

FULLILLING THE DREAM
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

40th Anniversary Commemoration of the Chicago Freedom Movement

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**Joint Program of CFM40 "Fulfilling the Dream" Action Conference
and the National Hip Hop Political Convention (NHHPC)**

National Hip Hop Political Convention

July 20

NHHPC opens its convention with civic education workshops and trainings for up and coming young adult leaders across the country.

Location: Northeastern Illinois University, Inner City Studies

July 23

Living Legends Concert – An intergenerational outdoor concert featuring performers from the movement and today.

Location: Northeastern Illinois University, Inner City Studies

July 23

Fulfilling the Dream begins / NHHCP ends

Until 3 p.m.

NHHPC holds closing assembly

Chicago Freedom Movement 40th Anniversary Commemoration

All conference events will take place at the Harold Washington Cultural Center, 4701 S. King Drive. The official conference hotel is the Ramada Inn Lake Shore Drive, (773) 288-5800. \$99 per night. Registration code: Chicago Freedom Movement

Saturday, July 22

1 – 5 p.m.

Fulfilling the Dream Bus Tour of CFM Historic Sites

The Chicago History Museum, in partnership with CFM40 and DuSable Museum, is proud to present this tour as part of the CFM40 conference, marking the fortieth anniversary of Martin Luther King's move to Chicago and the effort to desegregate the city and attack economic injustices. Led by veterans of the Chicago Freedom Movement, the tour will explore some of the most significant sites of that era and examine its legacy. Bus leaves from the Chicago History Museum, Clark at North Avenue, with an additional 12:15 p.m. pickup at Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Van Buren Street. \$20 for conference registrants. Register for the tour online at www.cfm40.org.

7:00 p.m.

Young Men of Activism Awards Ceremony

Spoken Word Café

Across the street from the Cultural Center.

8:00 p.m.

CFM40 Volunteer Appreciation Party – Our warmest thanks to the committee members, volunteers and participants who are making this 40th Commemoration possible. Let's dance! Spoken Word Café. Across the street from the Cultural Center.

Sunday, July 23

Conference breakout sessions charged with identifying top 3 concerns for Action Agenda.

11:00 a.m.

Freedom Sunday
40th Commemoration Church Service
Friendship Baptist Church
Rev. Shelvin Hall, Pastor
5200 W. Jackson Blvd.

2:00-2:30 p.m.

Registration and networking

2:30 – 2:35 p.m.

Opening song by vocalist Roberta Thomas

2:35-2:45 p.m.

Welcome by Kale Williams and Bernard LaFayette

2:35-2:40 p.m.

Invocation by Rev. Willie Barrow (invited)

2:35-2:50

Opening Remarks by Rev. Jeremiah Wright – “The Great Unfinished Work”

2:50-3:30 p.m.

Plenary I - Rev. C.T. Vivian – “South to North: The Spirit of the Movement”

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Plenary II - In Their Own Words: CFM Overview - A multi-media presentation featuring people who were on the frontline of the Chicago Freedom Movement in 1965-66. Young people interpret selected readings. Narrated by Rev. Calvin Morris.

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

CFM Opening Reception

Welcome by Alderman Dorothy Tillman. Entertainment by the Merit Music Honors Jazz Ensemble

6:00 p.m.

CFM Movement Veteran Roll Call

Former participants of the Chicago Freedom Movement gather for a reunion ceremony and historical photograph.

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Evening of Arts and Social Change – Join the flood of artists who will take over the Cultural Center Sunday night to demonstrate and develop creative strategies that promote social change. Rooms will include songwriting and music, visual arts, acting, film, public art, dance, spoken word, written word, graf, digital media, and more. The evening will culminate in showings and performance.

10:00 p.m. to midnight

Open Mic Spoken Word @ Spoken Word Café

Across the street from the Cultural Center
Hosted by Aquil and Adam, Crib Collective

Monday, July 24

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast Roundtables

- Topics suggested by conference attendees
- Social Justice Curriculum Discussion
- 21st Century Civil Rights (NAACP)

8:00-8:30 a.m.

Registration, continental breakfast and networking

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Musical opening by the Albany Georgia Freedom Singers

9:00-9:20 a.m.

Welcome address by Father Michael Pfleger – “Trapped and Breaking Free”

9:20-10:30 a.m.

Plenary III – Significance of the Chicago Freedom Movement w/ introductory remarks by Bernard LaFayette, one of the leaders of the Chicago Freedom Movement.

An intergenerational panel composed of former participants from the movement, young adults, and authors explores the meaning of the CFM and helps attendees reach their own conclusions about the Movement's place in history and its relevance to the present. Moderated by NBC's Warner Saunders (invited)

Breakout sessions

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

A) Housing

- 1) Fair Housing: Old and New Challenges
- 2) Homelessness Sharing Circle

B) Organizing 101 – The Kingian Philosophy of Nonviolent Direct Action

C) Children, Community, and Social Policy

D) Mass Incarceration and the Throw-Away Generation

12:15-1:00 p.m.

