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*In Response to The Song by Teddy Pendergrass...*

*"Somebody Told Me To Deliver This Message & You Know Who"*

***The UAPO Proclaims: We Will Be Victorious –  
In Our Long Journey To Freedom, Justice and Equality***



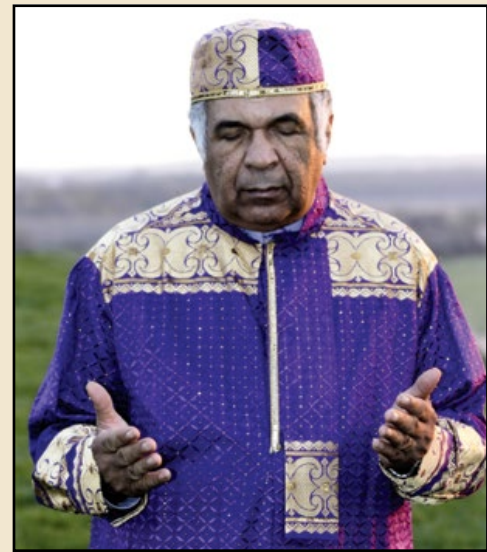
## The Task Ahead

**Zaki Baruti** | President/General UAPO



### Recommended Actions to Empower Our People Towards Freedom, Justice, and Equality

- ✓ We must create armies of righteous like-minded people willing to speak truth to power and implement programs to uplift our people.
- ✓ Rebuild and strengthen our families. Every home should have a library of cultural and historical books.
- ✓ Create and influence educational institutions to have curriculums that teach our true history and our contributions to world civilization and guide our children to skilled professions and trades that will help end the pipeline to prison.
- ✓ Expand youth programs to include cultural enrichment.
- ✓ Economically, we must develop and support more Black businesses and entrepreneurship and spend more of our dollars with ourselves and our businesses. As Black businesses prosper, they must give back to our community. Finally, we must utilize the potential power of the boycott in responding to police killings and brutality and other social injustices.
- ✓ Politically, we must adopt, embrace, and actualize Proportionate Political Representation with Black people who are dedicated to the upliftment of our race.
- ✓ We must become a healthier people by addressing our mental and physical health to reduce the epidemic of obesity by creating community gardens and reducing the epidemic of mental illness.
- ✓ As a community, we must exercise more, get quality sleep, stay hydrated and manage stress better.



- ✓ Spiritually, we must recognize the Creator within ourselves and do unto others as we would have them do unto us and do a good deed every day for our family and community. Read the Bible and Holy Quran in their entirety.
  - ✓ We must build national media outlets that project positive images and messages to overcome the negative portrayal of our people through the music and other media outlets.
1. Finally, on my birthday, September 27, 2022, members of the UAPO went atop Cahokia Mounds, a world heritage site to pray for divine intervention to end oppression, death and mayhem in our community as exemplified by the overwhelming poverty, homelessness, mass incarceration, violent crime, substance abuse and institutionalized racism.
  2. For us to become the mighty race we were in our history as exemplified by Black Wall Street and the formal kingdoms of Mali, Songhay, and Egypt.
  3. To work towards an United States of Africa that is militarily and technologically equal or superior to the Western World.





# Let The People Be Heard

## In Your Opinion, What Is the Number One Problem Facing Black People Today?



**Shauntell Mason** | 45  
Human Resource Consultant

The number one issue facing Black America is poverty. It's hard to build on brokenness. This brokenness is deeply embedded within our families, education, communities and every aspect of health, including mental health. A stable foundation is very important on which we build the structure. The effects of poverty flows into our education by crowded classrooms, lack of up-to-date technology, teacher burnout, and under/ unqualified teachers.

In our communities, economic consequences result in segregation, homelessness, subpar housing, inadequate childcare, and unsafe neighborhoods. This manifestation happens due to limited basic services, social discrimination and exclusions. And let's not forget lack of participation in the decision making. Poverty and unstable family structure are the challenges that are very serious disadvantage for the family and children involved.

### Here's the Real Truth:

**POVERTY by Race:** Blacks 19.5%, Whites 8.1%, Asian 9.3%, Hispanic 17.1%

**POVERTY by Families:** Single mother 23%, Single Father 12.1%, Married Couples 4.8%

Poverty is not an individual field, but American poverty instead is a structural problem resulting from failing political, economic, cultural and social systems.

Source| [www.federalsafetynet.com/poverty](http://www.federalsafetynet.com/poverty)



**Gwen Gogshell** | 65  
Retired Postal Service Worker

I believe that racism is the biggest problem that people of African descent is facing in this country today. Blacks have been discriminated against in federal housing policies that exclude Black people from purchasing homes with no opportunity to accumulate wealth to pass down to the Next Generation.

"The New Deal in 1938 improved working conditions for white people but excluded jobs that Blacks worked.

We still are fighting for equity and a quality education for our Black children. So, what is the solution.

We can't expect our oppressor to save us. We have to do for ourselves.

