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To: NC NAACP Unit Presidents – Adult & Youth
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From: Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II, State President
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Date: 15 December 2007

Re: NAACP MONTHLY MAILING

IMPORTANT DATES

- December 1st World AIDS Day
- December 8th EEP: How to Avoid Foreclosure Seminar - Greensboro
- December 15th EEP: How to Avoid Foreclosure Seminar – Goldsboro
- December 15th Mandatory Training, Durham, NC
- December 24th & 25th Christmas Eve and Christmas Day +
- January 1, 2008 New Year's Day +
- January 11, 2008 NC NAACP Religious Affairs Chairs Meeting on HK on J
- January 21, 2008 Martin Luther King's Birthday +
- **January 26, 2008 Winter Meeting & Humanitarian Banquet, Durham, NC**
- **February 9, 2008 H K on J, Raleigh, NC**
- **February 12, 2008 NAACP's 99th Anniversary**
- **March 1, 2008 Annual Financial Report Due**



+ NAACP State Office Closed

CELEBRATE NAACP'S 98th BIRTHDAY---ALL YEAR LONG!



OUR servants meet at Jones Street to decide how to spend OUR money. Many pay to play on Jones Street. Maybe we can't match their money, but with God's grace and our hard work, **"WE CAN SURE OUTNUMBER 'EM. IF YOU BELIEVE EVERY CHILD DESERVES EXCELLENT EDUCATION, THE SICK DESERVE HEALTH CARE, THE INNOCENT SHOULD NOT BE WRONGLY PROSECUTED, WORKERS SHOULD HAVE LABOR RIGHTS; RACISM SHOULD BE CHALLENGED, ENVIRONMENT SHOULD BE PROTECTED AND TROOPS SHOULD COME HOME FROM WAR. IT'S TIME TO MARCH ON RALEIGH."**

REV. DR. WILLIAM J. BARBER, II, PRES. NC NAACP

In 2007, we had over 5,000. On February 9, 2008, we want THOUSANDS MORE.

Volunteer to Help. Reserve a Bus. Bring a Van. Carpool. SHOW UP!

Log onto www.hkonj.com or www.naacpnc.org for more information OR

E-mail turner@naacpnc.org OR Call 1-866.NC NAACP (1-866-626.2227)

MOBILIZING THE FAITH COMMUNITY FOR HK ON J – A conference call was convened by Rev. Dr. Mazie B. Ferguson, State Religious Affairs Chair on Saturday, December 8th for the purpose of getting input from local branch chairs regarding how to mobilize congregations for our upcoming **H K on J March & Rally, February 9th**. If your branch has a Religious Affairs Chair who was not involved in the call or who did not receive a mailing, please provide his or her contact information to the State Office *asap* at 1-866-626-2227. The next meeting of this group will be held on Saturday, January 11th in Durham, location to be announced.

REMEMBER JAMES JOHNSON THIS HOLIDAY – During this holiday season encourage your family members and friends to support James Johnson. **Sign petitions** on the National NAACP website, www.naacp.org addressed to Governor Easley, Attorney General Roy Cooper, and to Chief Justice Sarah J. Parker to advocate for dismissal of all charges against James Johnson. **Refer them to our state website, www.ncprosecutorialmisconduct.com for more information on this 21-year old hero.** Collect a love offering or write a check made payable to the **James Johnson Legal Defense Fund** and mail it to:

The James Johnson Legal Defense Fund
514 Deans Street
Wilson, North Carolina 27893



From left to right Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, Rev. Elton Powell, Rev. Darryl Canady with James Johnson (center)



NC'S AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION CONTRIBUTES \$44.7 BILLION TO OUR STATE'S ECONOMY – State NAACP President, Dr.

William J. Barber, II was one of five panelists discussing the implications of a recently released study on the impact of African Americans on the state's economy, which will air on **Black Issues Forum** on Sunday, January 6, 2008 on UNC-TV, public broadcasting station. Last month, we reported on the live taping of the panel discussion, which also included Mr. Julius Chambers, Esq., Ms. Andrea Harris (NCIMED), Dr. James Johnson (UNC's Kenan Institute), and Dr. Julianne Malveaux (Bennett College for Women).

