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Pictured (L-R) Democratic Presidential Candidate Dr. Willie Wilson, Green Party Presidential Candidate Kinamo Curry with President/General Zaki Baruti - Universal African Peoples Organization (UAP)



# Black Presidential Candidates Highlight National Black Political Leadership Conference

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MO State Representative and Candidate for MO Lt. Governor, Rev. Tommy Pierson (L) with Democratic Presidential Candidate Dr. Willie Wilson (R)

At the recently held National Black Political Leadership Conference, two Black Presidential candidates, Dr. Willie Wilson and Ms. Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza Curry were the featured luncheon speakers at this gathering of national, state and local political, spiritual and community leaders from across the country. This historic conference was convened by the Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) headed by long time human rights activists and founders, Zaki Baruti and Safiyah Chauvin. This two day event was held Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st at Greater St. Mark Family Church, Ferguson, MO.

The speakers and presenters of the various workshops held at the conference included Congressman William Lacy Clay Jr.; Malik Zulu Shabazz, President - Black Lawyers for Justice, Washington DC; Omali Yeshiteli, Chairman- African Peoples Socialist Party, St. Petersburg, FL; Donnie Bradford, One Million Conscious Black Voters and Contributors, Jackson, TN; Nana Remel Moore, Coming Together Stark County, Canton, OH; Naimah Latif, popular radio talk host and author, Chicago, IL; Bill Goodin, community activist, Baltimore, MD; Martin Casey, Fuller Products Executive, Chicago, IL; Monique Sigh Bey, talk show host, Kansas City, KS; Lionel Nixon, media specialist, Chicago, IL; Cherry Montgomery, Friends of the African Union, Chicago IL; Missouri State Senator Jamilah Nasheed; Rev. Tommie Pierson, MO State Representative and candidate for Lt. Governor of Missouri; MO State Representatives Kim Gardner and Rochelle Gray, Mayor Patrick Green, Normandy, MO; Mayor Yolanda Fountain-Henderson, Jennings, MO; Wesley Bell, Ferguson, MO City Councilman; Minister Donald Muhammad, Mosque 28; Rev. Clyde Crumpton, Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church; Rev. Elston McCowan, Star Grace MB Church and Minister Lee Izac, African Hebrew Israelite community.

Other local St. Louis community leaders who conducted workshops included Michael McPhearson, Veterans for Peace - Don't Shoot Coalition; Marlon Lee, Urban League; Jesse Todd, 18th Ward Committeeman; Tory Russell, Don't Shoot Coalition; Mike Hassell, Chosen for Change; Anthony Bell, 3rd Ward Committeeman; Adolphus Pruitt, NAACP St Louis Chapter; Yaphett El Amin, Director - MOKAN; Regina Dennis Nana, Development Anthropologist; James Steward, New African Paradigm Study Group; Benita Tops, Real Estate Investment Specialist;Eddie Hasan, Congress of Racial Equality; Stefan Bradley, Director of African Studies - St. Louis University; Reynaldo Anderson, Professor

- Harris Stowe University; Angela McCall, Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment (MORE); and Attorneys Randall Cahill, McArthur Moten and Eric Vickers.

Multi-million dollar businessman, Dr. Willie Wilson, who hails form Chicago, IL was the keynote luncheon speaker on Friday. During his presentation, he outlined his vision and platform for this country, as well as how the major Democratic Party operatives have systematically prevented him from being part of their debates and forums. Many of the delegates were shocked by his revelations and pledged to make his candidacy known throughout the communities of America and to challenge the Democratic Party for their exclusionary policy toward the Black presidential candidate. Attending the work-shops were members of the general public.

On Saturday, Ms. Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza-Curry, a Los Angeles, CA resident who is seeking the Green Party Presidential nomination engaged the lunch time audience by seeking their input as to what they saw as the most important social issues that should be addressed by the 2016 Presidential candidates. She also served on several of the powerful workshops held at the conference.



Green Party Presidential Candidate Kinamo Curry with Delegate Angela McCall

The purpose of the conference was to address the concept of "Proportionate Political Representation." This concept simply means that whatever percentage of the population of this country that we are as a people on the National, State and local levels of government, then we should have that percentage of political representation/power. However, it was pointed out that today, 2015 this is not the case. Black people are 13% of the US population, yet we are only 2-3% of the estimated 511,000 publicly elected of-ficeholders and there are no Black Gov-ernors out of a total of 50 and only

two Black US Senators out of a total 100.

In response to these startling figures, the conference delegates agreed with the UAPO strategy of seeking Black men and women willing to become candidates in the upcoming 2016 national elections for the 34 US Senate seats and 11 Governors positions that will be up for election. Quoting Zaki Baruti "The most progressive political movement of the 21st Century is "Proportionate Political Representation." Also, the conference endorsed the proposal of Malik Zulu Shabazz for a National Blackout (only spend money with Black owned busi-nesses starting with the upcoming Black Thursday holiday season and up until the new year. The conference attendees vowed to create a movement to support a national chain of Black owned products.

