is the Black Community's Superpower, but it will take unity and sacrifice to activate it. Ase

# Major Legal Victory For Black Inmates In Clemons v. Basham; (4:22-cv-00158-SRW) By Rev. Elston K. McCowan



McCowan is a trained and educated Theologian of the United Church of Christ (UCC). He is a long time member of The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO), 1st Vice President of the St. Louis City NAACP. He also serves as Chairman of the Prison Committee and the Environmental Justice Committee for the NAACP. Rev. McCowan serves as the Director of the Green Party of St. Louis and Co-Founder of Preachers And Community (The PAC).

Officers emptied riot size pepper spray cans on the unsuspecting devote Muslim men of faith along with their Imam. To add insult to injury, the men, while still in excruciating pain from pepper spray that was four times the strength of individual small spray containers, were handcuffed, physically assaulted, and



Anthony Shahid and Elston McCowan, [not Pictured: Coffee Wright]

marched to solitary confinement. The solitary confinement was an abandoned wing of the correctional facility with no lights, no heat and no running water. One of the inmates testified that he was stripped naked and left in the cold. All of the men testified that they attempted to wash the pepper spray from their eyes and because there was no running water, they used the water that had been sitting in the toilet. In fact they went on to testify that using such a small amount of contaminated water only made their eyes burn even more.

The trial continued on Tuesday with the inmates who were subjected to this State sponsored terrorism sharing with the jurors, the court and onlookers that they did not receive medical treatment and that they had to wait several days before the affects of the pepper spray wore off. Additionally, the plaintiffs (inmates) testified that they remained in solitary confinement for a total of ten days. Fortunately, once they were released from solitary, otherwise called the hole, they were sent back to their honor dorm (because they are considered model prisoners) and any and all charges against them were dropped.

On Wednesday, Reggie Clemons gave

an emotional, honest and very descriptive testimony of the horrors he and his fellow Muslims experienced. It was so telling that you could hear gasping in disbelief coming from some of the jurors. We were on the edge of our seats as Reggie was crossed examined by the defense attorney. It was obvious that the defense attorney was trying to trip Reggie up. Reggie, wiping tears from his eyes, as my eyes watered with him, smiled and with a subdued chuckle, looked the lawyer in his face and slowly, but ever so smoothly stated, while pausing to look baffled, "I don't understand your question." You could see the jurors sigh with relief as some gave a light, subdued chuckle, while others smiled at Reggie's response, because we didn't understand the question either.



Courtroom Supporters for Plaintiffs [L-R] Elston McCowan, Reggie Clemon's Daughter, Father of One of The Plaintiff's with Zaki Baruti

The trial continued on Thursday with the defense calling its witnesses. The Missouri Department of Corrections (MDOC) questioned the Warden, Department Heads along with Correctional Officers to attempt to spin their story. According to attendees to this train's wreck, it was hard to see and listen to, but they sat through the torturing of the truth. The audience and the jurors listened as witnesses for the State contradicted each other on already established facts. They listened as the State tried to say that they didn't do what they did, but even if they did it, they were justified in doing it. Yes, that was their defense. In fact, one of the witnesses for the defense, a Warden, said that he had to negotiate with the members of Nation of Islam in order to prevent rioting at the Bonne Terre Correctional Center as a result of this incident. The circular logic and the **attempt to gaslight the judge**, jurors and the public didn't work. By the end of the day, it was clear that the heroic efforts of the C.A.I.R. Legal Defense Fund had won the case, but that would be up to the jury.

On Friday, we heard final arguments from both sides. The jury was given its instructions and went into deliberations. At 6 pm the judge determined that the jury was not close to a unanimous decision, so he dismissed them until Monday. On Monday, March 6th, the jury went back into deliberations to determine if the MODOC violated the plaintiff's constitutional rights under the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment, the Eighth Amendment's prohibitions against the use of excessive force and deliberate indifference

to serious medical needs, and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, along with the Constitutional Prohibition against Cruel and Unusual Punishment. After a five-day jury trial and over one day of deliberation, the jury unanimously found in favor of Plaintiffs on all of their legal claims and awarded them \$667,000 in damages. The Judge will decide if the video can be released to the public and rather or not incarcerated individuals can participate in corporate (communal) prayers. "I hope this jury verdict serves as a lesson to the Missouri Department of Corrections that brutalizing and inhumanely treating incarcerated individuals is unacceptable and will not go unpunished," said Nadia Bayado, staff attorney at CAIR Legal Defense Fund. "Being a Muslim in America should not lead to one being subjected to excessive force or religious persecution. I am overjoyed for our clients, and I hope this verdict brings them and their families solace." Acknowledgements: I'm sure that I'm speaking on behalf of all the plaintiffs, their family and the community at large for their endorsements of this effort to seek and receive a hard fought and long-awaited victory!



Lawyers and Legal Aids/Council of American Islamic Relations (C.A.I.R.) with Reggie Clemons' wife, Petra Smith [seated third from left]

Thanks to the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) Legal Defense Fund, their Co-Counsel Margolis & Cross, the St. Louis City National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO), the St. Louis City Green Party, Mothers of Incarcerated Sons and Daughters (MISD), Preachers And Community (PAC), Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty (MADP), and the Reginald Clemons Redemption Project. Also, thanks go out to Adolphus Pruitt, Anthony Shahid, Zaki Baruti, Ronnie Amiyn, Lisa Davis, Katrina Thomas, Rev. Merrimon Boyd (PAC Co-Founder) and others who attended the trial on a regular bases along with those who gave encouragement, spiritual, emotional and financial support. A very special thanks to CAIR National Staff Attorney Nadia Bayado, CAIR National Staff Attorney Ahmad Kaki, CAIR National Staff Attorney Catherine Keck, and Margolis & Cross Paralegal Nathan Lombard, Gadeir Abbas, Deputy Litigation Director at CAIR National, Elizabeth Dexter, Litigation Paralegal CAIR National, Ian Cross, Attorney at Margolis & Cross.

