

# NATIONAL BLACK PEOPLES UNITY CONVENTION

March 9-12, 2006  
Gary, Indiana

## Program Schedule

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2006**

2:00 p.m.      Opening

Presiding Officer -- *Dr. Dorothy Height, President Emeritus  
National Council of Negro Women*

National Anthem  
Black National Anthem  
Invocation

Welcome -- *Richard Hatcher, Co-Chair  
George Brown, Co-Chair  
William Lucy, Co-Chair*

Introduction of Advisory Committee

Introduction of Founding Executive Committee

Introduction of Local Committee

Introduction of Local Dignitaries

Remarks – *The Honorable Julia Carson (invited)  
U.S. House of Representatives - Indiana*

Statement of Purpose – *Dr. Ron Walters, University of Maryland*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker -- *Senator Emil Jones, Jr.  
President, Illinois State Senate*

Keynote Speaker (TBA)

### ***Forum on Economics & the Crisis of Education:***

Chair & Moderator: *Dr. Julianne Malveaux (invited)*

Participants: *Dr. Maya Rockeymoore  
Dr. William Spriggs, Howard University)  
Dr. Bernard Anderson, Wharton School of Business*

**Address – Rev. Jesse Jackson, President, Rainbow/PUSH (invited)**

Question & Answer Period

***Forum on the Next Generation:***

Chair & Moderator: *Dr. Joe Leonard, Black Leadership Forum*

Participants: *John Bryant, Chairman & CEO (invited)*  
*Operation HOPE*  
*Gary Flowers, Rainbow/PUSH (invited)*  
*Rosalyn Brock, Vice Chair, NAACP (invited)*  
*Melanie Campbell, Executive Director & CEO*  
*National Coalition on Black Civic Participation*  
*Lakimba Walker, Executive Director (invited)*  
*National Black Caucus of State Legislators*  
*Paul Brathwaite, Policy Director (invited)*  
*Congressional Black Caucus*  
*Latosha Brown, Saving Ourselves Alabama (invited)*  
*Rev. Tony Lee (invited)*  
*The Honorable Alicia Morgan (invited)*  
*Georgia State Legislature*  
*Stephanie Moore, Activist*  
*Davy D, Activist (invited)*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2006**

9:00 a.m.

Opening

Presiding Officer – *Mary Coleman, Chair, National Black Caucus of State Legislators (invited)*

Invocation

Welcome Remarks

**Keynote Speaker – Harry Belafonte**

***Forum on the Struggle for Social Justice:***

Chair & Moderator: *Bruce Gordon, President/CEO*  
*NAACP*

Participants: *The Honorable Mary Francis Berry, Former Chair*  
*U.S. Commission on Civil Rights*  
*Wade Henderson, Executive Director*  
*Leadership Conference on Civil Rights*

*Rev. Joseph Lowery, President*  
*Joseph Lowery Institute*  
*Barbara Arnwine, Executive Director (invited)*  
*Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law*  
*Ted Shaw, President*  
*NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund*  
*Charles Steele, President & CEO*  
*Southern Christian Leadership Conference*  
*Ron Daniels, President*  
*Institute of the Black World 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

Question & Answer Period

12:00 Noon

Lunch

Introduction of Luncheon Speaker – *The Honorable George Brown*

Speaker – *Kenneth Chenault, Chairman & CEO (invited)*  
*American Express*

1:45 p.m.

***Forum on Challenges We Face:***

Chair & Moderator: *Eddie Williams, President*  
*Eddie Williams & Associates, LLC*

Participants: *The Honorable Mel Watt (invited)*  
*U.S. House of Representatives – North Carolina*  
*The Honorable Charles Rangel (invited)*  
*U.S. House of Representatives – New York*  
*The Honorable Maxine Waters (invited)*  
*U.S. House of Representatives -- California*  
*The Honorable Mary Coleman, Chair, National Black Caucus of*  
*State Legislators (invited)*  
*Roderick D. Gillum, Vice President, General Motors Corporation*

Question & Answer Period

2:45 p.m.

***Address – Reginald Weaver, President, National Education Association***

3:00 p.m.

***Forum on Education:***

Chair & Moderator: *Lezli Baskerville, President*  
*National Association for Equal Opportunity in*  
*Higher Education*

Participants: *Dr. William Harvey, University of Virginia (invited)*

*Dr. Arvenetta Jones, Howard University (invited)*  
*Quinton Lawson, National Association of Black School Educators*  
*(invited)*  
*Nat LaCour, Secretary-Treasurer (invited)*  
*American Federation of Teachers*  
*James Thompson, American Federation of School Administrators*

*Address --Minister Louis Farrakhan, Nation of Islam (invited)*

Question & Answer Period

Announcements

Adjourn

7:30 p.m.

Gala

Performing: *Jerry Butler*

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2006**

8:30 a.m.

Opening Session

Presiding Officer – *Maxine Carter, Assistant to the President (confirmed)*  
*United Steelworkers of America*

Invocation

**Keynote Speaker – Rev. Al Sharpton**  
*National Action Network*

***Forum on Jobs and Job Creation Strategies:***

Chair & Moderator: *Dr. William Spriggs*

Participants: *The Honorable Rodney Slater (invited)*  
*Former Secretary of Transportation*  
*Ernest Green, Managing Director, Lehman Brother*  
*Frank Fountain, Vice President, Daimler/Chrysler (invited)*  
*Mirian M. Graddick-Weir, Exec. Vice President, AT&T (invited)*  
*Henry Nicholas, President, National Union of Hospital &*  
*Health Care Employees*  
*Debra Simpson, Vice President, Office Depot (invited)*  
*Ken Banks, Banks Construction*

**Speaker – Marc Morial, President**  
*National Urban League*

12:00 Noon

Lunch

Speaker: (TBA)

***Forum on Religious Leadership and Community Development:***

Chair & Moderator:

Participants: *Dr. Major Jemison, Progressive National Baptist Convention*  
*Rev. Jonathan Weaver, President, Collective Banking Group*  
***(invited)***  
*Dr. Iva Carruthers, General Secretary*  
*Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference*  
*Rev. Walter Fauntroy, New Bethel Baptist Church*

Question & Answer Period

***Community Based Partnerships & Economic Development Forum:***

Chair & Moderator: (TBA)

Participants: *Chris Gardner, Gardner Rich & Co.*  
*Emma Chapelle, COO, Germantown Settlement*  
*Leo Chaney, NBCLEO Foundation (invited)*  
*American Bankers Association (invited)*  
*Jeffrey Banks, Industrial Bank of Washington (invited)*  
*Carolyn Nixon, AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust*  
*Phillip Thompson, Associate Professor,*  
*Urban Studies & Planning MIT*  
*Joe Brooks, Vice President, Policylinks*

Question & Answer Period

Convention Task Force Reports

Forum Reports

Recommendation on Program of Action

Closing Remarks --

**7:30 p.m.**

**Testimonial Dinner:  
Honoring the Organizers of the 1972 Gary Convention**

*The Honorable John Conyers, U.S. House of Representatives –*  
*Michigan (invited)*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2006**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Special Session: *Katrina***

Invocation –

Congressional Black Caucus

National Black Caucus of State Legislators

Progressive National Baptist Convention