Finally, all of the delegates left the conference energized and committed to support a call for a National Black Political Convention for the last weekend in March, 2016. There will be a series of organizing public meetings prior to the convention. A special thanks to the UAPO central committee members Queen Ziah, Amari Sneferu, Gwen Cogshell, Robin Norman, Rev Elston McCowan, Safiyah Chauvin and all of the supportive UAPO general membership.

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Attorney McArthur Moten



State Senator Jamilah Nasheed



MOKAN Director Yaphett El Amin (standing)  
L-R: Anthony Bell, Lee Izac and Adolphus Pruitt





# THE TASK AHEAD

## THE MOST PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL MOVEMENT of the 21st Century Building The National Black Political Movement To Achieve “Proportionate Political Representation”

By Zaki Baruti - President/General Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO)

As stated on the front of our newspaper “the most progressive political movement of the 21st century is the “National Black Political Movement To Achieve Proportionate Political Representation.” This concept simply means that whatever is the percentage of our people on the National, State and local levels of government, then we should have that percentage of political representation/power as a base line minimum.

However, as many of you know, sadly to say today, 2015: we are far removed from that vision of proportionate representation. When you examine the political statistics, we need to be skyrocketed into a whole new political reality in this country; especially in light of the fact that we pay our fair share of taxes.

It is criminal that we are 13% of the United States population, yet of the total estimated 511,000 publicly elected officials; we hold only 10,500 positions which is only 2% of the total. With proportionate Political Representation that number should be a minimum of 66,500 or 13%.

Today, out of 50 State governors, not one is Black, but with proportionate representation that number should be at least 6 or 7. In the powerful House of Senate, there are 100 Senators and only 2 are Black (2%); whereas we should have at least 13 or 13%. An example of our under representation on the local level of government was the community of Ferguson, MO which was the epicenter of rebellion against police violence and murder in 2014. Prior to the recent 2015 Ferguson city elections and at the time of Michael Brown Jr’s. murder by killer cop, Darren Wilson on August 9, 2014, Ferguson’s Black population was 64% Black. However, Ferguson’s city council was comprised of six members and only one was Black. Therefore, as a political, social and economic consequence of that political reality; Ferguson Police Department had 54 police officers and only three Blacks were on the force. In essence, Black residents of Ferguson were financing through their tax dollars their own oppression per the racist police force. Throughout America, there are thousands of communities reflective of the political dynamics of Ferguson. That’s why we must achieve “Proportional Political Representation.”

The above example of Ferguson’s political under representation speaks to the fact that with “Proportionate Political Representation,” the economics of our community would be greatly enhanced. Most political offices pay a salary, accordingly our employment would increase and political offices influence employment of other city, state and federal workers.

A classic example of this factor was the employment and composition of the

Ferguson Police Department as cited above. Finally, political power directly affects public policy and the expenditures of our tax dollars on issues such as housing, education, health, domestic policy, foreign aid, etc.

Given the above reality, it is the Universal African Peoples Organization’s intent to build a movement to achieve “Proportionate Political Representation” through a National Black Political Empowerment Movement. We are committed to enacting both a short and long range plan for this movement. Our short range plan is composed of four phases.

1. **Phase One** -- Hold a National Black Political Leadership Conference which occurred on October 30-31, 2015. Over 100 delegates from at least eight states were in attendance. Three goals were agreed upon. (a) Push forward on the concept of Proportionate Political Representation by seeking candidates to challenge for the upcoming 34 United States Senate offices and 11 Governor positions in the 2016 Federal and State Elections. (b) Support the National Black Out and also the Million Man March call for economic boycotts of holiday spending. (c) Stronger reinvestment in Black Businesses.
2. **Phase Two** -- Convening a National Black Political Convention - June 3-4 2016 in St. Louis, MO. At this convention our long range planning will be outlined and we will present our Black Federal and State Candidates. We will also host a Black Presidential Candidates Debate.
3. **Phase Three** -- Will comprise of Educating, Registering and Mobilizing our people to vote in the 2016 primary and general elections.
4. **Phase Four** -- After the 2016 November elections, reconvene the National Black Political Leadership Conference to evaluate our work. Date/Site TBA

Finally, as one more emphasis, it is our desire to have a team of capable and motivating candidates who will be challenging for the most important political offices of this country (the Presidency, US Senators and Governors) and they all are campaigning on the issues impacting our daily lives. Again, this action would be the “Most Progressive Political Movement of the 21st Century.”



