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Special points of interest:

- Join NIAAAA and support unity of African Americans in Porter County
- Have you paid Membership dues?
- \$25.00 per year membership to UFAP INC.
- Join the NIAAAA project today!

NORTHWEST INDIANA AFRICAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

A PROJECT OF UNITED FOR A PURPOSE INC.

Who are you? Where are you going? What do you consider important to you and your community?

Each day we all are faced with these critical questions about the world we live in. Who are you?

Sometimes it seems that African Americans have forgotten the reality of the world we live in. It appears that many African Americans spend so much time and effort at being some one else at the job or in the community we live in, that there is little time or effort spent on building a positive self image. We are molded and shaped by the desire to survive and do well in an environment, housed by people who for the most are ignorant of our historic contributions to this world we all live in. We lose our focus and perspective when we forget who we are, and because of this we lose our way in this world. We are the only people in this society

that are encouraged to “forget the past”. “Stony the road we trod bitter the chastening rod!

The Negro national anthem warns us not to forget where we came from and who we are!! “We have come, over a way that which tears has been watered. We have come, treading out path through the blood of the slaughtered. Out of the gloomy past, till now we stand at last, Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast”. We must never forget where we have come from and where we need to go! What is important to you and your community? If you have forgot who you are then you have

forgot where you are. Of course we have also perhaps lost our concerns about what is really important to us and the community. The reality is that our people need us to stand up and stand together! Again look to the Negro National anthem as a reminder: Lest our feet, stray from the places our GOD where me met thee Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee. Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand TRUE TO OUR GOD, TRUE TO OUR NATIVE LAND”!!

Who are you? Where are you going? Where do you stand?

Please Join United for A Purpose Inc.

In the support of The North West Indiana African American Alliance.

We are confronted with troubling times these days! It seems that the country and the community is falling back instead of pressing forward. We need to keep the communities we live and work in accountable to a human rights progressive standard. More people are being unlawfully treated. There are less truly diverse institutions in

our community. There is a need to develop strategies to address these issues. Please help support the efforts of the first politically conscious and active effort of African Americans in this community! Support the North West Indiana African American Alliance with your donations today.

Please make your donations to UNITED FOR A PURPOSE INC. care of NIAAAA.

Your donation of \$25, \$50 or even \$100 can sustain us for another day so we can continue to organize and make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters !



Urban League is sponsoring a program for church leaders



The Urban League of Northwest Indiana cordially invites you to our Faith Based Leaders' Workshop.

Workshop date:
Monday, October 29, 2012
Time: 10:00 am -12:00 pm

Come join us and learn about the many programs the Urban League of Northwest Indiana has to offer the communities of Lake, Porter and La Porte counties. The workshop topics will include information about the following programs:

- Energizing Indiana – Free Home Energy Assessment
- Access To Recovery – A Client Driven Approach to Recovery and Wellness
- Housing Opportunities- Foreclosure Prevention/ Credit Mortgage Modification
- Indiana Plan – School to Career: Apprentice Information
- VITA – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- Ministers in Concert – Praise & Worship Fundraising Concert
- Holiday Radio Thon-Food Giveaway
- Bank On Northwest Indiana- Second Chance Banking

Call the Urban League of Northwest Indiana to confirm at 219-887-9621.

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Refreshments served



The only way we will make changes in our community is if we stick together and raise these important issues!

These are just a few of many issues we are struggling with in our communities!!

- Healthcare
- Work/Jobs
- Affordable housing.
- Discrimination and exploitation in lending.
- Discrimination in hiring practices in the educational systems
- in our communities.
- Discrimination in construction trade hiring in our community and counties
- Drugs and alcohol abuse
- Abusive Law enforcement protocols
- Abusive legal and penal systems
- discrimination in higher education.
- Lack of financial support for the college bound community resident.
- Lack of emergency financial support for indigent residents
- Ecological/ environmental issues
- Environment abuse.

Health Care reform starts in the home!

We must consider that the issues of health care undoubtedly start in our own homes and community! what we put into our bodies will effect our ongoing health and well being.

Enough is enough! Stop the drugs and Alcohol use! Save that money and send somebody to school to learn how to take care of themselves or somebody else! Enough is enough! Stop spending money on poor health choices! A pack of cigarettes can pay for lunch for some child in need! Stop it! Your excess is killing yourselves and the community you live in ! Enough! Lets consider spending the lottery money on a scholarship fund! Lets spend the club money on a HEALTH FAIR, or JOB FAIR, for our community! Lets get together and take care of one another!!!

Healthcare begins in the health and spirit of a unified and caring people!!!

WAKE UP YOU SLEEPING GIANT!!! WAKE UP!!



REGARDLESS of how hard The road!!!

Regardless of how difficult the road

regardless of how much time and energy is sacrificed

or pain and sorrow is the price that is paid,

regardless of the fear and doubt raised by,

hateful cowards laced with greed,

Our hearts still tells us there is a need, for strong men and women of a different breed. Those

who will not allow the tender plead of the forgotten to go unheard.

Those who will stand regardless of the words and stones flung against the vision of a new song that is sung about unity and freedom.

