

FREEDOM FUND EVENT 2021

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 6pm

Theme: Civil Discourse in Civic Engagement

Location: Hybrid* at St. Anselm's Institute of Politics

**In-person and streamed live via Zoom.*

The Freedom Fund Dinner is our way of lifting up those who exemplify the values and philosophy of the NAACP. It is a time to come together and celebrate each other and recognize heroes for social justice.

The focus for 2022 will be Civil Discourse in Civil Engagement. Join us to learn about this critical issue and how the Manchester NAACP Branch will be moving it forward in 2022.

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Program Schedule

Welcome: Mr. James T. McKim Jr.

Invocation: Pastor Ray Ealy

Performance: Lift Every Voice & Sing
(with Audience Participation)

President's Remarks: Mr. James T. McKim Jr.

New England Area Conference President
Remarks: Mr. Juan Cofield

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Keynote Speaker: Reverend Eric Jackson

Award Presentations

Closing Remarks and Raffle Drawing*: Ms. Dawn Pater

**ECCO shoe and Market Basket gift card raffles will be drawn at the same time*

Performance: We Shall Overcome
(with Audience Participation)

Benediction: Reverend Renee Rouse

Welcome to This Year's Freedom Fund Event!



As you may know, the Freedom Fund Dinner is our largest fundraising effort. It fuels our activities the entire year.

This year's event comes at a time of great challenge. A full year after the murders of Ahmad Arbury, Broeanna Taylor, and, particularly, George Floyd, we are still struggling to address improvement in law enforcement. Our species is still in a battle with the COVID-19 virus. And recent government and domestic terrorist actions have caused our city, state, and country to continue to be in a state of confusion. Daily life seems to change at an ever increasing rate.

The systemic disparities for people of color in all walks of life from Health Care to Economic Opportunity and mental Justice have become further exposed. The hunger for justice increases. The opportunities for reconciliation and healing are greater than ever before.

To take advantage of these opportunities, this year's events topic is "Civil Discourse in Civic Engagement". To help us understand why this topic is important right now and what we can do to strive for more civility in our civic engagement, we are pleased to have back with us the Reverend Eric Jackson. Many of you know Reverend Jackson from his time with us here at the Manchester NAACP.

The purpose of this event is, also, to lift up those who have been exemplary in their actions to fulfill the NAACP Mission secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons. I offer my congratulations to all our award winners.

For the first time in our history, this year's event is a hybrid event. It has taken enormous energy to pull together. I am so very proud of the way the Freedom Fund Committee has worked to make this event happen. Many thanks to the Committee, to our sponsors, and to you for your support. Enjoy what I know will be a great event we will be talking about for years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James T. McKim Jr." in a cursive script.

Mr. James T. McKim Jr., Manchester NAACP President

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Eric C. Jackson

Pastor. Speaker. Visionary. Scholar. Anti-Racist Religious Educator are some of the words that give a glimpse into the Rev. Eric Jackson. Eric is a native of New York City who was rooted in the struggle for justice growing up at the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in Harlem. The Rev. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker was the former chief of Staff to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. baptized Eric at a young age and there the seeds were planted inextricably linking the Christian Faith and Social Justice.

Eric would earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the City College of New York. During his time as a College Student he was selected to serve as a Schomburg-Mellon Fellow at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

Eric would go on to earn a Master's of Divinity Degree from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey where he was awarded the Gulick-Clement Memorial Scholarship for Promise and Excellence in Pastoral Ministry. Eric would go on to serve as Associate Minister of the First Calvary Baptist Church of Harlem (New York) and become Vice-President of the Associate Ministers' Auxiliary. While at First Calvary Eric established a robust HIV/AIDS Ministry in collaboration with the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS. During his time at Drew Eric served for three years as Community Minister at the historic Judson Memorial Church in Greenwich Village.