Self empowerment is what we need. We have to continue to address these racist policies that lead to racial inequities or injustice. We have to continue to push back on this false narrative that continues to put Black people in a negative light. We have to remember that this country was built on the backs of Black people.

I'll leave you with this quote...

*"Americans have long trained to see the deficiencies of people rather than policy. It's a pretty easy mistake to make. People are in our faces... Policies are distant. We are particularly poor seeing the policies lurking behind the struggles of people."* Ibram X. Kendi



**Larry Freeman** | 48  
Entrepreneur/Freeman INC. St. Louis

The number one issue facing black people in America, in my opinion, is lack of community. We as a people need to come together and come up with solutions to demolish poverty, gang violence, health risks, and etc. I feel that once we all are on the same page, we will overcome ANYTHING.



**Farrakhan Shegog** | 31  
President/CEO Young Voices with Action  
[www.youngvoiceswithaction.org](http://www.youngvoiceswithaction.org)

The biggest issues plaguing the Black community in my opinion is access to capital and poor governance. Development of our community requires funding and bold leadership. Funding to create jobs and income for families for them to support their needs are key to a thriving a prosperous community. While we recognize the importance of funding, it also requires responsible governance to safeguard and protect that progress and wealth. I am optimistic this day is coming and we will be able to fully sustain ourselves, families and communities. To God be the glory!



**Antwon Jones** | 47  
Warehouse Worker/Heavy Equipment Owner/  
Mobile power Wash on the Move

Homelessness is the major issue in the Black community. Let's take a look at some of the discriminatory issues on the books. When one fills out an application for housing, they are asked the question "Are you Black?" What is your religion? What is your sexual orientation? These are some of the questions they use to legally discriminate

against people of color. With questions like that on an application, homelessness is being perpetrated. So, until we get those discriminatory laws off the books, we all face the fear of being unhoused.



**Lyndon Pullium** | 57  
Cosmetology/Barber


The number one issue facing Black people in AmeriKKKa is complacency. When you are complacent, you allow other people to think for you. You allow the government to teach your kids. This is programming them to be what they want them to be. You allow the police to mistreat our beautiful Black brothers, sisters, sons and daughters without repercussions. You allow

people that throughout time have proven to us that they do not have our best interest at heart, to give us a god that hates us. (In a redacted book) This is what I believe is the number one issue facing Black people in AmeriKKKa.



**Eyasu Asfaw** | 52  
Transportation Commissioner City of St. Louis

The number one issue facing Black Americans is economic disenfranchisement. What this looks like is housing crisis, unemployment, poor education, rising homicide and suicide rates, also increasing drug addiction etc. The solution is to give emergency reparations to Black American descendants slaves.



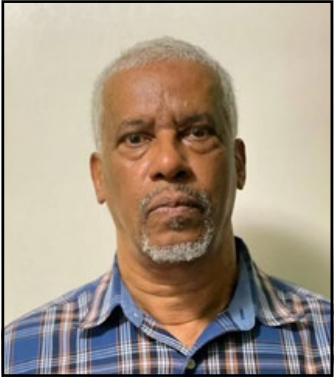
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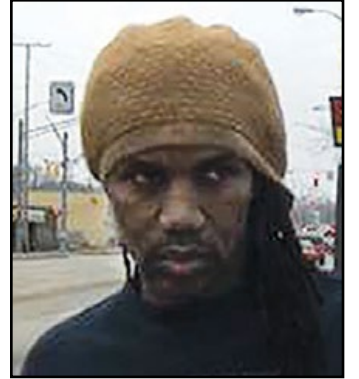
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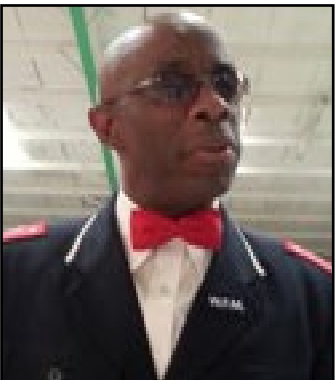
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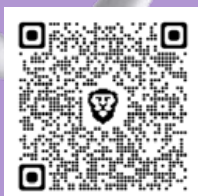
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# From Kingdoms to Kingdoms to Come

| Deacon J.B. Bond



I would like for us to take a look at our contributions to the world from the standpoint of Black men and women in America. While on the continent of Africa where it all began for us, we learned that it was Black African people who gave mathematics, science, and God consciousness to the world. We also learned that we circumnavigated the world in sea faring vessels long before there was a Mayflower. The Africans used these ventures to learn from the people they encountered and shared with them some of the African culture. That’s why many African artifacts can be found all over the world even before the Europeans began to circumnavigate the globe. We often read about the great dynasties of Africa, the many medical accomplishments, and successful surgeries well