On February 28, 2021 Correctional Officers physically attacked incarcerated Muslim men while they were engaged in prayer at the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center (ERDCC) in Bonne Terre, Missouri.

Reggie Clemons is the main complainant in the case of Clemons v. Basham, (4:22-cv-00158-SRW). Michelle Basham is a Corrections Officer III with the Department of Corrections Missouri. The court proceedings started Monday, March 2nd with jury selection, followed by opening arguments, with the plaintiff's lawyers going first, followed by the State's Attorneys. Monday's trial proceedings ended with hearing from witnesses for the plaintiffs who gave testimony about what happened on February 28, 2021 at the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center (ERDCC) in Bonne Terre, Missouri, also known as the Bonne Terre Correctional Center. One witness for the plaintiffs, a Corrections Officer, testified that although other guards pepper sprayed and assaulted Reggie and his fellow Muslim inmates as they were praying, he did not. The witness stated that he did not spray nor assault the inmates, because they were not putting up a struggle, so spraying them, he testified, "...was not necessary." The jurors, the court and onlookers were shown a video of the incident that supported the aforementioned Correctional Officer's and the inmates' statements. We watched as unprovoked Correctional

## This Is What Freedom Looks Like



Travion has made United States History being the first juvenile sentenced this harshly for a non-homicidal crime where he hurt no one. The sentence was extreme and unusually cruel. The joy we all have is indescribable witnessing him walk out those prison doors! Fighting for his freedom, his **ADVOCATES** is finally over

[DISCLAIMER\* I'm NOT his wife/girlfriend. Her name is Ishilina Williams. I see many are assuming we are a couple.]

6 years ago Travion's case was seen online, his bonus mom fought hard – along with his attorney—for his freedom.

☪ Coffee Wright

This is what freedom looks like after being sentenced to 118 years and 6 life sentences at the age of 15 for a house robbery where \$65 dollars, 2 joints and 2 cell phones were stolen.

# Two Revolutions In Perpetual Motion

| By Obi Egbuna Jr.

Whether at home and abroad if we reference the term diaspora, it serves as a reminder, our people's daily motion and interaction authentically represents the African personality extended. Once this understanding is absorbed, we come to the realization that our former captors and colonizer's propaganda apparatus is not only deliberately aggressive, but they do not expect to be challenged theoretically or practically. This clearly explains how US Imperialism, when using the vehicles at their disposal to butcher Cuba and Venezuela, they begin with low hanging fruit by giving the impression, that extracting both nations from the Caribbean is justifiable. The political and cultural implications of this white supremacist overture, not only stains geography and history as social sciences, but in this instance results in virtually the world majority defining Cubans and Venezuelans complete identity by the mother tongue of their colonizers.

Our challenge while aiming to defeat US Imperialism's regime change plans for Cuba and Venezuela, is to scientifically contextualize the vitriolic overtones of President Trump and Marco Rubio, which simply means they take pride in honoring the culture of domination and genocide. Once we collectively understand and accept what motivates both men, the only question Mother Africa's children worldwide must answer is, if we have the resolve and determination required to win this fight on the battlefield.

During the colonial era both Cuba and Venezuela were subjected to the humiliation of being treated like a possession by ruthless occupiers. When Venezuelan children learn the truth about what their ancestors were subjected to, imagine the lump in their throats when they discover Spain not only colonizes them in 1522, but passes them off to the Welcher banking family representing the Free Imperial Cities of Augsburg and Nuremberg due to debts owed by the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V who also happened to be the King of Spain.

Thanks to the Cuban historian Angela Grau Imperatori who in her book Uncle Sam's Unaccomplished Dream, brilliantly chronicles how the first seven US Presidents all had plans to annex Cuba, giving Africans everywhere a completely different view about comprehending the Spanish-American War.

It will be delightful to wake up one morning soon to learn that our extended family in CARICOM and the Caribbean Studies Association have made this lucid piece of scholarship, compulsory reading for high school and college students all over

the Caribbean, leading inevitably to Cuba and Venezuela being granted permanent status to CARICOM, but the yoke of settler colonialism being lifted from Puerto Rico, St Croix, St Martin, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands, Martinique, Guadeloupe, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin, Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire, Saba, Saint Eustatius, and Saint Maarten.



What also must be addressed is opportunistic tendencies and reflexes of the Democratic machine in our community, who based on allegiance and sentiment leave a huge white cloud on both issues, by giving the impression that the Trump administration is more hateful towards Cuba and Venezuela than their predecessors. Going beyond Kennedy imposing the blockade on Cuba in 1962, in the spirit of a sore loser nursing his political wounds after the abysmal failure of the Bay of Pigs invasion one year prior, you have former US President Barack Obama imposing the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act. Unbeknownst to many, President Obama was paying homage to Kennedy who warned US Imperialism, that what made Cuba most dangerous is the inspiration they provide others in the hemisphere. When it came to foreign policy, President Obama was certainly bipartisan, as illustrated by month long bombing of Libya that overshadowed President Reagan's sneak attack on Libya April 15th 1986.

Even if the blood of Salvador Allende, Maurice Bishop and the outrageous kidnapping of Venezuela's President Nicholas Maduro and his wife were carried out on the watches of Presidents Nixon, Reagan and Trump, US Imperialist apologists can certainly thank JFK for blazing the trail.