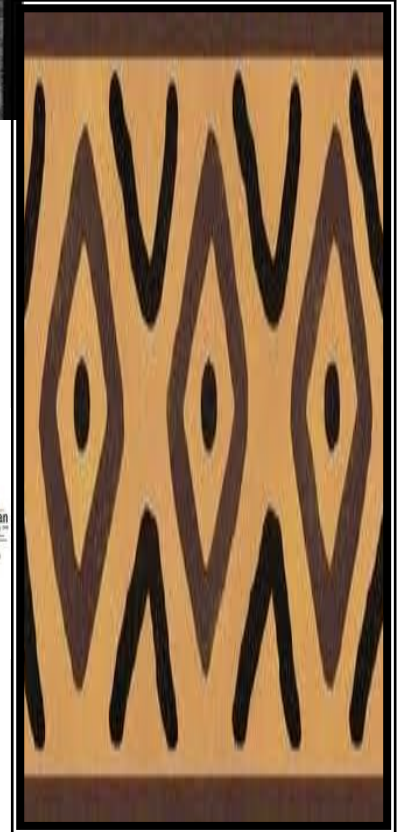
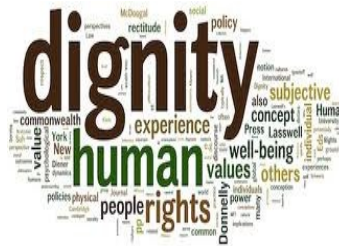
Regardless if our cause is not understood by those who turn their backs to the facts,

we will stand regardless of those who try with all their might to forget.

That those who strive for dignity and freedom will stay together and never QUIT!

Regardless!!!

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Please consider your participation in our program efforts!

Consider joining us in this struggle for a better community today. There are several areas of concern that we will list out today and ask that you would consider supporting;

- African American demographics
- African American educational projects.
- Diversity training
- Environmental stewardship
- Jobs bank ,economic development and minority hiring in Northwest Indiana
- Understanding Unlawful eviction.
- Violence and inner city communities
- Law enforcement/ community

What is your program?

**WAKE UP YOU
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GIANT OF A
PEOPLE!
WAKE UP!**

Our next meeting, October 27, 2012 10:00 am Greenwich Café, 607 Lincoln way, Valparaiso, Indiana

Come and share your concerns, problems and issues at our monthly meetings of the NIAAA.

We need your input and support. We are trying to encourage African Americans in our community to stand together for the health interest rights and needs of OUR community!

It is not an insult or crime to be concerned about your people!

This is not an call for separation or exclusiveness. Rather it is an appeal to people of color to stand together and give voice to concerns that uniquely impact our community.

Every culture in the world stands up for its own interest

to give voice to the concerns that affect their homes and people. Asians, Africans, Hispanics, Arabians, and Indians both global and indigenous, all stand up!

AFRICAN AMERICANS

must stand up together!

Find your courage and voice to stand up today!!!



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Stop Unlawful evictions!!
Call NIAAA and let us help
you find Legal defense from
Unlawful evictions!!!
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**"If you are not part of
the solution, you are
part of the problem"**

Remember who you are!



Mission Statement United for A Purpose Inc.

The members of United for a Purpose are committed to the empowerment and education of all the residents within our city and county. Through the expansion of the skills and capacity of our membership we seek to mobilize and facilitate advocacy with regard to the Ongoing issues and problems that impact the Valparaiso and greater Porter County area.

We will address the concerns that devalue the quality of life for all of our citizens of this community and we will continue to seek justice in the areas of Race Class and Gender and all other problems that affect our collective life together.

Our vision is to provide a positive effective response to the issues that devalue human and community development. We encourage the involvement of all residents who share these concerns and would stand United for this Purpose.



Valparaiso Race Summit; Why were these issues overlooked?

The Valparaiso Race Summit
Recommendations and possible outcomes.
Submitted in the fall of 2010

- ⇒ Amended for interview with summit leaders January 20, 2011
- ⇒ Resubmitted at the spring diversity summit April 6, 2011
- ⇒ Resubmitted for Community conversations January 14, 2012
- ⇒ Resubmitted to Northwest Indiana Minority leadership Summit organizational meeting February 12, 2012
- ⇒ Resubmitted with amendments to the North West Indiana African American Alliance October 27, 2012
- The summit will/should lead to tangible results for people of color regarding positions and economic/social infrastructure within the Valparaiso and wider Porter County community.
- Expanded minority vendor set asides within city and county area.
- Development of minority business relationships with chamber of commerce.
- Entrepreneur internship programs targeting minority youth /business owners in the North West Indiana Region.
- Valparaiso University should assist in positioning persons of color to oversee the infrastructure development for staff, faculty and students of color into the academic and social life of the university.
- Business school programs should target minority students toward enhanced marketability of minority interns with particular focus on: skill set enhancements and marketability and placement.

Summit goals must target African Americans, women, Native Americans and Hispanic students.

- University and City support for five year period of set asides for minority businesses with bench markets and evaluative measures for success.
- Develop a minority seated governance board for oversight and quality assurance of the process.
- Develop A six month to three year review and evaluation of the outcomes of the programs and yearly evaluation of best practices of these programs for the next five years.
- Develop Staffing and personnel financial support from participating Institutions to get the programs structured and up and running for the next five years.
- Develop integrated market place technology project that provides strategic deployment of minorities in regional incubation of business and manufacturing capacity and sustainability planning in all Northwest Indiana /Calumet region communities.

Respectfully submitted by:
Rev. Dr. Gregory A. Jones

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