

## NAACP MISSION STATEMENT

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 racial hatred and racial discrimination.

## DAYTON UNIT NAACP VISION STATEMENT

The Dayton Unit NAACP *VISION* is to fulfill the Dream of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by capitalizing on the 2nd "A" of the NAACP, which stands for *ADVANCEMENT*. (Copyright © Incorporated 2007 - DLF)

### *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening 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 till 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, till 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 hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou Who hast 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.  
Lest 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.

Words By: *JAMES WELDON JOHNSON*

\*\*\* *We the People* \*\*\*

\*\*\* PROGRAM \*\*\*

## *Dayton Unit NAACP 51<sup>st</sup> Inauguration Ceremony*

*Mistress of Ceremony: Charlisa A. Gordon, News Reporter, WDTN-TV2*

*Community Servants Call To Action & Invocation....Pastor Renard D. Allen, Jr.  
Matthew 25:32-46 St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church*

*The National Anthem....."The Star Spangled Banner"  
Officer Devin Portis  
Dayton Police Department*

*The Negro National Anthem .....(1<sup>st</sup> Verse)....."Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"  
Officer Devin Portis  
Dayton Police Department*

*The Welcome.....Rev. Herman E. Branham  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-elect*

*The Purpose.....Willie A. Terrell, Jr.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President-elect*

*Civic Engagement Charge to the Community.....Tom M. Roberts  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-elect*

*The Oath of Office Administered By.....Honorable Mia Wortham Spells  
Judge, Dayton Municipal Court*

*Video Presentation.....2015 Pictorial Year in Review*

*Presidential Inaugural Address.....Honorable Derrick L. Foward, M.C.E.  
President, Dayton Unit NAACP*

*Prayer For Community Leaders & Benediction...Pastor Frederick A. Hayes, Sr.  
1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-3 Freedom Faith Missionary Baptist Church*

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# Congratulations!!!

## Officers

*Honorable Derrick L. Foward, M.C.E.*  
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## Youth Advisors

*1st Lady Jean A. Foward*

*Carolyn Y. Perkins*

*LTC (R) Claudia L. Mason*

### **-ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS-**

Presidential Inaugural Committee 2017  
Kenton B. Curtis, Jr., Recreation Facility Specialist, Dayton Cultural & RTA Transit Center  
Sloan & Foward Elegant Catering Services  
Littlejohn Junior NAACP Youth Council  
ZAN Video Production

Reception immediately following in the Gallery

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# Dayton Unit NAACP

*Founded: May 10, 1915*



*Roslyn M. Brock*  
*NAACP Chairman*  
*National Board of Directors*



*Cornell William Brooks*  
*President and CEO*  
*NAACP*



*Derrick Lee Foward*  
*President*  
*Dayton Unit NAACP*



*Sybil Edwards-McNabb*  
*President*  
*Ohio Conference NAACP*

## *51<sup>st</sup> Inauguration Ceremony*

*Thursday, January 19, 2017*

*Dayton Cultural and RTA Transit Center*

*6:30 p.m.*

*"Where There Is Unity, There Is Strength"*

*National Theme: "Our Lives Matter, Our Votes Count!"*

*Local Theme: "We the People"*

*Honorable Derrick L. Foward, M.C.E.*  
*President of the Dayton Unit NAACP*