The US Imperialist obsession with Cuba has no boundaries, as demonstrated by their utilization of both the courtroom, sporting events and the big screen. As time has gone on, it is fair to say that Al Pacino's portrayal of Tony Montana in Brian DePalma's film Scarface served as the main source of enticement, for African

youth of that generation to deal crack cocaine throughout the inner city and urban centers of North America, without having the slightest idea that the film was a cold war bullet aimed at discrediting the Cuban Revolution. This was preceded by Godfather 2 and the fictional character of the Mafia Icon Meyer Lansky called Hyman Roth, whose proposal to invest in Batista's Government is rejected by Micheal Corleone, who felt based

on an observation that the guerrillas would prevail in their armed struggle.

The irony was when watching President Maduro in the clutches of fascist DEA officers, which suggests that the CIA is home scottfree, and will never have to answer for flooding our communities with crack cocaine to generate capital for their illegal war against the Sandinistas in Nicaragua who modeled their revolution after Cuba.

In the tradition of corporate bloodsuckers both Bacardi Rum and Exxon have used courtrooms as bully pulpits to make outlandish claims to sovereignty. A few weeks ago Exxon went to the US Supreme Court seeking 1 billion dollars in Compensation for US energy oil and gas assets reclaimed by Cuba during the revolution, and Barcadi using the courts to justify copyright infringement.

Under the guise of settling a debt crisis, US Imperialism illegally seized CITGO which in the words of Venezuela's acting President Delcy Rodriguez who at the time was the Minister of Petroleum called fraudulent and forceful.

As far as the African world's ties to Cuba and Venezuela go, US Imperialism fails to see the writing on the wall. When Commandante Hugo Chavez proudly boasted about the thickness of his lips and the coarseness of his hair, Venezuela through the echo of revolutionary Pan Africanism have been spearheading a movement called Cumbe International aimed at uniting Africans throughout the Western Hemisphere. This has been brilliantly executed by Ambassador Jesus Chucho Garcia Venezuela's primary diplomat in Mother

Africa, who as part of a militant decolonization campaign, has stressed the importance of African Epistemology which has taken him everywhere from the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama to Guinee Bissau home of the fallen African warrior and giant Amilcar Cabral.

In December of 2024, Cuba was the chosen destination for the 10th anniversary of The Peoples Of African Descent Conference, in which the work of Color Cubano, demonstrated their unyielding commitment to their African Roots. This leaves the old bitter cold war relic Carlos Moore who exploited an interview with Malcolm X, as a masking agent for decades, only to be put on the payroll of the Ford Foundation in the dust.

Today Cuban solidarity efforts are more creative and vibrant than ever before, whether you are talking about collaborations through scuba diving aimed at rediscovering the Black Star Line ship of the UNIA in Cuba named in honor of Antonio Maceo, graduates of the Latin American School of Medicine forming an International Medical Society and going to Guinea-Bissau to join the Henry Reeve Medical Brigade. At the moment there is a music compilation project in the works honoring our fallen sisters Assata Shakur and Pauline Lumumba, aiming to provide direct support to Cuba's medical efforts on the African continent.

Whether engaging students at Dunbar High School in DC our first high school in Babylon, showing the Cuban Film Icon Gloria Rolando's film at Morgan State University, or traveling to St Louis at the invitation of the UAPO or going to Cleveland at the invite of the NNPA, Cubans are at home amongst their own.

When we talk about the trail of the African resistance and the African fighting spirit, everyone from Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Ahmed Seku Ture, Amilcar Cabral, Patrice Lumumba, Malcolm X, Kwame Turé, Frantz Fanon, Amiri Baraka, Julian Mayfield, Robert Mugabe, Samora Machel, Thomas Sankara, Madiba Nelson Mandela, Robert Williams, Alice Windom, Assata Shakur, and Nehanda Abiodun would all insist as far as the diaspora goes Cuba is the main revolutionary destination.

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**Below Are Photos of The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO)  
36th Annual Celebration of the Life And Legacy of Malcolm X (El Hajj Malik El Shabazz).  
To Celebrate Malcolm, We Hosted Two Diplomats From The Washington DC Cuban Embassy,  
Gabriella Rodrigues and Gretta Gomez From October 22-25, 2025.**



Their Itinerary Included (1) A Meet And Greet Reception On Wednesday, October 22nd At Legacy Café (2) A Morning Breakfast Meeting With Local Political And Organizational Leadership On Thursday, October 23rd. A Special Thanks to Todd Gilyard For Providing The Breakfast. (3) Later That Evening They Spoke At Our Public Rally Held At Jubilee Community Church (4) Finally, On Friday Morning, October 25th, Gabriella Was A Guest On The Popular Internet Show “Conversation With Zaki Baruti” Which Can Be Viewed On The YouTube Station, UAPO NEWSWORLD. Normally, We Have Our Malcolm X Celebrations On Or Near His Birthday – May 19th, However, Many Areas Of Black St. Louis Were Devastated By The May 16th Tornado So, We Postponed Our Celebration To The Above Dates. At Each Gathering The People Were Captivated By Our Guests As They Graphically Detailed Their Struggle Against The Evil Plans Of The Trump Administration Targeting The Cuban People!! The Evil Plans Include The Complete Strangulation Of The Cuban Economy By Intensifying The Decades Long, US Embargo Of Not Allowing Needed Supplies Such As; Oil, Medical Supplies And Other Necessary Supplies From Entering The Country Causing Untold Suffering To The People Of Cuba - Including Children!!



