



Conference Agenda-at-a-Glance

“Still We Rise: Moving NJ’s Black Agenda Forward”

TIME

LOCATION

Thursday, September 28, 2017

8:00 am

*Masonic Temple
Grand Parlor*

Registration and Exhibits Open

9:00 am

Opening Plenary Session

Title Sponsor | PSEG

Remarks | Richard Thigpen, VP State Governmental Affairs

Co-Sponsor | AARP NJ

Remarks | Brian McGuire, Associate Director, AARP NJ

Welcome | Reva Foster, Chairperson, NJBIC

Remarks | Christopher S. Porrino, NJ Attorney General

Introduction of Keynote Speaker |

Rev. Ronald Tuff, 2nd VP of NJBIC

**Keynote Speaker: Reverend Timothy Levi Jones, Pastor
Bethany Baptist Church, Newark**

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Closing Comments | John Smith, NJBIC Treasurer

11:00 am

ISSUE FORUM

*Masonic Temple
Stokes Library*

**What Repealing the Affordable Health Care Act Could Mean
to You**

Presenter: Lavelle Jones (AARP)

11:00 am

CONCURRENT SEMINARS:

Thomas Edison
State University
(TESU)
Prudence Hall

Workshop 1 | *The Uncomfortable Truth: Structural Racism & Poverty in NJ*

Moderator: Renee Koubiadis

Panelist(s):

Natasha James Waldon
Brandon McCoy

Thomas Edison
State University
Room 103

Workshop 2 | *Healthy Schools Now: What You Can Learn From the Battle at Trenton High*

Moderator: Jerrell Blakeley

Panelist(s):

- Naomi Johnson-LeFleur, Trenton Ed. Assoc.
- Reed Gusciora, NJ State Assemblyman
- Nu-Kermen Kermah, Youth Advocate

Thomas Edison
State University
Room 104

Workshop 3 | *Foreclosure Prevention & Solutions*

Moderator:

Panelist(s):

- Mayarani Smith, President, NAREB
- Donnell Smith, First Vice President, NAREB

Masonic Temple
Lodge Room
2nd floor

Workshop 4 | *Black Churches and Black Youth Liberation: What is Your Role?*

Moderator: Reverend Charles F. Boyer, Pastor
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church,
Woodbury, NJ

Panelist(s):

- Reverend Dr. Darrell L. Armstrong, Pastor
Shiloh Baptist Church Trenton, NJ
- Reverend Stephen A. Green, Pastor
Heard AME Church, Roselle, NJ
- Minister Nicole Caldwell-Gross, First Lady
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Montclair, NJ
- Derreck Green
- T. Muhammad

12:30 pm

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Luncheon

Co-Sponsor | Murphy4NJ

Welcome | Reva Foster, NJBIC Chair

Introduction of the Mayor | Ed Hill, NJBIC Conference Chair
Remarks | Hon. Eric Jackson Mayor City of Trenton

Remarks | Hon. Ronald Rice, Senator, 28th District
& NJBIC 1st VP NJBIC

NJBIC 35th Anniversary Presentation

Hon. Verlina Reynolds-Jackson
Chairwoman, Mercer County Democratic Committee

Reflections on NJBIC's 35th Anniversary

Jerome Harris, NJBIC Co-Founder

Keynote Introduction | Diane Colson, NJBIC Board Member

Keynote Speaker: *Larry Hamm, Chairman*
People's Organization for Progress

Presentation | **Donald K. Tucker Service Award**

Brenda Lee, NJBIC Corresponding Secretary

Awardee | Bessie White

Closing Comments | Patricia D. Williamson
NJBIC Program Chair

2:30 pm

FEATURED FORUM

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Stokes Library

Crossroads: Policy Choices that Define Our Future (NJPPRI)

Moderator: Richard Roper

Panelists:

- Dr. Henry Coleman, Rutgers University
- Brandon McKoy, NJ Policy Perspectives

- 4:00 pm** *Masonic Temple* **Forum | Marijuana Legalization in NJ Must Be Fair & Equitable**
Lodge Room
2nd floor
- Moderator: Roseanne Scotti, J.D., Drug Policy Alliance
- Panelist(s):
- Rev. Charles Boyer, Bethel AME Church, Woodbury
 - Brandon McKoy, NJ Policy Perspectives
 - Richard Smith, President, NJ State Conference
NAACP
 - Kathy Wright, New Jersey Parents' Caucus
 - Juan Cartegena, President & General Counsel
LatinoJustice, PRLDEF

6:00 pm **TESU** **Community Change Awards**
Prudence Hall **Reception and Awards Ceremony**

- 7:00 pm** *Thomas Edison* **Community Change Awards Presentation**
State University
Prudence Hall
- Nominations:
- A Better Way
 - Capital City Community Coalition
 - Human Trafficking Prevention Program
 - Operation Red Realist Expo
 - The Pearl Club
 - Urban Mental Health Alliance



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9:00 am		<p>Opening Plenary Session Sponsor NJEA Co-Sponsors Rutgers the State University of New Jersey Comcast*NBCUniversal</p> <p>Welcome Reva Foster, NJBIC Chair</p> <p>Remarks Dr. George Pruitt, President Thomas Edison State College</p> <p>Reflections on NJBIC’s 35th Anniversary Jerome Harris, NJBIC Co-Founder</p> <p>Youth Forum Black Youth Matter Introduction of Moderator Patricia D. Williamson Moderator: Rev. Khristi Adams Youth Symposium Response Panel Panelist: Atiya Gladden, Kean University</p>
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11:00 am	CONCURRENT SEMINARS	
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Sponsors | PNC Bank;Southern Heritage Foundation; LIUNA

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Workshop 6 | Our Youth, Our Future, Our Fight
Moderator: Retha Onitiri, NJISJ
Panelists:

- Andrea McChristian, Esq., Associate Counsel
NJ Institute for Social Justice
- Fred Fogg, Director of Operations
Youth Advocacy Program
- Keith Jones, Community Organization
Specialist, Liaison to Mayor
of the City of New Brunswick

Thomas Edison
State University
Room 104

**Workshop 8 | Young People Keeping It Real 1&2
Gangs & Drugs; Homelessness & Interaction with
Police**

Moderator: Youth Advocates for Change
Panelists: YouthBuild Students

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Stokes Library

Workshop 9 | TBD

Dr. Deborah Cornavaca, New Jersey
Education Association

Thomas Edison
State University
Prudence Hall

Workshop 10: Social Media: Branding Your Business

Moderator: Chike Uzoka, Valentine Global

12:30 pm

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Luncheon

**Sponsors | RWJBarnabas Health
Altice**

Welcome | Mayarani Smith
NJBIC Recording Secretary

Keynote Introduction | Debra Jennings
SPAN Parent Advocacy Network

Keynote Speaker | Michellene Davis, Esq.,

Presentation | NJBIC Drum Major for Justice Award

Awardee | New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

Remarks | Ryan P. Haygood, Esq.

President & CEO,

New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

Closing Comments | Patricia D. Williamson
NJBIC Program Chair

2:30 pm –
4:30 pm

ISSUE FORUM

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2nd floor

Civic Engagement 2.0

Sponsor | Rosemont Foundation

Moderator: Jerome Harris

Panelist(s): George Gore

Ingrid Hill

Senator Ron Rice

5:00 pm

Lieutenant Governor Candidates Reception

Masonic Temple
Stokes Library

Meet & Greet

Co-Sponsors | Young Professionals Group

Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield NJ

Introduction of Candidates

Democratic Party | Sheila Oliver

Green Party | Lisa Durden

Independent | Devel Stroud

Republican Party | Carlos Rendo

7:00 pm

Masonic Temple
Grand Parlor

Gubernatorial Candidates' Forum

Moderator: Michael Hill, NJTV Correspondent
& Anchor

Introduction of Candidates for Governor:

Democratic Party | Phil Murphy

Republican Party | Kim Guadagno

Green Party | Seth Kaper-Dale

Independent | Gina Genovese