## Spiritual Communities Role in Politics

By Deacon JB Bond | Koinonia Baptist Temple | jbbond@hotmail.com

As far back as biblical times and perhaps beyond, the spiritual community has always had an important role in politics. For example, the two spiritual men, Daniel and Mordecai had powerful roles in advising the kings of their time in spiritual matters, but they were met with persecution by the politicians. The wicked politicians in the Prophet Daniel’s day put forth a law to have him killed (6 chapter of Daniel, Holy Bible). The scheming politician Haman personally wanted to kill Mordecai, a devout Jew. So he persuaded King Ahasuerus with a lie that gave Haman the power to carry out this deadly deed(3 Chapter book of Esther Holy Bible). I would like to urge the reader if they are not familiar with these two stories to find them in the Holy Bible. Read the entire events as they unfold and I’m sure you will find them to be quite interesting because it seems the more things change, the more things stay the same.

When Pope Francis made his first visit to the United States, he paid a visit to Congress. He asked Congress to remember the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you

would have them do unto you.” However, many of our clergyman seem to steer away from becoming involved in politics while the politicians run unchecked and legislate laws which directly affect the lives of our poor and less fortunate. For example, the cost of a phone call from a person in the penal system can be three to four times the cost of a phone call placed outside of the prison in the very same town or county. Another example is traffic tickets. When a person is unable to pay the initial cost of the traffic ticket, the penalty fees can accrue so much until a warrant is issued against the violator and ultimately leads to a jail sentence thus giving the person a criminal record. We could go on and on about such similar laws, but the question is, “Why do the politicians sanction these unjust laws?” I would say they are disconnected from the people. This is why the spiritual community should always stand up, speak the truth to power and be the moral conscience of the politicians.

However, the spiritual community is more than just the Pope, Pastors, Imams, Preachers, etc. It also

consists of those who have a God consciousness (the Creator). They are the ones who put life and limb on the line for the cause of the people in spite of the reckless politicians. Therefore, it is incumbent for the spiritual community to keep the light on the politicians, so that the people of the land can see them clearly for who and what they stand for. The spiritual community must also keep a mirror in the face of the politician, so that they can see themselves from a perspective of the people.

Therefore, the spiritual community of which I am a part, must be aware of the political agenda of politicians and keep the pressure on them to do right by the people because we must be their moral compass. So let us of the spiritual community work closely with our legislators to make just laws, and consequently our Nation will always be exalted.



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# LET'S RISE POLITICALLY IN 2016 WITH A BOLD VISION AND POWERFUL MOVEMENT TO ACHIEVE

## “PROPORTIONATE POLITICAL REPRESENTATION”

This concept simply means that whatever percentage we as a people on the National, State and Local levels of this country, then we should have that percentage of political representation/power!!

Total Estimated Number of Publicly Elected  
Officials in the United States - **511,000**

Total Estimated Number of  
Black Elected Officials 10,500 or 2%

With Proportionate Political  
Representation That Number Should Be  
66,430 or 13%

Total Number of  
United States Governors - **50**

Number of Black United States  
Governors 0 or 0%

With Proportionate Political  
Representation  
That Number Should Be  
7 or 13%

Total Number of  
United States Senators - **100**

Number of Black United States  
Senators 2 or 2%

With Proportionate Political  
Representation  
That Number Should Be  
13 or 13%

As a key component of our National Black Political Empowerment Movement we are looking for a team of Black men and women willing to become candidates for the offices of the United States Senate and Governors in the upcoming 2016 elections. Listed below are the states with the 2016 elections coming up.



### States Holding Elections For United States Senator (34 States) – 2016 [ State / % of Black Population Per State ]

Louisiana	32.0%	Kentucky	7.7%
Georgia	31.4%	California	6.7%
Maryland	30.0%	Kansas	6.2%
South Carolina	28.5%	Wisconsin	6.1%
Alabama	26.4%	Colorado	4.3%
North Carolina	21.6%	Alaska	4.2%
Florida	15.9%	Arizona	4.1%
Arkansas	15.8%	Washington	3.7%
New York	15.2%	Hawaii	3.1%
Illinois	14.9%	Iowa	2.7%
Ohio	12.0%	Oregon	2.0%
Missouri	11.5%	Utah	1.3%
Pennsylvania	10.8%	New Hampshire	1.2%
Connecticut	10.3%	North Dakota	1.1%
Indiana	9.1%	South Dakota	1.0%
Nevada	8.1%	Idaho	1.0%
Oklahoma	8.0%	Vermont	0.9%

### States Holding Elections For Governors (11 States) - 2016 [ State / % of Black Population Per State ]

North Carolina	21.6%
Delaware	21.0%
Missouri	11.5%
Indiana	9.1%
Washington	3.7%
West Virginia	3.58%
Utah	1.3%
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# SCENES + STORY: DR. WILLIE WILSON VISITS ST. LOUIS

2016 Black Democratic Presidential Candidate  
Dr. Willie Wilson Campaigned in St. Louis

Multi-Millionaire businessman, Dr. Willie Wilson visited St. Louis, Missouri on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at the invitation of the Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO) headed by Zaki Baruti.