Cuban Diplomats; **Gabriela Rodriguez** and **Gretta Gomez** Presentation to Audience at Legacy Café



**Gabriela Rodriguez** Presents Historic Photo of **Fidel Castro** and **Malcolm X** To **Zaki Baruti** As A Thank You To The Universal African Peoples Organization For Hosting Their Delegation



UAPO Members; **Zaki Baruti**, **Brady Baruti** and **JB Bond** with Cuban Diplomats; **Gabriela Rodriguez** and **Gretta Gomez**



UAPO Member, **Larry Freeman** With Cuban Diplomats



UAPO Members; **Callie Richardson-Bush** [Far Left] and **Shauntell Mason** [Far Right] UAPO Ambassador of Love With Cuban Diplomats



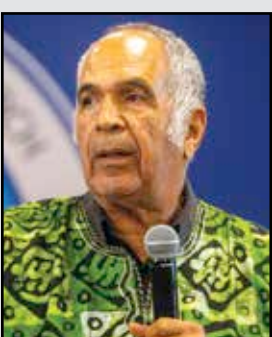
**Trina Ryan** and UAPO Member, **Coffee Wright** with Cuban Diplomats



Young Contingent At Rally



Attendees at Rally



**President/General Zaki Baruti**  
UAPO



**Zenobia Thompson**  
Campaign For Human Dignity



**Kalima Endesha**  
Organization For Black Struggle



**Chairman Omali Yeshitela**  
African Peoples Socialist Party



**Assata Storm**  
UAPO  
Singing “Rise Up”



**Don Fitz**  
Green Party of St. Louis



**Pastor Andy**  
Jubilee Community Church



# A Special *Thank you* From the Cuban Embassy

My heart is still full from the incredible opportunity I had, alongside my colleague Gretel, to visit St. Louis, Missouri. As a Cuban diplomat, this journey left a profound and lasting impression on me, above all because it allowed me to feel the immense affection and admiration that exists there for the people of Cuba.

Through various activities, we engaged in heartfelt dialogues with organizations and individuals, and it became overwhelmingly clear that the hostility of the U.S. government towards Cuba is not supported by the beautiful people we met.

This was a deeply moving pilgrimage through history and struggle. We visited the humble memorial to Michael Brown in Ferguson, a sobering reminder of the ongoing fight for justice. We walked the sacred ground where the Buffalo Soldiers camped during the Civil War and felt the ancient power of the Cahokia Mounds. At the Griot Museum of Black History, we connected with the powerful stories of the African American experience.

And the St. Louis Arch... it took on a new, profound meaning for me when I learned of its significance as a site for Civil Rights protests. It stands not just as a monument to westward expansion, but as a silent witness to the enduring struggle for dignity.

This visit, primarily focused on connecting with our African American brothers and sisters, reinforced a vital truth: the power of people-to-people relationships is undeniable. It is through this unity, this solidarity between the peoples of the Global South, that we build bridges.

A special and heartfelt thank you to the Universal African Peoples Organization for making this profound exchange possible. Your work is a testament to the power of international solidarity. ❤️ ♠️ 🍀



## As An Annual Program To Help The Students of Walbridge Elementary School of St. Louis, MO – In December of 2025, The Universal African Peoples Organization, Led By Our Community Outreach Coordinator, Gwen “Imani” Cogshell, Donated Hundreds of Skull Caps, Gloves, Underwear and Scarves To The Students.

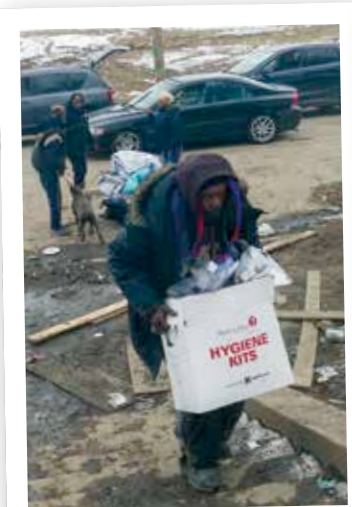


Officially Donating Needed Winter Supplies To Walbridge Elementary School Students – St. Louis, MO [L-R] UAPO Community Outreach Coordinator Gwen “Imani” Cogshell, Principal Vrhonnee L. Brown and UAPO Vice President Safiyah Chauvin



A Sampling of Supplies Donated To Walbridge Elementary School Students

## The Universal African Peoples Organization, Led By Its Community Organizer – Anthony Cage, In February 2026, Delivered Loads of Needed Supplies To A Homeless Encampment With Over 50 People [Located At 10th & Cass Avenue, St. Louis, MO]



A Homeless Volunteer Helping To Deliver Hygiene Kits To A small section of the Homeless Encampment



UAPO Members Delivering Much Needed Supplies To A Homeless Encampment



UAPO Members At Encampment; Zaki Baruti, Lisa Ambus, Will Lewis, Cynthia James, Coffee Wright

# Party for Socialism and Liberation [PSL] Statement: Stop Trump's War on Iran!

**Liberation News**  
[published February 28, 2026]

The Trump administration and Israel have launched a massive war against Iran that has already brought death, destruction and chaos all across the Middle East. This war of aggression is opening the gates of hell across the entire region, and threatens to escalate even further hour by hour. The people's answer to this new crime needs to be mass protest in the streets to demand a stop to the war.

The consequences for the Iranian people have already been horrific. For instance, an elementary school for girls in the city of Minab was bombed in an air raid this morning, leading to nearly 100 deaths. The idea that this war is being carried out to bring "democracy" and "human rights" to Iran is a sick joke.

This is another war based on lies. It is ridiculous for Trump to suggest that Iran poses an imminent danger to the United States. Iran has always maintained that it is not seeking a nuclear weapon and was engaged in diplomatic negotiations with the United States right up to the moment of the attack – besides, Trump claims to have already "obliterated" Iran's nuclear program last year.

