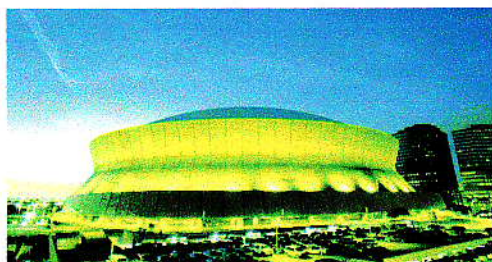




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African American Leadership Project

AALP SEEKING FAMILIES OF KATRINA VICTIMS TO PARTICIPATE IN A "HANDS AROUND THE DOME" CEREMONY TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO DIED DURING AND AFTER KATRINA, and THOSE WHO SAVED OTHERS



From **August 25-29, 2006**, the African American Leadership Project (AALP) and other community based groups will conduct a Citizen oriented "Remembering Katrina Observance" in recognition of the 1st Anniversary of the disastrous storm and its aftermath. As a part of that observance, citizens of all walks of life are being asked to join together on **Saturday August 26th at 12 pm** at the Louisiana

Superdome to form a **"HANDS AROUND THE DOME"** in solemn memory of the suffering, and loss of life during and after the storm, and in memory of those who risked their lives to save others.

Following the ceremony at the Dome, participants will march to the Convention Center for a rally and further ceremonies. The complete schedule of activities and events during the AALP's Remembering Katrina Observance can be found on the AALP website at www.aalp.org.

During the ceremony, AALP would like to read the names aloud, light a candle in their honor, display their picture, offer a prayer and acknowledge the family. Thus, they are trying to locate the families and relatives of those who lost loved ones in New Orleans or in another city, resulting directly from the storm or indirectly from the stress it caused. The AALP is also trying to locate those who took risks to save others.

The AALP is a nonpartisan network of community activists, religious and business leaders, academics and concerned citizens that focus on dialogue and Agenda building, policy advocacy, community planning and neighborhood development. It has been in existence for 4 years. It's Chairperson is Mrs. Gail Glapion, its Vice-Chairperson is Mr. Vincent Nzinga, and its Project Manager is Mtangulizi Sanyika. It includes among its founders the late Dr. Morris F.X. Jeff Jr.

Families of Katrina victims interested in participating in the **"HANDS AROUND THE DOME"** ceremony, or anyone with information about a family, or community rescuer should contact the AALP by calling 504-242-8353, or e-mail wazuri@aol.com.

AALP has released the following tentative schedule:

FRIDAY, AUG. 25TH 7 PM - 9 PM

- "NATIONAL DIALOGUE" ASHE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
- Marc H. Morial

- Julianne Malveaux
- Ron Daniels
- George Curry
- Richard Hatcher (invited)
- Ron Dellums (invited)

SATURDAY, AUG. 26TH 12 PM - 3 PM

- "HANDS AROUND THE DOME"
- A Umoja Circle around the Superdome and March to the Convention Center in Memory of the Lives Lost to Katrina

SUNDAY, AUG 27TH 2 PM - 4:30 PM

- " ECUMENICAL/INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE"
- Watson Teaching Ministries
- A Praise and Workshop Service featuring all Faith Traditions to Consecrate the Memory and Experience of the Survivors
- Katrina Remembrance & White Buffalo Day at Congo Square with Cyril Neville

MONDAY, AUG 28TH 7 PM - 9:30 PM

- 1st ANNUAL KATRINA LECTURE SERIES
- Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Author of "Come Hell or High Water" (invited)
- Dr. Ivan Van Heerden, Author of "The Storm" & Deputy Director of the LSU Hurricane Research Center (confirmed)

TUESDAY, AUG. 29TH 10 AM

- GREAT FLOOD COMMEMORATION MARCH
- From the Lower 9th Ward to Congo Square in conjunction with The PEOPLE'S HURRICANE RELIEF FUND AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS (assemble at Jordan and North Galvez Street)
- 6:30 PM- 9:30 PM CLOSING EVENT: LET THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN
- Premier of The Final Call's DVD "Unmasking New Orleans"
- A Town Hall Meeting on "The Future of the City"

The AALP invites you to share this info with others, in that they would like the broadest possible participation in the events. If you have any thoughts on a possible Katrina Memorial, do share them with AALP.

Supporting Organizations

Causeway Connection Camp Foundation
 Common Ground
 Deep South Center for Environmental Justice
 Louisiana Rebuild Hope Now Coalition
 Lower 9th Ward Neighborhood Empowerment Network Association
 National Coalition for Black Civic Participation
 New Orleans Worker Justice Coalition
 People's Hurricane Relief Fund
 People's Institute for Survival and Beyond