Eric was called to a six-month term as Supply Minister during a time of transition for the Congregational Church of the Evangel, United Church of Christ in Brooklyn, New York. At the close of his tenure, Eric was blessed to be called to serve as Pastor of the Smith Memorial Congregational Church, UCC in Hillsborough, New Hampshire that provided him with an introduction to the beautiful Granite State and a rewarding ministry experience. In 2016, Eric would be elected to the Presidency of the Manchester Branch of the NAACP. Eric served in this role until 2019 when he was called as Pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, UCC in Syracuse, New York.

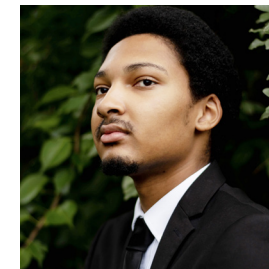
Eric was awakened him to the need for mainline protestant churches to dismantle systemic racism through dialogue and empathy. This led to the founding of WOW Table! LLC (Widening our Welcome). Eric has shared his gifts with numerous congregations, denominational settings, the Obama Foundation, the State of New Hampshire, and many other settings to guide communities in fostering a deeper sense of belonging in predominantly white organizations for marginalized peoples through dialogue. Eric is also a consultant for the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ and serves on the Board of Directors of the National United Church of Christ.

Eric has also worked with the Granite State Organizing Project and its national organization Faith in Action to bring the issues of people in the Granite State to the eyes of the 2020 Presidential Candidates. Eric is a trained community organizer by the Industrial Areas Foundation and is now President of the Alliances of Communities Transforming Syracuse in Syracuse, New York which is the local partner of the Faith in Action Network.

Eric is completing a Ph.D. at Christian Theological Seminary and is published by Pilgrim Press and has published in Homiletic the Journal of the Academy of Homiletics.



Award Recipients



Youth Excellence in Service Award Mr. Jordan Thompson

Jordan Thompson is a writer and racial justice organizer for the ACLU-NH. He is the co-founder of Black Lives Matter Nashua and a member of the Greater Nashua Area NAACP.

Jordan has had a strong passion for public service since he was a teen, and has spent the last several years advocating for social, racial and economic justice in his community.

In 2018, Jordan organized Nashua's first Juneteenth Emancipation Day event, paving the way for New Hampshire lawmakers to recognize it as an observed holiday the following year.

As ACLU-NH's first racial justice organizer, Jordan remains committed to centering the perspectives of young people of color, and empowering them to organize around racial justice in their own communities. He has worked to amplify the efforts of community leaders doing existing work, and to ensure that our elected officials are governing with intersectionality in mind.



Organization Excellence in Service Bangor Savings Bank

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Award Recipients Cont.



Excellence in Service Award **Dr. Charlotte B. Broaden**

Dr. Broaden is currently a professor of International Business and Organizational Leadership at Southern New Hampshire University. She received her doctorate in International Business, with a concentration in International Finance. Prior to her academic career, Dr. Broaden worked in several multinational firms where she was an executive managing international human resource activities as well as being a member of the company's strategic management team.

Dr. Broaden was named a Fulbright Scholar in 2015 by the US Department of State, Cultural Affairs Division and she holds the Certified Global Business Professional designation from NASBITE International, which is the qualification in Global Commerce, and she is a member of the Foreign Direct Investment Association. She is a member of numerous trade and professional groups in her field.

She has lived and worked in Canada, Greece, United Arab Emirates and Botswana. Additionally, she has traveled to forty countries around the world.



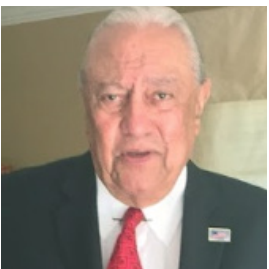
Excellence in Journalism **Ms. Constance Cherise, Manchester Ink Link**

Constance Cherise is a New Hampshire Press Association Excellence in Journalism 2019 first, second, and third place award-winning arts and entertainment journalist, and a finalist for the NHPA 2020 awards, to be announced Sept. 23.

She has collaborated with NH Business, Fathom Events, and has been a regular contributor for Warner Media's TCM blog.