before modern medicine and surgeries were even thought about. The great architectural designs such as the Sphinx and Obelisk found in Egypt are still tourist attractions today. So, we have done great things and will do greater things when we come out of the mindset of deficit. This defeated mentality was put upon us when we were being kidnapped starting around 1555. They continued to treat us as second-class citizens arguably until 1965. This period of time exceeds 400 years, so it’s going to take some time to get back to where we were. The greatest organizer of Black people of all time, Marcus Mosiah Garvey, once stated, “What Africans have done, Africans can do.” We have certainly contributed mightily to the world as Black men and women. For a people to have endured an amnesiac state of mind for over 400 years (meaning loss of memory) and still be able to contribute all that we have to the world post the over 400 year terrorism by the USA is absolutely remarkable. I would like to name a few contributors from Black America’s best and brightest. Benjamin Banneker: astronomer, May Jameson: astronaut, Sojourner Truth: Freedom fighter, El Haj Malik El Shabazz: Freedom fighter, Marcus Garvey: Black Nationalist, Amari Sneferu: Pan Africanist, Rosa Parks: Civil Rights Activist and Carla “Coffee” Wright: Civil Rights Activist. The list goes on and on. Then and now we keep our eyes on the prize because we are kingdom builders in spite of that over 400-year trauma we came through. As we continue to gain memory from our ancestors, we know that our strength is in our unity. Since we come from a Socialist society, we must build

institutions of learning that we control that can give us all the knowledge we need to know about who we are from the Nile River in Africa to the Mississippi River in the USA. From these institutions will come a renewed mindset (way of thinking). Our young men and women will learn to respect each other and begin to build neighborhoods where young and old can walk streets in the cool of the evening without fear of one another. This is a kingdom to come, of which all the stores, banks, schools, and police departments are owned by Black people of a renewed mind. Sounds familiar? Try Tulsa Oklahoma, Black Wall Street. Yes, that kingdom was burned and bombed to the ground by the enemy because they were envious of what kingdom builders can do when they listen to the God of their ancestors who put His Word in them. (Ezekiel 37:12-14 “Can these dry bones live? “) Therefore, if we forget our past, we will be doomed to repeat it. So, this time we set securities over our kingdoms, because we know the nature of our enemies. Tyler Perry’s Studios came from Mr. Perry believing in his people to buy and embrace his product. Roland Martin’s Black Star Network is hugely funded by everyday Black people who want to hear the news from their perspective. Also, there is Professor Karen Hunter and Dr. Greg Carr founders of Knarrative and Knubia, a social media outlet that does not suffer fools. So, as we gain memory and move forward, let’s stay vigilant and remain true to what our institutions have taught us. This way our children’s children will bask in and defend those kingdoms to come because what Africans have done Africans can do.

## Grammys Once Again Set to Award Artist That Use The Derogatory Term – Ni\*\*er(A)

| Kwabena Rasuli

### NBA & Southwest Airlines All Appear to Be O.K. with use of Ni\*\*er(a)

The 65th annual Grammy Award set to take place on February 5, 2023, is once again primed to demean, degrade, dehumanize, and even call for the shooting and killing of Afrikan People in the songs and artists that they have nominated for esteemed awards this year. The majority of artist nominated in the Hip-hop/Rap genre use the offensive, dehumanizing and dangerous racial epithet Ni\*\*er(a) in their songs.

Over 100 years ago when HW Griffin’s motion picture “Birth of A Nation” was released, then embarking on a minstrel road show throughout the U.S., the Afrikan masses were terrorized by the spike in support and increased membership of Klu Klux Klan. This increase in support and new recruits for the terrorist group was encouraged by the messages and immoral behavior depicted of our People in the film. We can imagine that our ancestors are spinning in their graves as they look out a hundred years later viewing the immoral and despicable manner of which their great-great grandchildren are being depicted by this evil and dangerous music industry. With notoriety & fiat currency, the music industry is directing confused Afrikans to behave as mod-

ern-day minstrels without blackface paint, calling ourselves and each other ni\*\*er, debasing our womenfolk and encouraging fratricide amongst the masses of our People in large and small cities throughout modern-day babylon.

In previous years, the National Congress of Black Women, Hood Research of Detroit and the Committee to Eliminate Media Offensive to Afrikan People (CEMOTAP) all wrote letters to Recording Academy Chief Executive Harvey Mason Jr. expressing concern due to the nomination of several songs that promote decadent and immoral behavior from artist like Da Baby.

In a Blackstarnew.com article penned in 2021 by CEMOTAP’s Dr. James McIntosh he asked:

Can you imagine a triple-Grammy nominated record this year—or any year—containing the following lyrics, seemingly encouraging the shooting of Jews—spelling it Joos?

*“Cause the codeine had a young joo a swervin’ I got the mop, watch me wash ‘em like detergent And I’m ballin’, that’s why it’s diamonds on my jersey Slide on opps’ side and flip the block back, yeah, yeah Myjuniorpoppedhimandlefthimlopsided,yeah,yeah...”*

It would never happen. The same lyrics, however, with the word “N\*\*ers” or “Ni\*\*ahs” inserted, are considered perfectly acceptable. The record, Rockstar, by DaBaby featuring Roddy Ricch has



been nominated for three Grammy awards for 2021. Obviously the Recording Academy ignored these letters.

