

National Black Justice Coalition: "Power of Us National Convention" Baltimore, Maryland April 24-25-26, 2008

	Day 1: April 24, 2008 Health & Wellness Summit Track		Day 2: April 25, 2008 3rd Annual Black Church Summit Track		Day 3: April 26, 2008 Leadership Development & Mobilization Summit Track
7:00 am - 12 noon	Candidate and Campaign Training	7:00am - 12 noon	Candidate Campaign Training		7am - 12pm Candidate and Campaign Training
7:00 - 8:00pm	Registration	8:00am -5:00pm	Registration Location: Foyer		8am - 12pm Registration
		8:30am - 5:00pm	Arts & Cultural Expo Foyer		
8:30 am - 5:00pm	Clergy Training	8:00am	Music by NBJC Gospel Ensemble with Candy Holmes Welcome/Opening Prayer: Rev. Jaime Washington and Dr. Sylvia Rhue, Musical Selection by Rev. Carolyn Mobley. Location: Baltimore Room		9- 3pm Arts & Cultural Expo - Foyer
8am - 8:30am	Plenary Welcome: Kick off the day in the main conference hall Welcoming remarks from your leadership Location: Baltimore B 5th Floor	8:30am - 9:30am	Prayer Breakfast: Bishop John Selders, Bishop Carlton Pearson Rev. Darlene Garner Location: Baltimore		9am - 11am Plenary: Power of US Leaders Conference "State of Black LGBT - Naming our Priorities" What is the future of the Black LGBT community? What is our path forward? How do we get there and when? Join, H. Alexander Robinson, NBJC CEO for discussion about the state of the Black LGBT community. Location: Baltimore Ballroom 5th Floor
8:30am - 9:15am	Plenary: Overview of general health disparities in the African-American community and recent efforts by mainstream medicine, health organizations, and government to address those disparities. Specifics about obesity, HIV/AIDS, diabetes, etc. Keynote on general African-American health disparities. Speakers: Dr. Sandra Gadson, Past President, National Medical Association. Location: Baltimore B 5th Floor	9:30am- 9:45am	Break		11am - 11:15am Break
9:15am - 9:30am	Q&A to plenary	9:45am- 12:00pm	Higher Ground Training: The Journey to Social Justice Panelists: Rev. Deborah Johnson, Otis Gaddis, Dr. Sylvia Rhue Location: Maryland Room		11:15 - 12:30pm Breakout sessions (concurrent)
9:30am - 10:15am	Plenary: Panel addresses health issues specific to LGBT persons, as well as some key policy issues. Speakers Cornelius Baker, Dr. Vicki Mays, Dr. David Malebranche, Dr. Greg Millet, Joel Ginsberg, Dr. Henry Ng Location: Baltimore B, 5th Floor	12:00pm - 12:30pm	Break		Track 1: "The Real Christian Coalition: Political Empowerment/Getting Active" Panelists: Mandy Carter, Harry Knox, Dr. Ken Samuel Location: Homeland 5th Floor
10:15 am-10:30 am	Q&A to plenary	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Plenary Luncheon: Keynote Speaker: Bishop Gene Robinson Video selections: "For the Bible Tells Me So" and "All God's Children" Location: Maryland AE 5th Floor		