There were a series of activities that Dr. Wilson made appearances and he was well received. His first appearance was at Greater St. Mark Family Church pastored by Rev. Tommie Pierson. Dr. Wilson, a deacon at Christ Temple M. B. Church in Chicago, Illinois delivered the morning sermon, “Making the Right Choice When You Have a Choice”.



After church service, Dr. Wilson toured the Canfield Green Apartments in Ferguson, Missouri and paid homage to the memory of Michael Brown, Jr. as he laid a Red, Black, and Green wreath at the slain youth’s memorial site.

While there, he also held a press conference and detailed how an end to police violence would be a top priority of his campaign. He furthered called for an end to the mass incarceration of black youth and added that economic empowerment of our community is another priority of his campaign.



Leaving the Canfield Green apartments, his entourage went to have lunch at the renowned Sweetie Pies Upper Crust on Delmar Blvd. While there, he was met by many of his supporters and he shook the hands of the many patrons of the restaurant as he distributed campaign literature.



His final campaign stop was at Legacy Bookstore and Café, 5249 Delmar Blvd, where the UAPO held a well-attended public reception saluting his candidacy. The crowd was entertained by the Three Central Jazz Band. Dr. Wilson provided remarks about his platform and received a standing ovation.

**For more information about his campaign, visit  
[www.williewilson2016.com](http://www.williewilson2016.com)**



# Ex-Topekan Announces U.S. Senate Run As Part Of Effort To Increase Number Of Black Elected Officials

Reprinted from the Topeka Capital Journal By Jonathan Shorman

A former Topeka woman announced her candidacy for U.S. Senate on Tuesday as part of a nationwide effort to increase the number of black individuals in elected office.

Monique Singh-Bey, who now lives in Wyandotte County, will run for Senate as an independent as part of a push by the Universal African Peoples Organization, a national organization that promotes the concept of proportionate representation. The group wants the percentage of elected officials who are black to mirror the percentage of the overall population that is black.

In the Senate, proportional representation would mean about 13 senators out of 100 would be black. Currently, there are only two in that chamber.

“God has blessed me to be used as his vessel to become — to stand for our people,” Singh-Bey said.

Singh-Bey is a long-shot candidate, but her focus on the black community may resonate amid ongoing national attention on problems and issues facing African-Americans. Since the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., in 2014 at the hands of a police officer, the country has grappled with racial tension in a way not seen for years.

Those issues have included police interactions with African-Americans, as well as economic troubles. African-Americans are more likely to be in poverty and more likely to be in prison than whites.

“We’re calling for what we call community control of police departments. What does that mean? It means police departments are to reflect the ethnicities of the communities in which they work,” said Zaki Baruti, leader of the Universal African Peoples Organization.

At the announcement of Singh-Bey’s candidacy outside the federal courthouse in Topeka, Baruti also drew attention to “redlining.” In redlining, residents in certain areas of cities with large minority populations are denied services or charged higher prices.

Singh-Bey, who works as a valet and also has been a court advocate, invoked her family’s past in speaking about her candidacy. Her grandmother was one of the plaintiffs in the landmark *Brown v. Topeka Board of Education* lawsuit.

Tuesday marked the 60th anniversary of Rosa Parks’ refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala., a move that sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Baruti cited the occasion during the announcement, and said he

would be introducing candidates in additional states.

Republican Sen. Jerry Moran faces re-election in 2016. As of July, his campaign had more than \$2.3 million in cash on hand.

Speculation had swirled around whether Milton Wolf, a Leawood radiologist, would challenge Moran for the Republican nomination. Wolf unsuccessfully challenged Sen. Pat Roberts in 2014, mounting a tea party-style challenge.

But earlier this fall, Wolf filed paperwork to terminate his campaign committee. The move has been interpreted as a sign Wolf doesn’t plan to run.

“You don’t close one of those committees unless you’re done,” Chapman Rackaway, a political science professor at Fort Hays State University, said at the time.



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- Member of P.O.P.S. (People Organizing Peace Systems)
- Court Advocate-Wyandotte County Municipal Court
- Member of Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO)

## PLATFORM

- ★ Economic Parity & Justice For All, End Redlining & Enact A Marshall Plan For Urban Areas
- ★ Proportionate Political Representation For All Ethnic Groups
- ★ Community Control of Police Departments, End Racism Within Judicial System, Overhaul Penal Institutions
- ★ Full & Accessible Quality Health Care For All
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# Candidates For The United States Senate

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The UNIVERSAL AFRICAN PEOPLES ORGANIZATION (UAPO) proudly announces that as an extension of our National Black Political Conference held in St. Louis, October 30th & 31st 2015 – we have three individuals at this time willing to become candidates for the United States Senate and are in support of our platform. These candidates are from Kansas, Missouri and South Carolina.