Trump made it clear himself when he announced the beginning of the attack – this is a war for regime change. The lies about an imminent threat or nuclear weapons is just like George Bush's "weapons of mass destruction" lie: a complete fabrication designed to provide cover for the overthrow of a government that has long been on the Pentagon's hit list.

This is a war for empire. The U.S. has surrounded Iran with military bases, and has sought to dominate the Middle East for generations – especially the vast oil resources and strategic waterways controlled by Iran. The people of the United States have no stake in expanding the domination of the billionaire class the world over. Working class youth are being sent to kill and die, while

ference in Germany this month that he hopes to usher in "a new Western century".

The attack on Iran is illegal under both the U.S. Constitution and international law. Wars of aggression are banned under the UN Charter. And the Constitution does not give the president unilateral power to go to war on a whim. Congress needs to act on its constitutional authority to halt this illegal war of aggression. A War Powers Act resolution, which invokes Congress' authority under the constitution as the branch of government empowered to declare war, could be an important pressure point. But in any case, the decisive factor will be the people taking to the streets.

The Pentagon's war machine costs the public approximately \$1 trillion every year. This is an outrageous waste of our tax dollars at a time when working families are struggling to make rent, afford groceries or pay to go to the doctor. Rather than spending unimaginable amounts of money causing death

and destruction in Iran, this money should be spent on things like healthcare, education, housing and other programs to meet human needs.

The people of this country do not want another endless war that claims the lives of huge numbers of service members, Iranians and others in the region. We reject Trump's war based on lies. Today, protests are taking place in scores of cities nationwide. These mobilizations will continue, and they will express the sentiment of the majority of people in this country: **Stop the war on Iran!**



executives at oil corporations and weapons manufacturers sit back and enjoy massive profits.

This is part of a hyper-aggressive foreign policy pursued by the administration. In part, it is motivated by Trump's incredible ego and his desire to bully the entire world into submission and "run" other countries. But there is also a clear and brutal logic behind the war-mongering actions of the administration. The U.S. is attempting to use the superiority of its military machine in increasingly open and frequent acts of aggression to reassert its position as the unchallenged global superpower. Marco Rubio said at a major con-

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## In Collaboration With The Bridge Foundation

**Salutes The Many Organizations and Individuals Who Made Financial and Book Donations to Our Successful International Campaign To Help Build A Library In Gambia West Africa. 8,100 Afrocentric and Technical/Books Were Shipped to Gambia On February 10, 2026.**

**Below Listed Are Those Who Supported This Worthwhile Project**

We had three categories of financial givers based on our great – RED, BLACK and GREEN FLAG. Those who donated \$300+ were in the RED category. Those who donated between \$200-\$299 were in the BLACK category. The GREEN category were those who gave between \$25 - \$199.

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At UAPPO Office, Members Sorting Through and Classifying Books. [L-R] Gwen "Imani" Cogshell, Antwon Jones, Deronica Halloway, Coffee Wright, Brother Jones, Queen Ziah and Pat Jenkins King



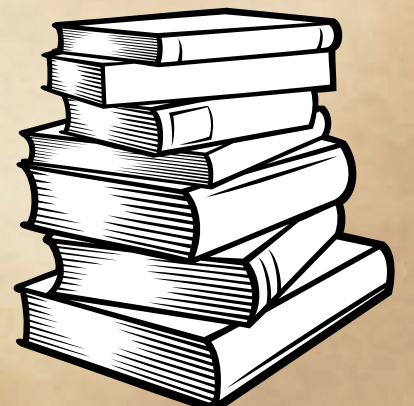
UAPPO Members [L-R] Dr. Felecia Ann Hill And Cynthis Janes Smiling After Packing Books



Sorting and Classifying Books [L-R] UAPPO Members; Cynthia James and Queen Ziah In Back, Dr. Felecia Ann Hill



UAPPO Members; Callie Richardson-Bush, Marvin "Kamau" Carter, JB Bond at Number One Book Donor, Carron Johnson's Storage Container, Loading Books.



**On March 7, 2026 The Universal African Women's Union (The Women's Wing of The UAPO) Led by Founder Safiyah Chauvin, Held Its Annual Women's History Month and International Women's Day Program. The Focus: Health Care & Staying Well (Below Are Photos of The Program.)**



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**Rosemary Muhoro** (Dr. Steward's Sister), **Ayanna Steward** (Dr. Steward's Daughter), **Dr. Anne Steward, DMD**, and **James "Kwafa" Steward** (Husband)



[L-R] **The Compere Family** with **Safiyah Chauvin** [in middle] with the **Steward Family** [at right]

**A Partnership That Delivered Knowledge Across the Ocean  
Bridge Foundation Development Extends Gratitude to UAPO for Helping Launch a Book Drive for The Gambia**

Great movements are rarely built alone. Sometimes they begin with a conversation. Sometimes they begin with a simple act of generosity — And sometimes, they begin with a single message that sparks a shared commitment to serve.

For **Bridge Foundation Development Corporation**, that moment came on **September 12, 2025**, when Ambassador **Kendra Fipps**, CEO of Bridge Foundation, sent a text message to **Zaki Baruti**, president of The **Universal African Peoples Organization**.

The message was simple: a request for support for Bridge Foundation's growing international program, **Cycle for Success**, an initiative helping girls remain in school in **The Gambia** by providing access to menstrual hygiene products.

At the time of that conversation, Bridge Foundation had already distributed **over 15,000 sanitary napkins** to young girls in the region — helping remove one of the most overlooked barriers to education. — But during that exchange, another challenge came to light.

