

*** THE CALL ***

**“VISIONS AND VISIONARIES –
STILL MOVING FORWARD”**

Forty nine years ago, people with vision, (visionaries) came together to fight for fundamental, human and civil rights. The struggle then was for quality public education, fair employment, freedom from the fear of violence because of race, access to fair housing and to quality health care.

Our theme, “***Visions and Visionaries – Still Moving Forward***” speaks to the need for us to come together to continue the struggle for fundamental, human and civil rights.

Our conference this year will focus on some of the pressing problems that are confronting all of us including *The Incarceration of Black Men & Women*, *From the Cradle to the Prison Pipeline* and *The Failure of the Public Educational System and its impact on our Youth, Community and Society as a whole*.

The conference speakers and workshops are intended to produce new methods to birth and inspire new activists and to mobilize our youth to carry on the struggle. We are pleased to have Pulitzer Prize winning author, **Ms. Alice Walker** as our banquet speaker. As an activist and social visionary, Ms. Walker returns to Mississippi as a Veteran of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement. Other invited speakers include Harry Belafonte, Bob Moses and Vincent Harding.

Your participation in the conference is greatly needed. We all witnessed the tremendous response of young people to the JENA 6. These young people had an immediate and active response to injustice. They demonstrated that they are ready for action. They are ready to work towards freedom. Let’s help them!!

*** AGENDA ***

Thursday, March 27, 2008

- 8:30– 9:30 a.m. Registration**
- 9:30 -10:15 a.m. Opening Plenary Session**
- 10:30-12:00 a.m. Visions & Visionaries
“Dialogue”**
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch**
- 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Workshops**
The Freedom School for Today’s Youth
Carolyn Coleman, Jackson State University
- The Significance of Documenting Our Journey*
Flonzie Goodloe-Wright, Miami University
- 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. Imam Khalil A. Rahman**
National Rep. for Imam Jamil (H. Rap Brown)
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Panel Discussion**
The Failure of the Educational System and its Impact on our Youth, Community & Society
Hollis Watkins, Moderator
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Book Signings/Free Time**
- 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Reception for Veterans of
the MS Civil Rights Movement Family &
Friends * Entertainment **OPEN MIC****

Friday, March 28, 2008

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration**
Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Panel Discussion**
The Incarceration of Black Men & Women
Dr. Calvin Hicks, Moderator

Panelists

Benetta Standly, ACLU
Justice James Graves, MS. Supreme Court
Tarik A. Smith, Fisk University
Dr. Jean Smith Young, Washington, DC

10:45 - 12:15 p.m. Workshops
Cultural Organizing:
The Connection Between the Arts & Organizing
John O’Neal, Junebug Productions, Inc.

From the Cradle to the Prison Pipeline
Connie Curry, Emory University

*How Women Continue to Shape the Course
of History*
Flonzie Goodloe-Wright, Miami University

12:45 – 2:15 p.m. Lunch with Keynote
Dr. Ronald Mason, Jr.
President, Jackson State University

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Group Photo

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Veterans Business Meeting

5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Book Signings/Free Time

6:30 p.m. JSU Presidential Banquet
Keynote Speaker - MS. ALICE WALKER
Pulitzer Prize Winning Author



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Saturday, March 29, 2008

- 9:00 – 9:30 am Continental Breakfast**
- 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Veterans Wrap Up**
(Reports & Planning for the Future)

This year's conference is dedicated to the following Fallen Veterans:

*Mr. C.C. Bryant
Mrs. Fannie Chaney
Rev. Clint Collier
Ms. June Johnson
Rev. J.C. Killingsworth*



- Our Mission -

Those of us who were actively involved in the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement remain committed to the basic goals of freedom, justice and equality. We now assume the responsibility of collecting, archiving and fully documenting to the best of our ability the histories of the participants. We will also interpret and share our experiences with those who can and will put these histories to use in the ongoing pursuit of these goals.

We have accepted this commitment to actively engage and hopefully inspire young people to involve themselves *"In The Struggle"*.

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**3rd
Annual
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Of the
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Mississippi
Civil Rights
Movement**



**"Visions & Visionaries
Still Moving Forward"
*A Call To Action***



March 27-29, 2008

Jackson State University

Mississippi E-Center
1230 Raymond Road
Jackson, Mississippi

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

*Admittance to all 3 days activities ** Continental Breakfast * Daily Lunches * Reception
Banquet featuring Alice Walker ** 1 Year membership to VMCRM*

\$75 Adults

\$25 College Students

\$10 High School Students

HOTEL INFORMATION

COMFORT INN, 2800 Greenway Dr., Jackson, MS (601) 922-5600

Rate guaranteed until **MARCH 1, 2008**: \$64.99 (plus tax)

For more information, please contact: Cynthia Palmer (601) 918-7809

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Please enclose Registration Fee (Check or Money Order only) & RSVP Card to:

VMCRM

**** Box 10433**

**** JACKSON, MS 39289**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 9, 2008

*** RSVP Card ***

____ Yes, I plan to attend the 3rd Annual Conference of the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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