## Cori Bush Announces U.S. Senate Campaign



On Friday, December 18, 2015 Cori Bush, a popular Ferguson, MO community activist announced her candidacy for the United States Senatorial office representing the State of Missouri in the upcoming November, 2016 national elections. She will campaign as an independent.

Her announcement was held in front of the Ferguson Police Department which became the epicenter of National Resistance and outrage against police violence and harassment.

She chose December 18th as her announcement date because of its historic significance. It was on this date that the 13th Amendment was enacted. The 13th Amendment outlawed slavery.

Cori also pledged to conduct her campaign in the spirit of the biblical character, Esther. She chose Esther, because in the biblical scriptures, it was Esther who saved her people from death and destruction.

Accordingly, Cori’s campaign will focus on the theme “Justice For All!”



# Cori Bush

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## WAITING IN THE WINGS

### MUHIYIDIN MOYE, MA



I am a 30 year old leader ready to step up to the plate for the people! I have always been interested in the intersection of individual will, community partnerships, and developing institutions ‘from the block up’. With that interest in mind my culminating master’s thesis was titled ‘community-based service learning’. I integrated the skill set of my school psychologist training with my passion for community organizing. I am a believer in the process of direct democracy, consensus, and the power of the people being the great equalizer in a sometimes unjust world.

I have already demonstrated the ability to build strategic coalitions and partnerships in the Lowcountry SC area. I have created a youth empowerment organization called ‘Building from the Block Up’. The mission is to build community-based coalitions via a series of co-created neighborhood events, all supported by private/public partnership. More relevant, I have Co-founded the Charleston Chapter of Black Lives Matter. This work has allowed me to become intimately familiar with the political nuances, layers, and the urgent need to amplify voices that can communicate policy with businesses, youth, and families in the area.

I am willing to seek the office of United States Senator (South Carolina) to ‘amplify the peoples voice’. In every aspect of our lives we are spontaneously and courageously meeting the daily challenges imposed upon us by an unjust social order. It is my sincere conviction that we have all the answers we need to create a just world. Yet, even in the face of sound logic our social institutions ignore our voices. We are done begging! It is now time for us to represent ourselves. Proportional representation is needed, and I am willing to do my part in getting the people of South Carolina’s voice heard in the United States Senate. Who is willing to join me?

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Workshop Facilitators - Remel Moore and Angela McCall



Mike Hassell - Chosen for Change Youth Activist



Workshop Facilitators - Professor Stephan Bradley and Dr. Reynaldo Anderson



# Leadership Conference October 30th & 31st 2015

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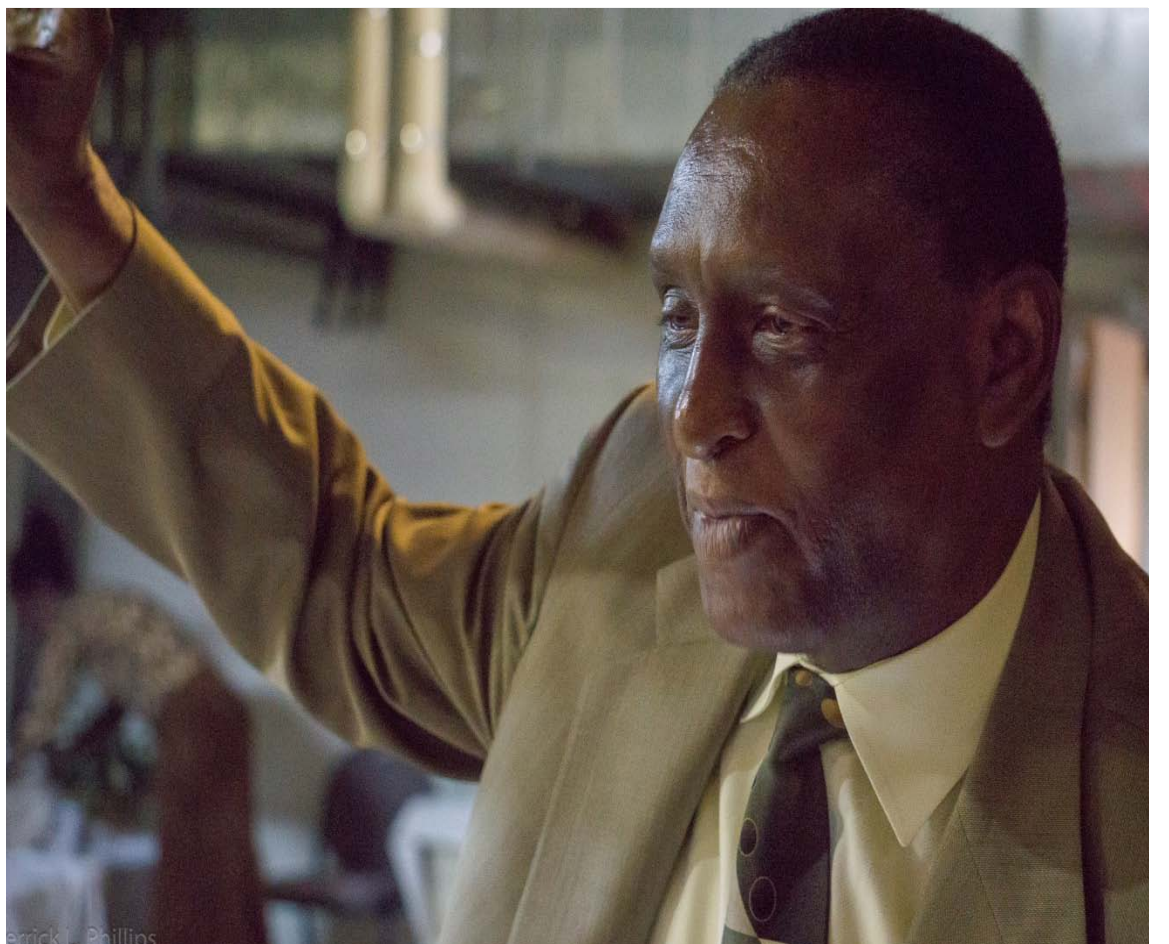
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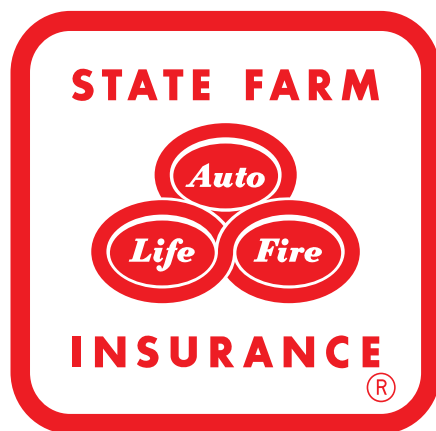
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# The Universal African Peoples Organization (UAPO)