Her work has been shared across member publications of the Granite State News Collaborative and is Arts and Entertainment editor for Manchester Ink Link in addition to her freelance work.

Award Recipients Cont.



Lifetime Service Award **Mr. Harvey Keye**

Harvey Keye was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama in a lot next to a train yard. He and his community were literally dirt poor. Harvey was the first person in his neighborhood to attend and graduate from college. Later, he would become the first Black salesperson for Colgate Palmolive Co, own his own medical supply company, receive an MBA degree, work in Telecommunications for over 25 years, and eventually be elected twice to the NH House of Representatives.

In 1999, NH was the only state in the nation which did not celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday as state holiday. Representative Harvey Keye was an important part of the catalyst that helped lead the charge to make Dr. King's birthday a holiday. Harvey has been a part of countless organizations in support of people and is passionate about working to make our communities better.

*Congratulations
to all our recipients!*



History of the NAACP

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded in 1909 by a multiracial group activist and interested citizens. The principal objective of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of minority group citizens of the United States. The NAACP is committed to non-violence and relies upon the press, the petition, the ballot, and the courts, even in the face of overt and violent racial hostility.



Manchester, New Hampshire Branch #2069 was established in 1964 by a group of Black and White citizens who believed in the democratic process to ensure equal opportunity for all. The organization was founded at a time in the history of New Hampshire when the minority population was very small. Residents of African descent were subjected to the typical social practices current at that time. As the nascent Civil Rights movement was emerging in the South, the New Hampshire Union Leader became a vocal opponent; however, the Manchester NAACP founders believed that the principles of freedom and democracy were not limited by race, creed or color. They came together to form a chapter of the NAACP, the premier civil rights organization of the day, as a beacon of support for brotherhood and civil rights.

In its 55th year history, the leadership and membership of the organization has been a testament to the diversity of Manchester, New Hampshire. Branch activities have included housing and employment discrimination programs, college preparation workshops and support for the passage of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. state holiday. Individuals of every age, race, religion and creed have been members of the Manchester Branch. Despite the challenges faced by members, Branch #2069 has been chartered for 55 years continuously. We continue to carry on the tradition of the largest and oldest, the best and boldest civil rights organization in America.

Mission

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

Vision Statement

The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

Objectives

The following statement of objectives is found on the first page of the NAACP Constitution—the principal objectives of the Association shall be:

- To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens
- To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States
- To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes
- To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights
- To inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination
- To educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP's Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution.

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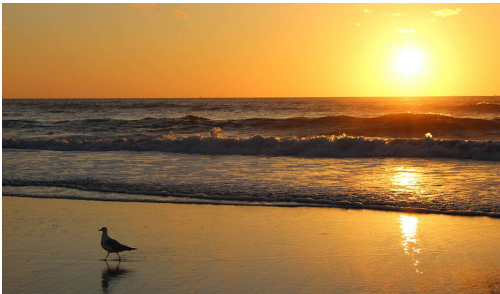
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Lift Every Voice And Sing Lyrics



Often referred to as “The Black National Anthem,” *Lift Every Voice and Sing* was a hymn written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson in 1900.

His brother, John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954), composed the music for the lyrics. A choir of 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School, where James Weldon Johnson was principal, first performed the song in public in Jacksonville, Florida to celebrate President Abraham Lincoln’s birthday.

At the turn of the 20th century, Johnson’s lyrics eloquently captured the solemn yet hopeful appeal for the liberty of Black Americans. Set against the religious invocation of God and the promise of freedom, the song was later adopted by NAACP and prominently used as a rallying cry during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

Lift every voice and sing,
‘Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on ‘til victory is won.
Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
‘Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
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.

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Manchester NAACP Monthly Meetings

Our organization meets with the public every fourth Thursday of each month to discuss important issues that are affecting our community and plan ways to take a proactive approach to addressing these matters. We meet via Zoom as of today, but will meet in person when it is safe to do so.

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October 1st, 5:30 pm online via Zoom. RSVP:

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