While discussing Bridge Foundation's work in the **Kuntaur Region of The Gambia**, it became clear that many communities had no access to books, and in this region, there were not enough resources to build even a modest community library.

That realization sparked a new idea — and a new partnership.

**A Challenge Accepted**

With the encouragement and leadership of **Zaki Baruti**



**Zaki Baruti** [UAPO], **Kendra Fipps** [Bridge Foundation] and **Pastor Barbara Williams** [Bridge Foundation]

and the support of The **Universal African Peoples Organization**, a bold challenge was set in motion: organize a community book drive that could help bring educational resources to young people in The Gambia.

The initiative officially launched on **November 17, 2025**, bringing together volunteers, churches, community leaders, and supporters committed to expanding educational opportunity.

UAPO's involvement proved instrumental in mobilizing community support and helping coordinate the effort.

The initiative was further strengthened through the partnership of the **World Conference of Mayors**, whose network continues to support education and development initiatives throughout Africa and the global diaspora.

Over the following months, boxes of books began arriving from donors across the region.

Volunteers sorted, organized, and packed thousands of books covering subjects such as history, leadership, entrepreneurship, faith, and academic learning.

What began as an idea quickly became a **community movement**.

**A Community Responds**

Bridge Foundation would also like to extend appreciation to the many partners who contributed to the success of the effort.

A special thank you goes to **Sunshine Cultural Arts Center**, which generously donated **suits, blazers, dress shirts, and other personal items** to support members of the community in The Gambia.

Bridge Foundation also extends sincere gratitude to **Goodwill Store & Donation Center**, whose donation of **more than 800 books** significantly strengthened the book drive and expanded the shipment of learning materials.

→ [Continued on page 11]

**A PARTNERSHIP... [cont. from pg 10]**

Bridge Foundation board member **Pastor Barbara Williams** also played an important role in supporting the initiative and encouraging community engagement throughout the process.

“This effort reminds us that when communities come together around education, the possibilities are endless,” Pastor Williams shared.

**A Milestone Achieved**

After months of collection and preparation, the effort reached a historic milestone.

On **February 10, 2026**, the shipment of books was officially sent, marking the culmination of a collaborative effort between Bridge Foundation, UAPO, and community partners.

Thousands of books are now on their way to the **Kuntaur Region of The Gambia**, where they will help support schools, youth programs, and the development of community learning spaces.

**Gratitude from The Gambia**

The impact of this partnership has already been felt by leaders in the region.

**Mayor Jawara**, representing leadership in the area where many of the books will be distributed, expressed heartfelt appreciation.

“We extend our sincere gratitude to The Universal African Peoples Organization, Bridge Foundation Development Corporation, and the World Conference of Mayors for their commitment to ed-

ucation and youth development in The Gambia,” Mayor Jawara said.

“These books will help strengthen educational opportunities for our young people and inspire the next generation.”

A Message of Appreciation

For Bridge Foundation Development Corporation, this effort represents the power of partnership and the importance of diaspora collaboration.

Ambassador Kendra Fipps expressed deep gratitude to UAPO and its leadership for helping turn a simple idea into a meaningful initiative.

“We are deeply thankful to The Universal African Peoples Organization and President Zaki Baruti for their leadership, partnership, and commitment to this effort,” Dr. Fipps said.

“This initiative demonstrates what can happen when organizations come together with a shared mission to invest in education and empower the next generation.”

What began with a single message has now become a bridge of knowledge between communities.

And thanks to the partnership between Bridge Foundation Development Corporation and UAPO, thousands of young people in The Gambia will soon have access to something powerful:

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On March 7, 2026 **Zaki Baruti** Receiving the **Living Legend Award** From **Lynne M. Jackson**, President and Founder of the **Dred Scott Heritage Foundation** and **Peggy LeCompte**.