## 2015 Year In Review

▪ **January 3-4, 2015 Ambassador - St. Louis County**

Supported and attended the Historic Black Grand Jury convened by the African People's Socialist Party. This Grand Jury composed of 12 jurors including UAPO members indicted Darren Wilson of murdering Michael Brown Jr. Zaki Baruti served as one the four member Prosecuting team.

▪ **Thursday, January 22, 2015 Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**

*Theme: “Am I My Brothers Keeper?”*  
*Confronting the Injustices of Homelessness*  
*Community Forum Centennial Christian Church*

Panelists:  
Rev. Larry Rice - Homeless Advocate, New Life Evangelistic Center  
Robin Norman-Secretary, Universal African Peoples Organization  
Halbet Sullivan-President & Founder Fathers Support Center, Oval Miller Sr.-CEO & Founder, Black Alcohol/Drugs Service Center  
William Bill Dotson-Clinical Psychologist/Minority Mental Health, President/Founder-Reasons 2 Achieve  
Gwendolyn Cogshell-Moderator-Community Outreach Coordinator Universal African Peoples Organization

▪ **Friday, January 23, 2015 Books for Ghana Project**

The Universal African Peoples Organization completed a year-long project to support the development of a library in the Ashanti region of Ghana by shipping over 10,000 books. This library project was undertaken as the result of UAPO member, Dr. Reynaldo Anderson's visit to Ghana in 2013. Dr. Anderson is a Professor at Harris-Stowe University.

▪ **Saturday, March 7, 2015 UAPO Delegation supported and attended the 50th Anniversary Selma March across the Pettis Bridge**

▪ **Saturday, March 21, 2015 One of the major organizers of National March on Clayton, MO (St. Louis County Seat)**

March was an extension of the Ferguson Rebellion calling for justice in the Michael Brown case.

▪ **Saturday, April 4, 2015 26th Annual Celebration of the founding of the Universal African Peoples Organization and Assassination of Dr. King**

*Theme: “Road to Victory”- Campaign Rally of Progressive*

Candidates: Lee Smith, 3rd Ward Ferguson City Council, Rev. Elston McCowan, 2nd Ward St. Louis City Alderman, Jonathan McFarland, 6th Ward St. Louis City and Kristine Hendrix, University City MO School Board Candidate. Ms. Hendrix was victorious in her election. The other candidates did extremely well.

