

Diaspora Dialogues
3RD ANNUAL BAHAI
INSPIRED KWANZAA

*12 families will present on specific
Kwanzaa principles this year!*



ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL
INITIATIVE OF
BARBARA TALLEY

RED
FOR THE PAST
STRUGGLES

BLACK
FOR THE
PEOPLE

GREEN
FOR THE
FUTURE

MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY

DECEMBER 26, 2022 TO JANUARY 1, 2023

MONDAY - FRIDAY EVENINGS: 7-11:00 P.M. EST

SATURDAY and SUNDAY: 2-6:00 P.M. EST

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UMOJA

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31

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Creativity

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IMANI

Faith

2-6 P.M. EST



**A PUPIL
OF THE
EYE
EVENT**

**A 7-day family-style
safe gathering that
brings together
Black people across
the African diaspora**

Our 2022-2023 KWANZAA



DAY 1
MON
26
7-11 PM

UMOJA (UNITY)

To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.

CHARLES, ROSE, AND
SANDRA BULLOCK;
MASHALLAH SALAAM,
& DAMITA HICKS;
SANDY SIMMONS

DAY 2
TUES
27
7-11 PM

KUJICHAGULIA (SELF-DETERMINATION)

To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for ourselves.

BARBARA, SHAWN AND
RADIANCE TALLEY;
ANTHONY OUTLER,
VON AND NASIF
HABEEB-ULLAH;
VAN GILMER

DAY 3
WED
28
7-11 PM

UJIMA (COLLECTIVE WORK & RESPONSIBILITY)

To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.

DWAYNE RAYNER,
AND ZIA RAYNER, DERIK
AND ALLEN SMITH AND
THEIR FAMILIES; ELMELDA
& BADI OMARA;
WALTER HEATH

DAY 4
THUR
29
7-11 PM

UJAMAA (COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS)

To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

BAHJI VARNER, CHUKE
AND ZAMANI WILLIAMS;
RIDVAN FOXHALL;
TOD AND ALISON EWING,
ANGELA AND KARIM
EWING-BOYD

DAY 5
FRI
30
7-11 PM

NIA (PURPOSE)

To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

SUE ST. CLAIR & FAMILY;
THE BURRIS'S: WILLIS/ PAT,
ELLIS/ ESYLN, STEPHEN/
NEL, & THEIR CHILDREN
(DWIGHT, DHANIKA,
DWAYNE)

DAY 6
SAT
31
2-6PM

KUUMBA (CREATIVITY)

To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

CLYDE HERRING; OLETHA
DEVANE, CHRISTOPHER
KOJZAR; JOYCEYN JOLLY;
MARTINE HUBBARD,
DAWNEE VALENCIA AND
AZIZA HARRIS;
MARY OKONKWO

DAY 7
SUN
1 JAN
2-6 PM

IMANI (FAITH)

To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

AYO HANDY-KENDI;
KAYTURA FELIX;
MASUD OLUFANI
PHIL MORRISON



Welcome Artists

Multi Disiplinary Visual Artists



DAMITA HICKS



CHRISTOPHER KOJZAR



OLETHA DEVANE



MARTINE HUBBARD

Singers, Composers Musicians



PHIL MORRISON



VAN GILMER



SANY SIMMONS



WALTER HEATH

Orators, Graphic Designers Film Singers



MASUD OLUFANI



CLYDE HERRING



BEVERLY (INDIE-B)



MASHALLAH SALAAM

Poets Performing Arts



RADIANCE TALLEY



BARBARA TALLEY



MARY TOYA OKONKWO



RIDVAN FOXHALL

THE TRUE WORTH OF ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN SHOULD BE APPRECIATED,
FOR THEY ADVANCE THE AFFAIRS OF MANKIND. - BAHU'U'LLAH



**A SPECIAL THANKS TO GERI
PEAK FOR CURATING THE
MORNING CEREMONIES:
PRAYERS, LIBATIONS,
DANCE, SINGING BOWLS
AND ANCESTRAL
WELCOMES, ETC.**