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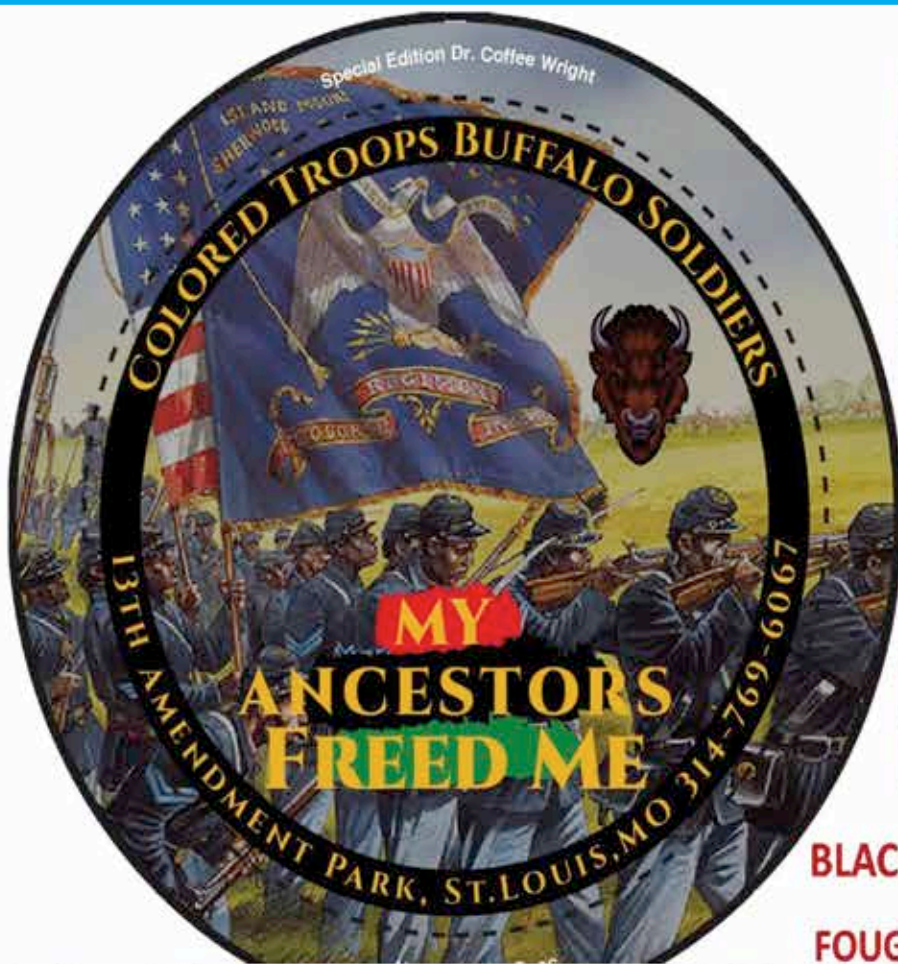
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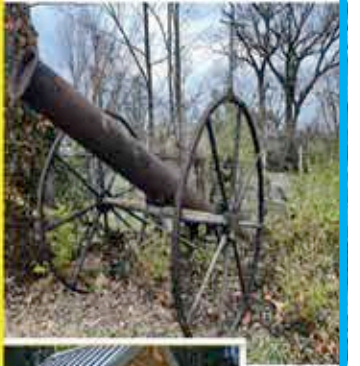
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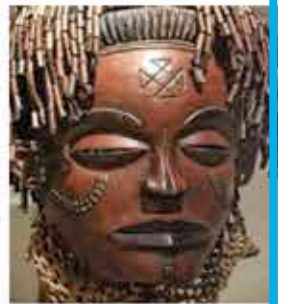
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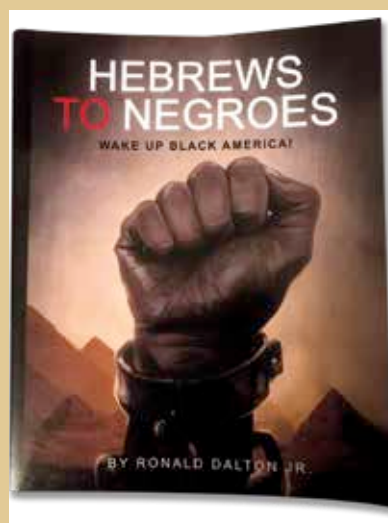
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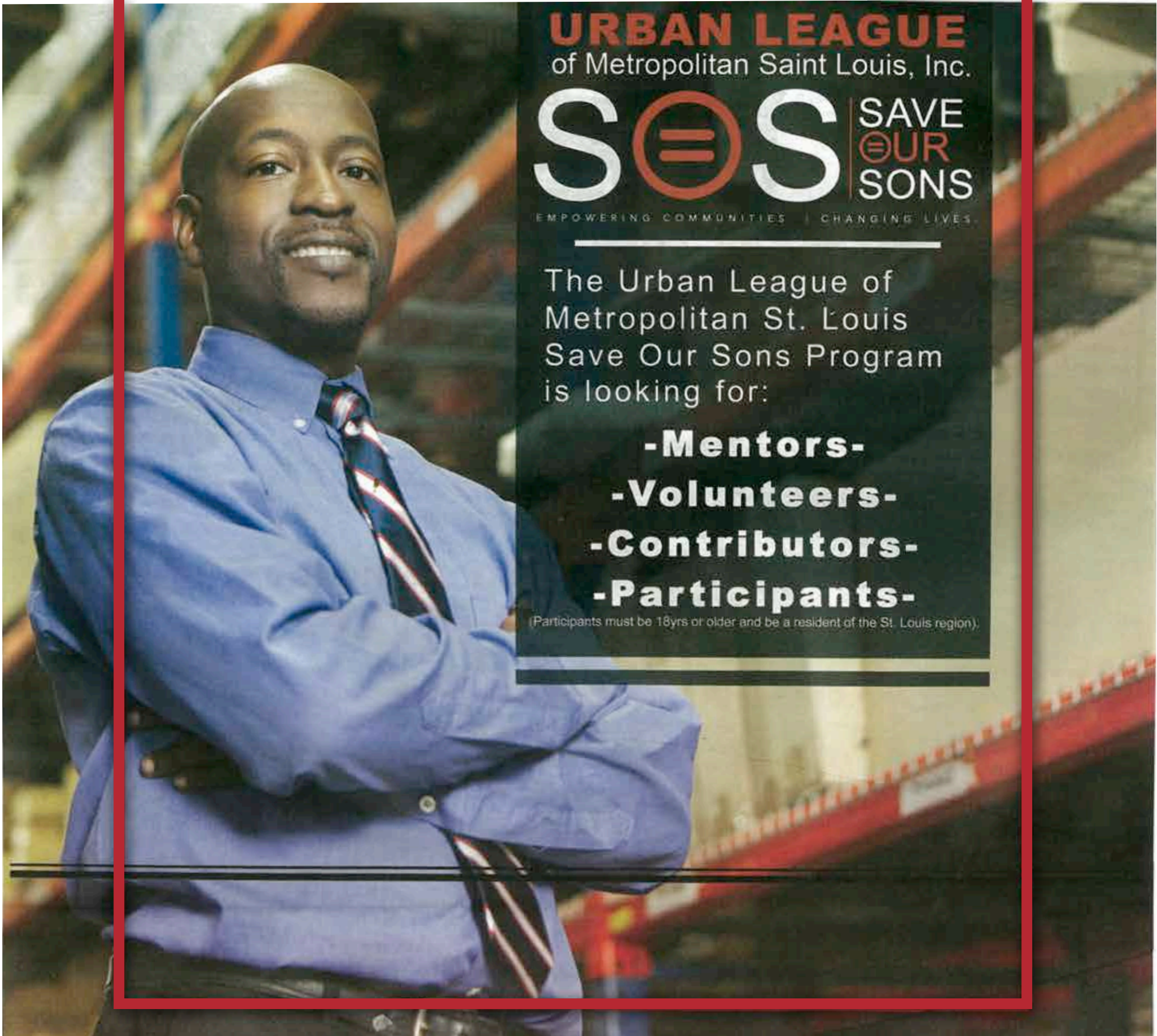
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# Universal African Peoples Organization