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10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break	1:00pm – 2:45pm	Plenary Luncheon Panel: "Vision for the Mission" Carolyn Moberly musical selection Lift Every Voice and Sing Panel: Rev. Irene Monroe, Rev. Tim McDonald Moderator: Rev. Deborah L. Johnson and special guests		Track 2: Building Alliances: Moderator Donna Payne, Panelists: Denisha Delane of Making Connections and Revive the Vote, Clarence Fluker, Office of LGBT Affairs DC. Discussion will be centered around the importance of working with other groups to achieve a common goal. Panelist will discuss their experiences and share best practices
10:45 am -12 noon	Breakout sessions (concurrent)				
	Track 1: Health and Wellness Workshop 1 Focus: Youth - Presentation by Trevor Project and Kai Wright Location: Baltimore Ballroom-Salon B	2:45pm – 3:00pm	Break		Track 3: Policy and Politics: Moderator Darryl Moore – Representatives from the following organizations: Stonewall Democrats, Log Cabin Republicans ,Center for Policy Alternatives. Topics discussed: Discuss the impact of the 2008 Presidential election as well as the various legislation in the states and Congress that impacts the LGBT community. Location: Baltimore B 5th Floor
	Track 2: Education and Economic Devt. Workshop 1 Topic: Financial Literacy 101 (basic checking, savings, investments) Presenter: Dianna Ward, Wachovia Bank Location: Kent Room, 6th Floor				
12pm - 1:15pm	Lunch: caucuses, etc (lunch on your own)	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Breakout sessions (concurrent)		Track 4: How to start an NBJC Steering Committee in Your City Become an active member of NBJC by creating a an NBJC Steering Committee in your own city! Find out the process during this informational session. Location: Baltimore A 5th Floor
1:15pm - 2:15pm	Breakout sessions (concurrent)		Track 1: "Plumbing the Depths of Levitical and Roman Texts: Rev. Jaime Washington, Professor Traci West, Rev. Steve Baines Location: Baltimore A 5th Floor	12:30 - 1pm	Break
	Track 1: Health and Wellness Workshop 2 Topic: Transgenders Presentation by Whitman-Walker Staffer and Masen Davis, ED of Transgender Law Center. Location: Baltimore Ballroom-Salon B		Track 2: "The Kingdom and God and the Witness of Gay Marriage" Otis Gaddis Location: Baltimore B 5th Floor	1pm -3pm	Lunch Plenary: Power of Us Leaders Conference: "Our Families Our Future: Continuing the Legacy: 2008 is the 60th anniversary of Perez v. Sharp, the first case striking down race discrimination in marriage. The panel will discuss the historical legacy of the Perez decision and its lessons for today's struggle for the freedom to marry for same sex couples
	Track 2: Education and Economic Devt. Workshop 2 Topic: Financial Literacy 101 (basic checking, savings investments) Presenter: Dianna Ward, Wachovia Bank Location: Kent Room				Panelists: Robin A. Lenhardt, Associate Professor of Law at Fordham, Lea Gilmore, Director of MBFA and civil right activist, Jason Bartlett, CT State Representative, Otis Gaddis III
3:00 -7:00pm	Arts & Cultural Expo Foyer		Track 3: Health Workshop Presentation: AIDS Project Los Angeles and Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) will report on the groundbreaking collaboration study recently conducted over two years which focused on over 400 young Black and Latino Men. Vallerie Wagner, APLA Location: Homeland	3pm- 5:30pm	Breakout sessions (concurrent)
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	Track 1: Health and Wellness Workshop 3 Topic: Women Presentation by NCLR and Mautner Project Location: Baltimore Ballroom-Salon B	5:30pm – 6:00pm	Travel to Ebenezer AME Church (Shuttle Provided)		Track 1: A Dialogue with Families of Color: The dialogue will host a 15 minute panel presenting current information on the state of LGBTQ Families, a local expert on current efforts to lift the voices of families of color, and a family story to illustrate some of the issues currently on the burner. This panel will be followed by a guided discussion and Q&A to facilitate Project Harmony's Collection of information, issues, concerns, and stories! Location: Homeland 5th Floor
	Track 2: Education and Economic Devt. Workshop 3 Topic: Financial Literacy 202 (advanced checking, savings, investments) Presenter: Ed Hutchins, Wachovia Bank Location: Kent Room				Track 2: Black LGBT in Entertainment Panel Discussion & Q&A: Join America's most successful openly LGBT performers discuss what it is like to be out in the entertainment biz. Moderator: Zandra Conway Location: Ballroom B 5th Floor
3:45pm - 4:30pm	Plenary: Keynote on Education and Economic Devt.: "Meltdown & You... Surviving the Sub-Prime Mortgage & Default Crisis ?" Presenter: Sharon Ford, Wells Fargo Bank Location: Baltimore Ballroom B, 5th Floor	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Sacred Hour: Communion and Re-dedication: Rev. Deborah L. Johnson, Rev. Ken Samuels, Rev. Loyce Newton-Edwards Location: Ebenezer AME Church		Track 3: How to start an NBJC Steering Committee in Your City Become an active member of NBJC by creating a an NBJC Steering Committee in your own city! Find out the process during this informational session. Location: Baltimore A 5th Floor
4:30pm - 4:45pm	Q&A to plenary			7pm – Midnight:	Silent Auction Location: Foyer
4:45pm - 5:00pm	Closing: Reflections on the day.	7:00pm - Until	Power of Us: Salute to Black LGBT Elected Officials Followed by NeoSoul Concert with Special National Recording Artist	7pm – Midnight:	Power of Us Leaders Conference and Awards Banquet: "Harlem on the Harbor" An exquisite evening of arts and entertainment with special celebrity guests in celebration of the achievements of the Black LGBT community!!
5:00pm -7:00pm	Arts & Entertainment/ Q&A/ Live Performances				
	Actor's Corner Q&A , Singers, Spoken Word Artists, Booksignings Location: Baltimore Ballroom 5th Floor				
7:00pm -10:00 pm	Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony: Comedy by Karen Williams and Music by Kai Natural Brown				
	Presenter: Rev. David Lewis, Asso. Pastor, St. John Baptist Miss. Baptist Church "Andrew Goodman Awardee": H. Alexander Robinson Speaker: Rev. Leah Doherty, Chief of Staff, Democratic National Committee				