▪ **Tuesday, May 19, 2015 In the Spirit of Malcolm X UAPO launched its “Black on Black Love Community Engagement Project (went into the heart of the community distributing CARE Packages)**

Location - Star Grace M.B. Church, 5517 Lillian Ave., St. Louis, MO

▪ **Saturday, June 16, 2015 Fundraising Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Malcolm X (El Hajj Malik El Shabazz)**

Location - Legacy Bookstore, 5249 Delmar Blvd. St. Louis, MO

▪ **Wednesday, July 1, 2015 UAPO organized a Rally for Justice on behalf of James Cheeks who died under suspicious circumstances involving a white female; and subsequent cover-up by Rockford, IL Police Department and Prosecuting Attorney's Office**

Press Conference 12pm.  
Location-Emerson House (Rally), 420 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL

▪ **Saturday, August 29, 2015 26th Annual Celebration of the Honorable Marcus “Mosiah” Garvey-Unity Rally in Support of Relaunching The UAPO National Black Political Movement to Achieve Proportionate Political Representation**

Location - St. Paul AME Church, 1260 Hamilton, 4pm

Guest Speakers: Rev. Tommie Pierson, MO State Representative and Candidate for Lt. Governor, MO. Yolanda Fountain Henderson, Mayor of Jennings, MO. Akbar Muhammad, Intl. Representative, Nation of Islam. Patrick Green-Mayor of Normandy, MO

▪ **Saturday, September 12, 2015 Press Conference Luncheon and Organizing Meeting in Preparation for National Black Political Leadership Conference, 12pm**

Location: William J. Harrison Education Center, 3140 Cass Ave., St. Louis, MO

▪ **Sunday, September 27, 2015 Celebration of UAPO President/General Zaki Baruti, 68th Birthday and Pre-Registration Drive**

**for National Black Political Leadership Conference**

Location-Legacy Bookstore & Café, 5249 Delmar, St. Louis, MO

▪ **Saturday, October 19, 2015 UAPO Delegation supported and attended the Million Man March Reunion “Justice or Else” (20th Anniversary of the Million Man March)**

Location-National Mall, Washington, DC

▪ **Friday, Oct. 30 - Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015 UAPO hosted National Black Political Leadership Conference**

Location-Greater St. Mark Church, 9950 Glen Owen, Ferguson, MO  
Over 100 Delegates representing 8 states attended

▪ **Saturday, Nov. 7 - Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015 UAPO represented at “Black is Back” Conference held at Howard University, Washington, D.C.**

▪ **Sunday, November 22, 2015 UAPO host Black Democratic Presidential Candidate, Dr. Willie Wilson**

Visit included (1) Speaking engagement at St. Mark Family Church (2) Tour of Memorial site for Michael Brown in the Canfield Green Apts, Ferguson, MO (3) Lunch at the renowned restaurant, Sweetie Pies Upper Crust and (4) Reception saluting his candidacy at Legacy Bookstore & Café, 5249 Delmar, St. Louis, MO.

▪ **Tuesday, December 1, 2015 Formal Public Announcement of UAPO member, Monique Singh Bey's candidacy for United States Senator (Kansas) in front of the Frank Carlson Federal Building. Topeka, KS. December 1, was chosen because it was the day Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat (1954)**

▪ **Friday, Dec. 4 - Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015 UAPO caravan of members went Des Moines, IA to support Black Democratic Presidential Candidate, Dr. Wilson. Organizing efforts for the Iowa primary**

▪ **December 18, 2015 Formal public announcement of the candidacy of Cori Bush for United States Senator Missouri. December 18 was chosen because the 13th amendment was passed outlawing slavery (1865)**

Publication of 2015 Spring Edition and Winter Edition of the UAPO African News World

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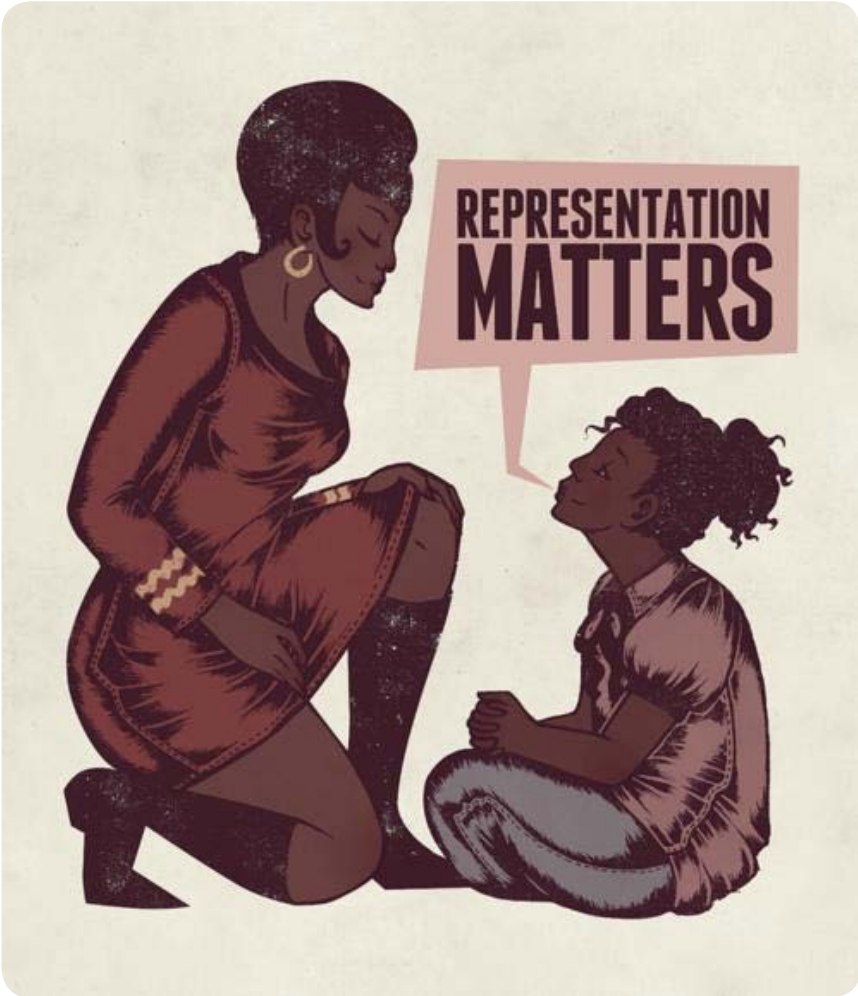
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# WITH & WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