DaBaby is an interesting case. In the summer of 2021 at the annual violent and pornographic Hip-hop minstrel fest known as Rolling Loud in Miami, Florida, DaBaby was recorded live between songs commenting on lewd behavior of homosexuals in the concert venue parking area and said something ignorant about HIV/Aids! During this same set at the minstrel fest, DaBaby had been rapping lyrics about running up on ni\*\*er(a)s squeezing and paying people 20K to kill their own ‘potnas, and bragging about his daughter witnessing him kill ni\*\*er(a)s. This set

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# A Panoramic View of the Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) and It's President/General Zaki Baruti Recent Ongoing Prayers, Work and Involvement In the Upliftment of Our People!!!

## Tuesday, September 27, 2022 | Collinsville, IL *Cahokia Mounds Call for Divine Intervention*



An entourage of UAPO members and supporters went atop Cahokia Mounds, a world heritage site on President/General Zaki Baruti's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday to offer prayers to the Creator for Divine Intervention on behalf of our people to end the oppression, death, destruction and mayhem rampant in our communities. The UAPO also prayed that we become the mighty race we once were in our glorious past history and there becomes a United States of Africa that is militarily and technological equal or superior to the Western World!!!

For the Historic and Spiritual Record, the following are names of UAPO Members/Supporters who went atop Cahokia Mounds and offered prayers for Divine Intervention: Amari Sneferu who also gave Libations, Safiyah Chauvin, Queen Ziah, GG Owens, Coffee Wright, Robert Wise, Ron Gregory, Lee Smith, Phebe Smith, Linda Hunt, Rachel Jackson, Stacy Evans, Scott Shelton, Bobby Norfolk, Kem Lambert, Tracy Reese, Marble Davis, Robin Norman, Michelle Scott, Evelyn Greene, Kannah Johnson, April Rogers, Quin Walker El, Eurma "Jeanne" Perry and Tammy Betts.

## Thursday, October 6, 2022 | Jackson, MS *Water Donation*

The Universal African Peoples Organization proudly by the Grace of the Creator, was able to organize a number of St. Louis community organizations, churches and individuals to purchase and donate with Love and in the Spirit of the former Mayor of Jackson, Mississippi and National Activist, Chokwe Lumumba 1,000 cases of water (equivalent to 24,000 16.9oz bottles) to Jackson, Mississippi residents.

On August 30th torrential downpour caused pumps at Jackson water treatment facility to fail leaving most residents without clean water. Since Jackson had been neglected by the state government, it was a clear example of extreme environmental racism toward the predominate Black city.

Accordingly the UAPO committed itself to help our people in need.

Therefore, a mighty special thanks to the following organizations and individuals who financially supported this worthwhile human-

itarian effort: Pastor Spencer Booker/ St. Paul AME Church, Jamala Rogers/ Organization For Black Struggle, Shedrick Kelly/ Youth Council For Positive Development, Dr. Mesfin Mitike, Thomas Lee/ Clayton Cleaners, Greg Kolase/

Finally, the Jackson, MS community is still in the grips of an ongoing water crisis and welcome support from our people across the country. Accordingly, the UAPO will work to duplicate our above model per other progressive organizations.

We plan to make another significant water donation during the week of Kwanzaa on December 30th. Accordingly, we thank the following who have committed to make a substantial financial donation to support our second effort in helping the residents of Mississippi: Erma Nevels/ retired educator and UAPO supporter, GG Owens/ UAPO Kansas City, MO organizer, Shafeeqa Small/ Kansas City, MO Chapter of the National Black United Front, Minister Ralph Muhammad/ East St. Louis, IL Mosque 28, Phil Portlock/UAPO Washington DC member, Bishop Eric Morrison/Kingdom Word Church and St. Louis Green Party.

A special thanks to media specialist Ms. Lady Yolan Hart for her great assistance in our project.



**Pictured Left to Right:** [sitting] Queen Ziah, Safiyah Chauvin, Jamala Rogers, Sis. Kalabayi [standing] Larry Freeman, Shedrick Kelly, Dr. Mesfin Mitike, Farrakhan Shegog

Sankofa Construction, Bill Monroe/Harriet Tubman Prep School, Farrakhan Shegog/Young Voices With Action, Omali Yeshitela/African Peoples Socialist Party, EM Harris Construction and Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Tillie's Corner.



Monday, October 10, 2022 | Liberty, MO  
*Social Justice Press Conference*

On this date, the Universal African Peoples Organization held a press conference in Liberty, Missouri in front of the Clay County Detention Center to bring public attention to Black detainees being attacked by Neo Nazis and Skinheads and no actions being taken by the Correctional officials. This inhumane situation was brought to our attention by one of our supporters, Johnathan Smith who is currently detained there and has been consistently harassed. In attendance to the conference included the family of another detainee Darnell Singleton, who went on a hunger strike to protest the deplorable treatment of Black detainees at this facility. A huge thank you to UAPO members and supporters, Johnson Lancaster and Quinn Walker who traveled with me to this racist community in our call for justice.