## PLATFORM

**OUR VISION... to build a powerful and influential organization of 144,000 like minded people who accept the principles of our:**

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**One GOD** - as opposed to being divided along religious beliefs and ideology; we believe that there is a Creator that is greater than us and there will be a day of judgment. We also say that we must unite based on our commonality, which is (1) we are of African descent and (2) we are oppressed within America and throughout the world.

**One Goal** - Our goal is the liberation of our people spiritually, economically, politically and culturally, whereby we will control our own destiny.

**One Destiny** - the fulfillment of God's will for us as a people to have Freedom, Justice and Equality, no matter where we reside and where we as a collective group will fulfill our capacity to grow, develop and expand to our greatest height of self-development.

### PREAMBLE

The Universal African Peoples Organization is a progressive business, political, humanitarian, educational, and expansive society; and founded by persons desiring to work for the general uplifting of people of African descent throughout the world. Members pledge themselves to do all in their power to advance the rights of their noble race and to respect the rights of all others, adhering always to the power of unity and belief in the Creator. The motto of the organization is

**“One God! One Goal! One Destiny!”** Therefore, let justice become reality for all people, realizing that if the strong oppress the weak, confusion and discontent will obstruct progress and development. With respect, equality and justice towards those of goodwill, a new era of peace and plenty will be forthcoming into the world and our future generations will be liberated.

### UAPO PLATFORM

We will improve the lives of our people when we do the following:

1. Develop, support and expand the growth of African American businesses. Increase the number of African American skilled professionals. Gain our fair share of the tax dollars and services generated by national, state and local businesses. End redlining of the African American community. Develop international trade ventures.
2. We seek to increase the quantitative/qualitative number of African Americans to elected public offices in proportion to our population at the national, state and local levels. We seek the passage of legislation that would directly enhance the quality of life for African Americans.
3. Support the development and expansion of independent African American schools. Support African centered curriculum in the local public schools with Afrocentric thinking people. Increase the literacy rate and level in our community.
4. Institute community control of the police departments and end racism within the judicial system. Support and expand educational job training and

community oriented programs within the penal institutions. Use community service programs as alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders.

5. Develop greater emphasis on health care knowledge and accessibility. Support a universal assistance program responsible for providing a minimum standard of living to rebuild two parent and/or extended families. End homelessness.
6. Develop programs to assist youth in preparing for the 21st century. We believe in the total equality and advancement of women within the private, public and domestic sectors of our society. We also believe that all women should be respected and protected.
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# GROWN FOLKS Fundays

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**35+ ENTRY**

DJ OATMEAL ON TUESDAYS  
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**Good Conversation | Great Drinks | Patio | Smoke Friendly**

## Eco-Socialist Green Party of Eastern Missouri

We Green Party members uphold eco-socialist values. We believe that dismantling the existing colonial racial capitalist system is the only way to combat climate change and liberate the planet. We seek to expose and disrupt our local and state government's role in global colonial oppression and exploitation. We are fighting for radical change against economic, military, political, and cultural white supremacist hegemony.

Eco-socialism that centers Black and Indigenous voices and practice is the most effective way to achieve this goal. We demonstrate this through uplifting and collaborating with Black-and Indigenous-lead organizations, carrying out mutual aid, influencing policy, and taking action. We work in the spirit of cooperation and open communication.

### Points of Unity

- Eco-Socialism
- Degrowth
- Anti-Imperialism/ Anti-Colonialism
- Reparations
- Land Back
- Working class centered feminism
- Advocating for LGBTQIA justice
- Reparations
- Disability Justice

**Contact us to learn how to get involved:**

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**Ban Data Centers!**

**No Northside Gentrification!**

**Resist ICE, NGA, and Police Surveillance!**

**Keep North St. Louis Free from Chemical Weapons Companies!**

**RAMS Fund for Reparations!**

**Support Solidarity Communities!**

# NO AI IN STL

Hate mass surveillance?  
 Can't afford rising utilities?  
 Suffer from asthma or lung disease?

Tired of your elected officials selling out St. Louis?

## Join the fight

The Eco-Socialist Green Party of Eastern Missouri, along with other community groups and activists, have been fighting against the AI development in St. Louis since September 2025. AI data centers in St. Louis would raise all of our electric bills, could deplete the city's water supply, create noise and air pollution, use fossil fuels, and be used to increase police surveillance on the Northside.

We will continue to fight AI in St. Louis. St. Louis has a long history of environmental racism and intentional blight of the Northside. The future of St. Louis can be different from our past.

We've raised our voices to Mayor Cara Spencer and our Board of Aldermen, only to be ignored. This administration has made it clear they prioritize dangerous AI development over the will of the people.

Join our fight with us to stop all AI development in St. Louis.

We don't want AI Data Centers ANYWHERE in our region. Join the fight and stay in touch:

**noModatacenters.com**