*Thank
You*

Monday



IDA GORDON

Tuesday



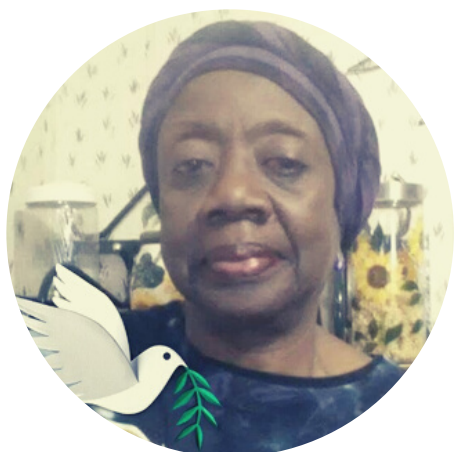
MAMA RASHIDA

Thursday



KARLA WYNN DOUF

Friday



IDA GORDON

Saturday



**CHERYL HINTON (INVITED) -
BACKUP GERI PEAK**

Sunday



AYO HANDY-KENDI

**THIS IS WORSHIP: TO SERVE MANKIND AND TO MINISTER TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE.
SERVICE IS PRAYER. A PHYSICIAN MINISTERING TO THE SICK, GENTLY, TENDERLY, FREE FROM
PREJUDICE AND BELIEVING IN THE SOLIDARITY OF THE HUMAN RACE, HE IS GIVING PRAISE.**



KWANZAA DAY 1: (UNITY)

UMOJA

DIASPORA DIALOGUES 2022

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 7pm-11pm EST



THE FIRST DAY OF KWANZAA SIGNIFIES TOGETHERNESS IN THE FAMILY, COMMUNITY, NATION, AND RACE.

"The well-being of mankind," He declares, "its peace and security are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established." "So powerful is the light of unity," is His further testimony, "that it can illuminate the whole earth. The one true God, He Who knoweth all things, Himself testifieth to the truth of these words... This goal excelleth every other goal, and this aspiration is the monarch of all aspirations." Baha'i Writings

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CONFERENCE PLANNER, BARBARA TALLEY



Welcome to the 3rd Annual Baha'i-Inspired Kwanzaa. I'm so excited about this year's focus on families. Our theme is: "You will know them by their fruits." Kwanzaa is not a religious holiday; it is a cultural holiday. However, our spiritual community and friends are looking at the Kwanzaa principles through a spiritual lens. All invited families are working towards the betterment of the world by promoting the oneness of humanity. Featured families tonight are the friends and family of Charles Bullock and James Elijo. Damita Hicks (Mama Afreeka) will be sharing the spotlight with her very beautiful daughter, Mashallah. And, finally Sandy Simmons will share her music.

FEATURED FAMILIES (BULLOCKS, HICKS, SIMMONS)

EACH DAY A DIFFERENT PRINCIPLE IS DISCUSSED, AND EACH DAY A CANDLE IS LIT ON THE KINARA (CANDLEHOLDER). THE BLACK CANDLE REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE, **THE RED FOR PAST STRUGGLES AND THE **GREEN** FOR THE FUTURE.**



CHARLES BULLOCK



SANDRA BULLOCK



ROSE BULLOCK



SANDY SIMMONS



MASHALLAH SALAAM



DAMITA HICKS



JAMES ELIJO

TO STRIVE FOR AND MAINTAIN UNITY AS A FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND RACE OF PEOPLE.

SCHEDULE

Monday (12/26/22)



07:00 PM

Program begins. Please arrive promptly in order to be settled for the prayers.

07:10 PM

Spiritualizing Our Space through cultural means such as libations, prayers, inviting our ancestors in, acknowledgements, drumming and more.

07:30 PM

Bullock Family and Friends share on the Kwanza principle of Umoja which translates to "Unity!"

08:30 PM

James Eljio and his sister, Therese will share on the unifying and empowering dynamics of family life, its African roots and how Africanity prepared them to accept humanity as one.

09:30 PM

Damita Hicks and her daughter Mashallah Salaam will share. Prepare to be wowed by Damita's artistic rendition of "Mama Afreeka" and the youthful perspectives of Mashallah.