Saturday, October 15, 2022 | Galveston, TX  
*Forum/Independent Black Politics*



**Pictured Left to Right:** Zaki Baruti President/General of the UAPO, Dr. Cassie Sadie Turnipseed, Professor Jackson State University, Connie Johnson, former 2022 candidate for Governor of Oklahoma, Attorney Pamela Muhammad, Houston, TX, Prince Najee Muhammad, Prime Minister of the New Black Panther Party and Minister Haleem Muhammad, Southwest Regional Minister of the Nation of Islam.

The Local Organizing Committee of Greenville, Mississippi held a powerful forum in Galveston, TX focusing on the need for an Independent Black Political Party. In attendance were a number of outspoken grassroots leaders who made dynamic and passionate presentations addressing this ever so important issue. The program opened with a heartfelt welcome from Tarsha Parker, the Co-chair of the Greenville LOC. The master MC was Kareem Muhammad who brought together the distinguished panel.

The panelists included Prince Nagee Muhammad, Prime Minister of the New

Black Panther Party, Dr. Cassie Sadie Turnipseed, a Professor at Jackson State University, Zaki Baruti, President/General of the UAPO, Connie Johnson, a former 2020 candidate for Governor of Oklahoma, Attorney Pamela Muhammad of Houston, TX, and Minister Abdul Haleem Muhammad, the Southwest Regional Minister of the Nation of Islam.

The Greenville LOC outlined their demands to the audience and they included the following points (1) a separate state or territory for Black people (2) reparations and Restoration for Black people (3) equal justice for all regardless of class, creed or color (4) immediate

stoppage of police killings and terrorist attacks against Black and Latino communities and (5) the immediate restructuring of the criminal justice system.

Finally, as an extension of the conference, the Greenville LOC made a commitment to organize in 2023 a Freedom Summer Project in Mississippi with the purpose being to create a strong Black Independent Party to be known as the “Justice or Else Party.” The goal of the party will be to have an agenda that speaks to the real needs of the citizens of Mississippi. A special thanks to UAPO treasurer Queen Ziah who also attended the forum.





**Pictured Left to Right:** Safiyah Chauvin, Joan Gregory, JoAnn Reese, Alva Muhammad, Uvee Hayes and Yvonne Bond

On October 23, 2022: THE UNIVERSAL AFRICIAN WOMEN’S UNION (UAWU) which is the Women’s Wing of (UAPO) held its annual Commemorative Celebration of the Million Woman March. This year was special because it marked the 25th Anniversary of the MWM. The focus was on Phenomenal Women who are Awesome Educators that have served and uplifted our communities for decades! The 2022 honorees included these six Phenomenal Queens: Yvonne Bond, Joan Gregory, Uvee Hayes, Alva Muhammad, JoAnn Reese and Pam Wood. Because of these Educators total commitment, their mentoring and role-modeling, as well as their positive leadership skills: their students in St Louis, Missouri and East St. Louis, Illinois have successfully achieved their educational pursuits/goals.

Two ceremonial traditions that were included during our MWM program are\* Posthumous Salutes to our Queen-Mothers who have recently transitioned. \*\*Memorial Tributes-Our 2022

MT’s are Sister Clara Muhammad and Mrs. Marva Collins, both Amazingly Awesome Educators. They left extremely relevant educational legacies that need to be practiced, promoted and passed on to future educators. These Salutes and Tributes are to show that we give honor and respect to our Righteous Ancestors-on whose shoulders we stand...

Additional program highlights featured The Majestic Master Drummer: Babas Kunama Mtendaji and Aakhen Anu. They started everything off with a dynamic Drum Call and a Libation by Baba Kunama. Mama Fatou, Founder/Director of the Fantastic “Spirit of Angela” they specialize in authentic West African Dance and Drum. Our fabulous African vendors were Mama Karla showing off her artful masks and everything nice. The other vendor was Baba Mufaro with his unique Jewelry Creation. The UAWU Queens responsible for making the program a success were: Zulu Aza, Clara Cheeks, Ziah Reddick, Tracy Reese and Coffee Wright. President/Gen-

eral Zaki Baruti gave the closing remarks. Our audience consisted of well-known/conscious people—many of them attended the MWM 25 years ago. However due to limited space, I was only able to list three icons that have been and continue to be actively involved in all things beneficial to us locally and nationally! They are Professor Abelia Parker-Castro, Professor Bernie Hayes and Dr. Ron Gregory-both of their wives were Phenomenal Honorees!!

Exceptional Special Gratitude to: 26th Ward Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Mr. Tim Eleby, owner of Pure Catering and Rev. Ron Lindsey, of the Union Avenue Christian Church (program site for 2022). Please note: the next annual Women’s Program (everyone is welcome) will take place in March (Women’s History Month), the exact place and time will be forthcoming.