Box Lunch – Conference attendees may network, browse the Community Zone, or record their recollections of the CFM.

Plenary IV - 1:15-3:45 p.m.

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CFM Mini Documentary – Produced by students at the Al Raby School for Community and Environment featuring oral history interviews with veterans of the 1960s Chicago

Freedom Movement and beyond. The students will be on hand to take questions.

1:45-2:15 p.m.

The Movement Is Now! by Melissa Harris-Lacewell

Assistant Professor of Political Science,
University of Chicago

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Mate Masie (Akan for "I have Seen and I have Kept")
Whitney Young High School Spoken Word Group

2:30-2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m.

Youth Activists Meet Movement Veterans – Two panels on stage at the same time; one composed of young organizers, the other of former participants in the Chicago Freedom Movement. The two groups answer the question: What social change strategies are effective and relevant today. Moderated by WVON's Cliff Kelley.

Breakout sessions

4:00-5:30 p.m.

A) No Keys to the Future: Chicago's Education Crisis

B) Organizing 102 – The Fundamentals of Organizing

C) Expanding the Historical Record: Historians Roundtable

D) Voting Rights

6:00 p.m.

Light Dinner

6:30 p.m.

Reports of Afternoon Activities
Citizen Leader and Young Women and Men of Activism Awards

7:30 p.m.

"Everybody Say Freedom"

40th Anniversary Commemoration Concert

Hosted by Khari B

Tickets available online or at the door. Reservations accepted at 312-915-8602

Albany Georgia Freedom Singers

Spq-her

Deep Blue Organ Trio

New York City Welfare Poets

Tuesday, July 25

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Breakfast Roundtables

- Topics suggested by conference attendees
- Media Strategies for Activism Roundtable, facilitated by the Community Media Workshop

9:00-10 a.m.

King in Chicago: Reflections on the Movement

Clayborne Carson, King Papers Project, Stanford University
Rev. James Orange, Former Youth Organizer, SCLC
Ne'Keisha Kidd, Mikva Challenge
Rev. Willie Barrow (invited)

Breakout sessions

10:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

A) Economic Justice for All

- 1) Making Ends Meet: Struggles of the Working Poor
- 2) Business Ownership as a Social Justice Issue

B) Women of the Civil Rights Movement and Today

C) No Human Is Illegal: Immigrant Justice

**D) Organizing 103 – Strategies of Chicago's Youth
Organizing Community**

11:45-12:30 p.m.

Box Lunch – topic discussions continue

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Daughters of Movement Leaders

Sherri Bevel, Katanya Raby, Santita Jackson (invited),
Ebony Tillman

Breakout sessions

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.

A) Our Sick City: How Can We Make Chicago Well?

- 1) Organizing for Better Health Care
- 2) Community Approaches to Preventing
Street Violence – conducted by Ceasefire

B) Organizing 104 – Technology and Activism

C) Impoverished Community: The Cost of War at Home

D) Growing Power! Food and the Community

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

**GREAT GOALS: Breakout sessions present final
reports/recommendations**

4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Plenary VI – United for Action - Rev. Jesse Jackson

Today's Chicago Freedom Movement. Introduced by Cong.
Jesse Jackson Jr. (invited)

5:30 p.m.

Conference adjourns – Action

**Freedom School for Youth Organizing at Jones college Prep
606 S. State Street
Tentative Schedule
Wednesday & Thursday, July 26-27, 2006**

Wednesday, July 26

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Oppression Analysis
10 am – 11 a.m.	Team Building Exercise
11 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 am – 12:15	Social Movements
12:15 – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 – 4:30 p.m.	The Power of Nonviolent Direct Action

Thursday, July 27

9 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hip Hop and Social Change
11:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Action Planning
12:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Action planning
4:00-4:30 p.m.	Reflections
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Action

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHICAGO FREEDOM MOVEMENT – *Teachers Seminar*****