The study performed by John D. Kasarda, Ph.D. and James H. Johnson, Ph.D. of UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School reported that North Carolina's African American population has grown by almost a half million between 1980 and 2004, and this growth has yielded \$44.7 billion to the state's economy through purchases and taxes. Key findings further revealed that although the median education level is the same for blacks and whites, there is a disparity in median household

income of \$19,570 between the two groups, and a difference in per-capita income of \$11,970. Low-wage jobs account for the disparities in earnings and income.

Rev. Barber tied the discussion to NAACP's H K on J agenda (www.hkonj.com) that incorporated comprehensive reform legislation presented to the NC General Assembly last February at the historic march on Jones Street (in Raleigh) of 5,000 people representing over 70 social justice organizations, anti-war, anti-poverty and anti-racism groups from across the state.

For local units, Rev. Barber strongly urges that you include information from this report in your "Jubilee Day" or Emancipation Proclamation programs next month. Enclosed please find a copy of the Executive Summary of the report. The full report can be downloaded from UNC's Kenan Institute website, <http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/KI/>.

NATIONAL NAACP BALLOTS- If you have not received your ballot let the State Office know and then contact the Branch & Field Department at the National Office and ask for Ms. Audrey Lamyssaire or Ms. Shawn Dunlap. National's toll-free number is 877-622-2798 or contact them by e-mail - Ms. Ward-Dunlap at sward@naacpnet.org, or Ms. Lamyssaire at alamyssaire@naacpnet.org. Please copy the State Office on your e-mail to Branch and Field at turner@naacpnc.org.

'08 WINTER MEETING & HUMANITARIAN BANQUET – THE PEOPLE. THE POWER. THE NAACP. The Winter Meeting will be held on Saturday, January, 26th at the historic **Union Baptist Church** in Durham (www.unionbaptist-durham.org) and the Humanitarian Banquet at the Durham Marriott. Union Baptist provides enough space to accommodate the Winter Meeting Schedule for both adults and youth. For lodging, make reservations for single or double occupancy at \$99 per night at the Durham Marriott Hotel, 919-768-6000 or toll-free, 800-909-8375, and give the group name, "NAACP." Additional hotel rates will be included in the upcoming Special Winter Meeting & Humanitarian packet. *Look for additional details---the schedule, registration information as well as the nomination form for the Charles McLean Award in a separate mailing.*

The Honorable Milton "Toby" Fitch, Jr.

A Lifetime Member of the NAACP, Fitch House of Representatives and was the first Carolina to preside over the House, the first Majority Leader. In 2001, he was appointed Fitch was also elected and serves as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Jurisdiction of North Carolina. *Congratulations Judge Fitch!*



2008 NC NAACP Humanitarian of the Year

served nine terms as a member of the NC African American in the State of North African American Majority Whip and the first Superior Court Judge of District 7B. Judge

TURNER, HALL, & MOORE GO TO BALTIMORE – The NAACP National Voter Fund (NVF) is gearing up for the 2008 election cycle. Both Adult State Conference representatives and Youth & College Division representatives were in a joint training led by Greg Moore, Director of the NVF and others---Rev. Gil Ford, Claude Foster, Mary Peeler, Stephanie Brown, National Youth & College Division Director and Dallas Jones, NVF Youth Outreach. **Dr. Jarvis Hall, State Political Action Chair, Ms. LaMonica Moore, State Youth & College Division President and Mrs. Amina J Turner, Executive Director** attended the day and a-half training. ALL NAACP UNITS are expected to engage in four NON-PARTISAN political activities:

- **Voter Education** – The process of informing or educating citizens on the issues and candidates through non-partisan forums prior to election;
- **Voter Registration** – The official act of registering one’s name among the list of qualified voters;
- **Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV)** – Those activities are designed to generate high voter participation;
- **Election Protection** - .Non-partisan effort to protect voter rights to ensure that every vote counts

Additionally, each state conference is challenged to reach voter registration goals in three phases with the first phase deadline of March 1st. North Carolina is one of 27 states targeted specifically for Voter Empowerment Activities. Details are forthcoming following the holidays, so get your Political Action Committee ready to register as many voters as possible so we can get the SOULS to the POLLS and ARRIVE W/ FIVE at both the '08 Primary Election (May 6th) and the '08 General Election (November 4th). **VOTE HARD, BE HEARD!**

Check your status as a registered voter at the North Carolina State Board of Elections website, at <http://www.sboe.state.nc.us> and click onto "Voter Registration," then click "Check Your Registration."