Safiyah Chauvin,  
Vice President and Co-Founder UAPO  
Founder/Executive Director of UAWU

## Saturday, November 5-6, 2022

Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD

### Black People March On the White House and Conference and Reception



The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) is a member of the Black is Back Coalition. Each year this coalition, who’s chairperson is Omali Yeshitela of the African Peoples Socialist Party holds an

Annual Black People March on the White House and Conference. The theme for the march and conference was “Hands Off Uhuru and Hands Off Africa.” This theme was chosen because of the recent early

morning FBI raids on the home of Omali Yeshitela, their Uhuru Solidarity office in St. Louis, MO and their Uhuru House in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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# *A Salute to* **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** *and* **His Most Memorable Quotes**

The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) Salute the Life and the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and his wife Coretta Scott King. Dr King was a major organizer of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's. He was also the author of the following 5 books:

- *Stride Towards Freedom: The Montgomery Story* (1958)
- *The Measure of a Man* (1959)
- *Strength to Love* (1963)
- *Why We Can't Wait* (1964)
- *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community* (1964)

**Below are 13 *Powerful* King Quotes:**

***“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands in times of challenges and controversy” (1963)***

***“The time is always right to do what is right” (1955)***

***“Injustice everywhere is a threat to justice everywhere” (1963)***

***“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter” (1965)***

***“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence produces character ... that is the true goal of education.” (1947)***

***“Oppressed people cannot remain oppressed forever. The yearning for freedom eventually manifests itself.” (1963)***

***“The evils of capitalism are as real as the evils of militarism and racism” (1967)***

***“The time has come for an all-out war against poverty. The rich nations must use their vast resources of wealth to develop the underdeveloped, school the unschooled and feed the unfed. Ultimately a great nation is a compassionate nation.” (1964)***

***“In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends.” (1962)***

***“We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality” (1964)***

***“Justice for Black people will not flow into this society merely from court decisions nor from fountains of political oratory. White America must recognize that justice for Black people cannot be achieved without radical changes in the structure of our society.” (1969) (An essay published after his death.)***

***“The greatest purveyor of violence in the world today is my own government.” (1967)***

***“And one day we must ask the question, “Why are there forty million poor people in America?” and when you begin to ask that question, you are raising questions about the economic system, about a broader distribution of wealth. When you ask that question, you begin to question the capitalist economy. And I’m simply saying more and more, we’ve got to begin to ask questions about the whole society.” (1967)***





One of the many march banners at the White House

There were hundreds of supporters that gathered for a rally prior to the March at 11:00am in Malcolm X Park, Washington DC to hear inspirational remarks from a variety of the Black is Back coalition membership and also there were different cultural performances. After the rally, we marched through the streets of downtown Washington D.C. to the White House. Gathered in front of the White House, there was another rally with the members of the Coalition con-



UAPO Members: Zaki Baruti, Queen Ziah and Deloris McFarlin at Rally Lafayette in front of the White House [Washington, DC]

demning the brazen attacks on the Uhuru movement and the United States government continuing efforts to destabilize and control Africa for its abundant resources. At this rally President/General Zaki Baruti gave his powerful remarks. The following day the conference was held and again Coalition members gave significant presentations focusing on the evils of racism, colonialism, capitalism, and imperialism.



Baltimore, MD Supporters

After the conference, UAPO members Queen Ziah, Deloris McFarlin and Zaki Baruti attended a reception of progressive leadership in Baltimore, Maryland held on our behalf and organized by Baltimore UAPO member Bill Goodin. This gathering included the former mayor of Baltimore, Catherine Pugh, activist Louise Johnson, a well known union organizer, Lena Redman and Baltimore UAPO member Aaron Turner.



Forefront: Gwen Cogshell with Zaki Baruti in background talking to Walbridge Elementary Students

The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) led by our outreach coordinator, Gwen Cogshell donated gloves, skull caps, boys and girls' underwear and t-shirts to the Walbridge Ele-

Monday, November 28, 2022 | St. Louis, MO

UAPO Donates Gloves, Socks, Skull Caps to Walbridge Elementary School Students



Walbridge Elementary Students and Principal Mildred Moore

mentary school students in preparation for the harsh St. Louis winter. The UAPO adopted this school five years ago and each year, we donate school supplies and needed clothing items to the students. A



Some of the many gift bags and clothing items for students

special thanks to Gwen Cogshell, Brady Reed, Queen Ziah, Coffee Wright, Althea Johnson, Aliath Mitchell, Michelle Scott, and JB Bond for their kind donations to this year's worthwhile project.