James Ralph, Author of Northern Protest - Middlebury College

July 26 and 27, 2006, the Newberry Library

Forty years ago, Chicago was the site of the most ambitious northern campaign of the nonviolent civil rights movement. In the fall of 1965, Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) forged an alliance with Al Raby and the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations (CCCO) to attack racial inequities in metropolitan Chicago. They focused their energies on pervasive housing discrimination. In late July and August of 1966, Chicago Freedom Movement activists staged marches throughout the Chicago area. The intense reaction of white citizens brought the open-housing marches into the national spotlight and compelled the city's leadership to seek a resolution to a mounting crisis. On the 40th anniversary of the Chicago Freedom Movement, this seminar will explore why Dr. King and the SCLC selected Chicago as their first major testing ground of nonviolent direct action in the North and the challenges they faced in confronting northern racism. It will also examine why Chicago movement leaders targeted housing discrimination and why they agreed to a settlement when they did. Finally, it will address the conventional assumption that this campaign was a defeat for Dr. King and civil rights forces. Teachers interested in attending this seminar should contact Frank Valadez by telephone at 312-255-3569 or by e-mail at valadezf@newberry.org.) Please include the name of your school and your summer mailing address so seminar books and other materials can be sent to you before the seminar. You will receive confirmation of your registration via e-mail.

CFM40 Pre-conference Activities

2005

November 11

Intergenerational ExCHANGE

Harold Washington College

60 young people and veterans of the Chicago Freedom Movement gather to dialogue, problem solve, and identify urgent community issues as a first step toward action. Participants affiliated with Public Allies, the Al Raby School for Community and Environment, City Colleges of Chicago and more.

December

Chicago Freedom Movement (CFM) and the National Hip Hop Political Action Convention (NHHPC) form Partnership

With back-to-back meetings in July 2006, the CFM and NHHPC join forces to bring about a movement explosion experience in Chicago. The two groups decide to co-sponsor their events and hold a joint Freedom School for young organizers and an intergenerational *Living Legends* concert. The Chicago Freedom Movement conference occurs July 23-25 at the Harold Washington Cultural Center; the NHCCP runs from July 19-23 at Chicago State University.

2006

January 11

CFM Youth Committee Convenes

20 Chicago area organizations with a focus on social justice and youth development come together to build on Freedom Movement's youth activities already underway. The group signifies the beginning of a larger network of youth organizations dedicated to building a renewed movement.

January-February

Arts and Culture Spotlight

In recognition of King and Black History Months, metropolitan area arts and culture organizations sponsor exhibits and/ or events related to the Chicago Freedom Movement branded under the name Fulfilling the Dream. Participants include the DuSable Museum, Field Museum, Chicago Historical Society, Little Black Pearl Workshop, Deeply Rooted Dance Company, Young Chicago Authors and many others.

February 8

Taylor Branch Speaks

Author of the acclaimed King Years' trilogy speaks about his new book *At Canaan's Edge: The King Years 1965-68*. The book covers the Chicago Freedom Movement. The event is sponsored by the Chicago Freedom Movement, Jewish Council on Urban Affairs and the Community Renewal Society.

March 31

Young Women of Activism Awards

During International Women's History Month, the Chicago Freedom celebrates the power of women and girls to bring about social change. On Friday, March 31 at the Crib Collective, the Chicago Freedom Movement honored 10 young activist women who are making their voices heard. The Young Men of Activism Awards is coming soon.

April 4

Interfaith Convocation

The Civil Rights Movements has always drawn on faith as an inspirational force for positive social change. In April, members of Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist traditions renewed their commitment to work together for economic and social justice.

April 11

National Fair Housing Month

The Fair Housing Act was signed on April 11, 1968, just one week after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This landmark bill, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, resulted from the hard work and leadership of Dr. King and others in the civil rights movement and was an important step toward confronting discrimination against minorities in housing. As we celebrate the 38th anniversary of this historic legislation, we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that all Americans have equal access to housing.

April 1-July 10

Neighborhood Outreach Initiative

In coordination with CFM40, Chicago organizations take to the streets to take a pulse of community concerns and actions 40 years after the Chicago Freedom movement and to invite participation in FTD activities.

April 21

"The Significance of the Chicago Freedom Movement: Reflections on its Fortieth Anniversary,"

Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Panelists: Mary Lou Finley, Jim Ralph, Elbert Ransom, and Kale Williams

April 29

CFM40 Co-sponsors Tavis Smiley Book Event

His new book published by Third World Press is called "A Covenant with Black America." Haki Madhubuti of Third World Press will discuss it and hold panel discussions on community issues including education and housing. T.J. Crawford of the National Hip Hop Political Convention will be the young adult speaker.

June 12

Rainbow/PUSH Annual Convention

The Significance of the Chicago Freedom Movement

Hyatt Regency O'Hare

Panelists: Rev. Jesse Jackson; students Quincy Williams and Kevin Brown; Rev. Willie Barrow; Gary Massoni; Cheli Oswald

June 15

CFM40 Co-sponsors Kathy Emery Event, an expert in Freedom School curricula, speaks at Roosevelt University at the request of the new Chicago Freedom School, scheduled to open Summer 2007

July 22

Young Men of Activism Awards

7:00 p.m. at Spoken word Café

Across the street from the Harold Washington Cultural Center