Black Congressional Representation Per State And Percentage Of Blacks Within State Plus Washington D.C. (22 States)

State	# of black congressional members	% of blacks per state
Georgia	4	31.4%
New York	4	17.5%
Texas	4	12.4%
Florida	3	16.3%
Illinois	3	14.7%
California	3	6.7%
Maryland	2	30%
North Carolina	2	22%
Virginia	2	19.7%
New Jersey	2	14.7%
Michigan	2	14.3%
Ohio	2	12.5%
Missouri	2	11.5%
Mississippi	1	37.4%
Louisiana	1	32.4%
South Carolina	1	28.5%
Alabama	1	26.4%
Pennsylvania	1	11.5%
Indiana	1	9.5%
Wisconsin	1	6.5%
Minnesota	1	5.7%
Utah	1	1.3%
Washington, D.C.	1	49.5%



States Without Black Congressional Representation (28 States)

State	% of black per state
Delaware	22.1%
Tennessee	17.0%
Arkansas	15.8%
Connecticut	11.3%
Nevada	9.0%
Kentucky	8.2%
Massachusetts	8.1%
Oklahoma	7.7%
Rhode Island	7.5%
Kansas	6.2%
Colorado	4.3%
Arizona	4.1%
Alaska	3.9%
Washington	3.7%
West Virginia	3.6%
Iowa	3.3%
New Mexico	2.3%
Hawaii	2.3%
Oregon	2.0%
South Dakota	1.9%
North Dakota	1.8%
Wyoming	1.7%
New Hampshire	1.5%
Nebraska	1.5%
Maine	1.4%
Vermont	1.2%
Idaho	1.0%
Montana	0.6%

## Names and Congressional Districts of Black Caucus Members

### Georgia (4)

Sanford D. Bishop Jr.-2nd  
Hank Johnson-4th  
John Lewis-5th  
David Scott-13th

### New York (4)

Gregory Meeks-6th  
Hakeem Jeffries-8th  
Yvette Clark-9th  
Charles Rangel-13th

### Texas (4)

Al Green-9th  
Sheila Jackson Lee-18th  
Eddie Bernice Johnson-30th  
Marc Veasey-33rd

### Florida (3)

Corrine Brown-5th  
Alcee L. Hastings-20th  
Frederica Wilson-24th

### Illinois (3)

Bobby Rush-1st  
Robin Kelly-2nd  
Danny Davis-7th

### California (3)

Karen Bass-37th  
Maxine Waters-43rd  
Barbara Lee-13th

### Missouri (2)

William Lacy Clay Sr.-1st  
Rev. Emanuel Cleaver-5th

### Louisiana (1)

Cedric Richmond-2nd

### Pennsylvania (1)

Cheka Fattah-2nd

### Wisconsin (1)

Gwen Moore-4th

### Utah (1)

Mia Love-4th

### Washington, D.C. (1)

Eleanor Holmes Norton

### Maryland (2)

Donna Edwards-4th  
Elijah E. Cummings-7th

### North Carolina (2)

G.K.Butterfield-1st  
Alma Adams-12th

### Virginia (2)

Robert C Bobby Scott-3rd  
Stacey Plaskett

### New Jersey (2)

Bonnie Watson Coleman-12th

Donald Payne-10th

### Michigan (2)

John Conyers-13th  
Brenda Lawrence

### Ohio (2)

Joyce Beatty-3rd  
Marcia L. Fudge-11th

### Mississippi (1)

Bennie Thompson-2nd

### Alabama (1)

Terrie A. Sewell-7th

### Indiana (1)

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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:

A. MOTTO B. PREAMBLE  
C. PLATFORM

**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 out 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

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