The St Louis Progressive Community with Kevin Johnson (Kneeling/left)

On November 29th the State of Missouri executed 37 year old Kevin Johnson even though there was clear evidence in the racial bias of the former St. Louis County Prosecutor Bob McCulloch, who during the July 5 2005 trial of Kevin

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

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Kevin Johnson Execution and Repast

advocated for the death penalty. Kevin who was 19 at the time was accused of shooting and killing Kirkwood MO police officer William McEntee. The shooting was the result of Kevin being extremely upset that his 12-year-old brother's death was the result of Kirkwood police officers raid on his home earlier that morning. The racial bias of the prosecutor was evident, because during his twenty-eight years in office, McCulloch tried five cases dealing with the killings of police officers. Four of the defendants were Black and they each were sentenced to death and the one white defendant received life. Although Kevin eventually took responsibility for the killing, during his years of incarceration he

transformed himself into a positive role model for fellow inmates, family and community. His family, attorney's and the progressive community led by Missourians for Alternative to the Death penalty pushed for clemency. However, their appeal fell on the deaf ears of Missouri Governor Mike Parsons. The celebration of his life was packed with friends and love ones. The repast was powerful with many in attendance committing themselves to become involved in the movement to address the social ills of this society. Finally, the UAPO through its internet TV Program "Conversation with Zaki Baruti" featured ML Smith who is a major organizer for Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and Kevin's spiritual advisor, Rev. Darryl Gray.



# Grammys...

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also featured Tory (bad bob) Lanez, the accused feet shooter of Megan [we refuse to refer to her as a stallion (male horse)] Pete Lanez allegedly had Megan Pete “bleeding on the block.” “Bleeding the Block” typically means that one has done a drive-by, spraying or spinning the block with bullets of which some have hit people thus resulting in blood being spilled out on the street. Ironically the lyric “Bleeding the Block” is included in another recent Grammy awarded song from Megan Pete and Beyoncé “Savage”! Black women calling themselves Savages in song and it receives rewards from the damned Grammy’s!

Today, DaBaby is basically cancelled due to those statement that were recorded at the Rolling Loud Minstrel fest as he is rarely heard on any radio station and struggles to hold concerts after getting caught disrespecting the LBQGT community. His lyrics about taking the lives of ni\*\*er(a)s were o.k. though and did not warrant sanction.

This year’s Grammys set to air in February (Black History Month) of 2023 appears to be continuing their assault on the Afrikan Masses in the United States as they sink lower into violent debauchery with the nomination of F\*\*k Ni\*\*er(a) Free from GloRilla:

Here are some of the lyrics to FNF:



*“Bi\*ch I’m f\*\*k ni\*\*a free, broke ni\*\*a free – ni\*\*er play with your d\*\*k not me. On gang We hopping out in red lights, twerking on them headlights, ...Bragging on the that ni\*\*er top (head/oral sex), you better hold his head tight. Using my name for clickbait, eat my a\*\* and my cl\*t, ...”*

What does this nomination say to our daughters? Is Harvey Mason Jr. and his team at the Grammys even reading lyrics? Where is our outrage?

Included also in the songs nominated for a Grammy this year is “Pushing P!” Two of the three artist on this song were indicted early in 2022 on RICO Charges, (Yung Slug(thug) and Gunna (recently released). The other artist on this Grammy recognized song is (no) Future.

Future starts off his rap: “Copped new hammers for my Piece, WE DON’T WANT NO

PEACE...” Keep in mind that this song came out early in 2022 not long after the homicide numbers in the U.S. in 2021 was reported to be over 20,000 (a U.S. record) with nearly 60% of the victims being Afrikans born in the U.S. Around 13% of the population being nearly 60% of the homicide victims and not only did they even make a song with lyrics bragging about not wanting peace, but Saturday Night Live features the song on their show and now the Grammys have nominate it for an award. Gunna & Future - pushin P [SNL Live Performance] - YouTube

The pervasiveness of the practice of promoting violent and offensive mainstream Hip-Hop/Rap music by this evil entertainment industry continues to be a dangerous influence on our children and youth. From Major sports leagues like the NFL and NBA to major corporations like Southwest Airlines, Afrikan People are the only People en masse constantly demeaned and dehumanized.

During a recent Southwest Flight we decided to take advantage of the free in-flight entertainment available on their wifi. The free selections included movies, several national television stations and a variety of music. One of the music genre choices is Rap/Hip-Hop. The choices of artist included Drake, Niki Minaj, Future, Kodak Black, Beyonce, Rihanna & 21 Savage. The word ni\*\*er is heard constantly unedited during these Southwest Airlines flights, along with lyrics about spinning (shooting up blocks), pornography and drug usage.

We are demanding that Southwest Airlines immediately remove all songs from the Hip-Hop/Rap genre with lyrics that are offensive and dangerous, including songs that use ni\*\*er(a), promote drug usage and peddling and call for the shooting and killing of people.

In addition, we find it very contradictory for the National Basketball Association early in the season to condemn Kyrie Irving for sharing a video documentary with content that some deem offensive, dangerous and antisemitic, yet they currently allow players to drop n-bombs during the games and telecast with no sanction. They even promote and highlight artist and their songs that use ni\*\*er(a), disrespect our sistas and call for the shooting and killing of Black People at their games and events.

Kyrie was suspended for what turned out the be at least seven (7) games and made to adhere to six (6) criteria in order to get back on the NBA basketball court.

The following are five (5) criteria necessary for the NBA to immediately end the dangerous, offensive and hateful content that they currently promote and highlight:

1. Immediately ban all songs and artist from participating in official NBA events who record and perform songs with lyrics that call people ni\*\*er(a)s and call for the shooting and killing of Black People.