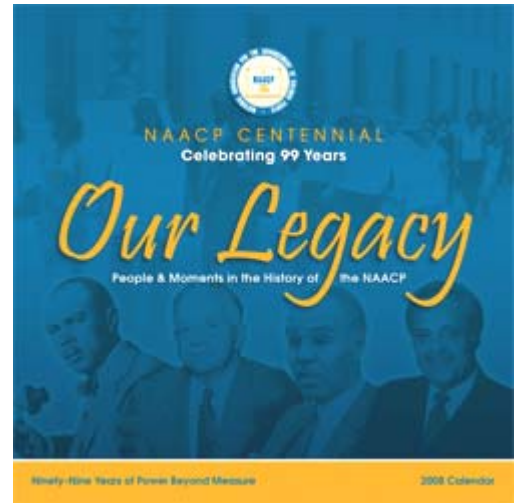
NON-PARTISAN VOTER EMPOWERMENT
Please read the INSERTS

As we embark upon a critical election year in 2008, it is imperative that all NAACP units that are involved with voter education, registration and GOTV, i.e. Get-Out-The-Vote--which should be all--adhere to North Carolina’s Election Laws and abide by the expectations as expressed by our National Constitution and Bylaws as well as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Failing to comply can result in loss of tax exempt status. **Carefully read the Non-Partisan insert from the State and review the charts from the Washington Bureau of the NAACP for non-profit organizations and churches.**

RE M I N D E R: Use all "Jubilee Day," "MLK Celebrations" and "Black History Programs" to build **MEMBERSHIP** and to advance the membership goals set out at our '07 State Convention

**CELEBRATE OUR LEGACY!
ORDER YOUR 2008 NAACP CENTENNIAL CALENDAR**

Go online, www.naacp.org to see the beautiful photos of our majestic past in the second edition of the NAACP Centennial Legacy Calendar, which highlights the 1954 Brown v Board of Education Supreme Court Decision outlawing segregation in public education; the comprehensive 1964 Civil Rights Act signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson; 1965 Voting Rights Act, ensuring the right to vote for African American citizens, the tragic assassination in the summer of 1963 of NAACP Field Director Medgar W. Evers and in the fall, United States President John F. Kennedy; and the nomination of Thurgood Marshall, former NAACP Legal Counsel as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court in 1967.



TELL THE NAACP (HI)STORY LOCALLY– As we embark upon our association’s centennial, it is appropriate to collect local history about your branch and to provide your community with an historical update using various media such as photos, souvenir booklets, oral histories videotaped or audiotaped, or a special program. Submit an article to your local newspaper or appear on a local radio or TV talk show or community cable program with many of the NAACP stalwarts who have contributed to civil rights gains in your community. Create an attractive display board to illustrate your unit’s legacy and have it at every NAACP function or event. Interview NAACP members and others to gather quotes about NAACP’s impact in your community, and produce a page of testimonials.

Also, a number of books have been published containing facts about NAACP units in North Carolina. For resources, check amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com or your local library for additional research on your local branch history. Youth & College Division units may also want to create a Who’s Who from their own archives. For example: Who grew up in your NAACP Youth Council or College Chapter? and where are they now? Be creative, and let the State Office know what you are doing and what you’ve done to honor this milestone in NAACP history.

NEW STATE ASSESSMENTS - To maintain your unit’s charter, all national and state assessments must be paid annually. Our State Bylaws were approved by the NAACP National Board of Directors at its May 2007 Board Meeting and the new rate for State Assessments goes into effect in 2008:

- (a) Branches with over 1,000 members:**
1. Mother of the Year--\$3,000
 2. Humanitarian Awards Dinner--\$550

- (c) Branches with 50 to 500 members:**
1. Mother of the Year--\$1,000
 2. Humanitarian Awards Dinner--\$250.

- (b) Branches with 501-1,000 members:**
1. Mother of the Year--\$1,500

For Youth Councils and High School & College Chapters the annual assessments are:

1. Youth of the Year--\$250
2. Humanitarian Awards Dinner--\$100

Mail Youth Unit Assessments to the Youth & College Division ---P O Box 26673, Raleigh, NC 27611.



If you have not been getting any e-mails from the State Office, send one to the address above, and ask to be added into the State E-mail Address Book.

NC NAACP STATE BYLAWS ---\$5.00 each

**Does each member of your Executive Committee have a copy of the State Bylaws? DO YOU?
Remit your check or money order made payable to "NC NAACP" with your order.**