

Tennessee State Conference NAACP

2023 RACE RELATIONS /ADVOCACY SUMMIT



March 3-4, 2023
Jackson, Tennessee

“Together, We Can Make A Difference”

RACE RELATION SUMMIT

{BACKGROUND: 2004-2023}

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

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

In the past 19 years, we have been honored with the presence of several exemplary speakers for the summits including:

Rev. Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks (deceased), Executive Director Emeritus NAACP;
Mr. Harbert Alexander, noted Author and Historian
Attorney Robert T. Hill, Hill Boren Law Firm-Jackson Tennessee
Honorable Harold Ford, Jr., former U.S. Congressman-District 9
Dr. Jocelyn Elders, former U.S. Surgeon General
Dr. Raymond A. Winbush, Director - Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University
Dr. Daniel J. Wooten, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, East Tennessee State University
Mr. Peyton T. Hairston, former Senior Vice President-Communication, Tennessee Valley Authority
Honorable Judge Earnestine H. Dorese of Memphis, TN
Honorable John S. Tanner, former Congressman for the 8th Congressional District
Dr. Fred Zuker, former President of Lambuth University-Jackson, Tennessee
Rev. Keith Norman, Pastor of First Baptist-Broad, Memphis, Tennessee,
Ms. Beverly Watts, Director of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission
Representative Johnny Shaw [District 80-TN]
Rev. Tommy Vallejos, Director of HOPE (Hispanics Organization for Progress & Education)
Honorable Lyle Reid, retired Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court
Ms. Mary Jane Oatman Wak-Wak, President of the National Education Indian Education Assoc.
Ms. Tomeka Hart, former President/CEO of Memphis Urban
Rev. V.H. “Sonnye” Dixon, Pastor of Hobson United Methodist Church & President of
Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship of Nashville, Tennessee
Mr. Hilary Shelton, Senior VP- Advocacy of the NAACP & Dir. of the NAACP Washington Bureau
Ms. Kelly Harden Assoc. Dean, Graduate Nursing Programs, Union University School of Nursing
Dr. Wesley C. McClure(deceased) President, Lane College
Attorney Jim Emison, retired West Tennessee Lawyer & Historian
Rev. Dr. Randolph Meade Walker, Pastor of Castalia Baptist Church & Moderator of the West
Tennessee Baptist Missionary & Educational Association
Mr. Ken Green, former Chief Support Officer –TN Dept. of Education
Rev. Dr. Russell Morrow, former Pastor-Forest Heights United Methodist Church
Dr. Logan Hampton, President of Lane College
Dr. K.B. Turner, Assoc. Professor/Chair - University of Memphis, Criminal Justice Dept.
Dr. Andre E. Johnson, Asst. Professor of Communication University of Memphis
Attorney Van Turner, Jr., partner with Hagler, Bruce & Turner, PLLC, Memphis, TN
Senator Brenda Gilmore [District 19]
Mr. Derrick Johnson, President/CEO – NAACP
Ms. Tosha Downey, Senior Program Officer for State & Local Government Relations for TN at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

2023 ADVOCACY SUMMIT

SUMMIT AT A GLANCE



Friday, March 3, 2023

YOUTH/COMMUNITY FORUM
(Virtual Event/FREE)

5:45p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

Reflections of Us

5:50 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Inspirational Moment

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Community Town Hall Forum

Saturday, March 4, 2023

**EDUCATION, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, VOTING
RIGHTS and YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT
EMPOWERMENT**

Doubletree Hotel

1770 Hwy 45 Bypass, Jackson, TN 38305

8:30 a.m.

Registration & Sign-In

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Morning Workshop – **ADVOCACY: HOW WE BUILD POWER**
Building Power and Reaching the Masses through Coalitions and Partnerships

10:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Morning Workshop - **EDUCATION**
The fight for Equal Educational Opportunities

10:00 a.m. – 11:45a.m.

IDEA LAB II
Empowering New Generation Leadership

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

SUMMIT LUNCHEON
SPEAKER: Mr. Roger Jackson, Jr.
Chief of Field, Membership and Units
NAACP (Baltimore, MD)

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Workshop – **CRIMINAL JUSTICE/VOTING RIGHTS**
A Call to Action: Equal Justice in Policing

Wrap-Up/Closing Remarks

HOTEL RESERVATION:

Doubletree Hotel

1770 Hwy 45 Bypass

Jackson, TN 38305

731-664-6900

Rate: \$129 per night | Deadline: 2/28/23



For More Information, Contact:

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March 4, 2023
ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

Unit Name (or) Guest Name : _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

NAACP Status: ☐ **Adult** ☐ **Youth & College** ☐ **Guest**

<i>Fees</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Total</i>
(Branch) UNIT Registration	\$100.00 (Required)		\$
(Youth) UNIT Registration	(Waived) (Individual fees may apply)		\$
Registration and Lunch Fee for NAACP Members * (after Unit Registration is paid)	\$ 30.00 (advance) Per Person		\$
Individual (non-member) Lunch Fee & Registration	\$ 35.00		\$

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

***** Please list the name of attendees on the back of this sheet

Mail in Advance Registration Deadline: March 1, 2023

Please make check payable to **NAACP** (mail to): 27 A Brentshire Square
Jackson, TN 38305

Registration Paid Online thru Paypal

Deadline: 12:00 noon Central Standard Time - March 2, 2024

Pay by visiting paypal.me/tscnaacp27

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2023 Race Relations Summit

If registering of Delegates/Guest, please list below:

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