2. Apologize immediately for allowing the above practice to persist at NBA games, arenas, events and broadcast for well over a decade.
3. All Owners, Administrators, Coaches and Staff must meet with Afrikan-Centered Scholars - the likes of Dr. Carr, Horne, Professors’ Amen Rahh, Smalls, Marimba Ani, etc. to undergo sensitivity training, plus attend sessions with the likes of Carl Mack and others who specialize in the history & dangers calling oneself a Ni\*\*er(a).
4. Donations of \$2.5 Million from each team to organizations that promote anti-hate and peace initiatives in communities that are currently struggling with the fratricidal violence that has been on-going in cities throughout the U.S.
5. Administer Technical Fouls to any player who says ni\*\*er(a) in games immediately. Beginning January 1, 2023 anyone using the word will be hit with a double technical and ejected/disqualified from the contest. (semi-grace period allowed for de-programming)

We are calling for elected officials and community leaders to condemn the mainstream degradation of Afrikan People by the U.S. entertainment industry in general and condemn these types of lyrics, applying pressure to the Recording Academy to refrain from rewarding artist who record n-word laced, misogynistic “death music” in particular. We also encourage people to call or write the Grammys to protest these practices!

Grammys (Recording Academy)  
3030 Olympic Boulevard  
Santa Monica, CA 90404  
(310) 392-3777



Clear The Airwaves Project is a movement dedicated to removing from commercial radio stations, music with lyrics that demean, degrade and call for the shooting and killing of Afrikan People.

www.cleartheairwavesproject.org  
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Monday, December 12, 2022

St. Louis, MO

*(Free) LaMarr Johnson  
Evidentiary Case/Trial*

The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) along with other progressive organizations and faith leaders stood in support of the organizers of the Free LaMarr Johnson campaign press conference held in front of the Carnahan Courthouse. LaMarr Johnson was convicted and sentenced to life for a murder he has steadfastly maintained his innocence. Throughout the week there was an evidentiary

hearing held in Judge David Mason courtroom to determine whether or not there was enough evidence to vacate his sentence and allow him to be a free man after serving 28 years in prison. His case was brought forth through the office of the fiery and progressive Black Circuit Attorney, Kim Gardner. Her office had discovered evidence that the white Circuit Attorney at that time had concealed evidence from LaMarr Johnson

defense team in his original trial held in 1996.

This movement to free LaMarr Johnson has been led by Ms. ML Smith. The decision by the Black judge will be made in several weeks. A special thanks to UAPO members and supporters who attended the trial. Those members included Safiyah Chauvin, Rostand Darbouze, Shauntell Mason, Josh Beeks and Willie Boyd.

Saturday, December 10, 2022 | St. Louis, MO  
*100 Black Men Gala and Awards Program*



Zaki Baruti with the 100 Black Men Lifetime Achievement Award



Zaki Baruti with Family

The 100 Black Men of St. Louis held their annual gala ball at the St. Louis Downtown Marriot Hotel and during the festive affair with hundreds in attendance, President General Zaki Baruti was recognized for his work in the commu-

nity and was presented with a Lifetime Award for Activism. The purpose of the affair was to generate funds for scholarships for our youth and to that end the President of their organization, Daruis Chapman was very pleased with the fact

that over \$20,000 was raised for this worthwhile cause. The gala featured cultural performances and great entertainment. Zaki was very gracious in accepting his award.

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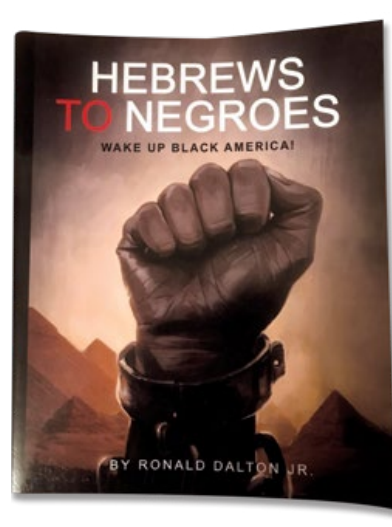
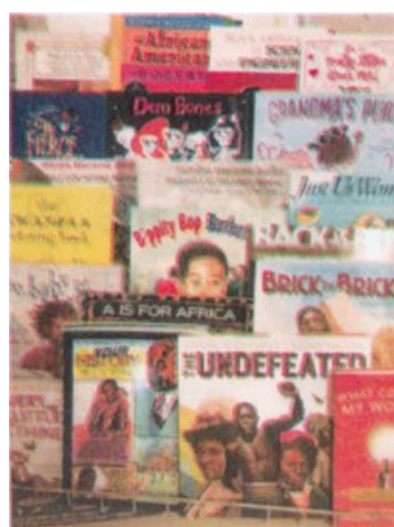
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**One GOD** - as opposed to being divided along religious beliefs and ideology; we believe that there is a creator that is greater than us and there will be a day of judgment. We also say that we must unite based on our commonality, which is (1) we 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 the 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 school boards 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.
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