10:30 PM

Enjoy the soul-stirring music of the fabulous **Sandy Simmons**



KWANZAA

**TO STRIVE FOR AND TO MAINTAIN
UNITY IN THE FAMILY, COMMUNITY,
NATION, AND RACE.**





KWANZAA DAY 2: (SELF-DETERMINATION)

KUJI
CHAG
ULIA

DIASPORA DIALOGUES 2022

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 7pm-11pm EST

THE SECOND DAY OF KWANZAA SIGNIFIES THAT WE SHOULD DEFINE OURSELVES, NAME OURSELVES, CREATE FOR OURSELVES, AND SPEAK FOR OURSELVES, RATHER THAN BEING DEFINED, NAMED, CREATED FOR OR SPOKEN FOR BY OTHERS.

Bahá'u'lláh...once compared the colored people to the black pupil of the eye surrounded by the white. In this black pupil is seen the reflection of that which is before it and through it the light of the spirit shineth forth. "Now the dark-skinned people," he said, "would have an upsurge that is both spiritual and social. This spiritual upsurge will rapidly bring them great gifts because it is an act of God, and it is so intended. ...a cream that has latent gifts only to be brought out by divine bounties."



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CONFERENCE PLANNER, BARBARA TALLEY

Welcome to Day 2 of our Baha'i-Inspired Kwanzaa. Today, I have the pleasure of speaking on the theme of self-determination with my children Shawn Talley and Radiance Talley, my sister Betty Mims, and maybe a few others. We'll also be joined by Anthony Outler and his mother and father, Von and Nasif Habeeb-ullah, and will end the day with the amazing music of Van Gilmer.

FEATURED FAMILIES (TALLEY'S, MIMS, OUTLER, AND HABEEB-ULLAHS)



RADIANCE TALLEY



SHAWN TALLEY



BETTY MIMS

"HABARI GANI" IS A SWAHILI GREETING! IT TRANSLATES TO "WHAT'S HAPPENING?" THOSE PRESENT IN A KWANZAA CELEBRATION RESPOND WITH THE NAME OF THE PRINCIPLE FOR THE DAY.



ANTHONY OUTLER



VERNADA AND NASIF HABEEB-ULLAH



VAN GILMER



**TO DEFINE AND NAME OURSELVES, AS WELL AS
TO CREATE AND SPEAK FOR OURSELVES.**

SCHEDULE

Tuesday (12/27/22)



07:00 PM

Program begins. Please arrive promptly in order to be settled for the prayers.

07:10 PM

Spiritualizing Our Space through cultural means such as libations, prayers, inviting our ancestors in, acknowledgements, drumming and more.

07:30 PM

Barbara, Shawn, and Radiance Talley & Betty Mims will share on the theme of self-determination. Expect some powerful poetry too!

09:00 PM

Anthony Outler and his parents Nasif and Vonetta Habeeb-ullah will share on Kujichagulia, the importance of defining ourselves, naming ourselves, and creating and speaking for ourselves.

10:30 PM

Enjoy the soul-stirring music of the fabulous **Van Gilmer** (and perhaps a few surprise family members).



KWANZAA

KUJICHAGULIA: (SELF-DETERMINATION):
TO DEFINE AND NAME OURSELVES, AS WELL AS
TO CREATE AND SPEAK FOR OURSELVES.





KWANZAA DAY 3: (COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY)

UJIMA

DIASPORA DIALOGUES 2022

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 7pm-11pm EST

THE THIRD DAY OF KWANZAA SIGNIFIES THAT WE MUST BUILD AND MAINTAIN OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND MAKE OUR BROTHERS' AND SISTERS' PROBLEMS OUR PROBLEMS AND WORK TO SOLVE THEM TOGETHER.

It is enjoined upon every one of you to engage in some form of occupation, such as crafts, trades and the like. We have graciously exalted your engagement in such work to the rank of worship unto God, the True One. Ponder ye in your hearts the grace and the blessings of God and render thanks unto Him at eventide and at dawn. Waste not your time in idleness and sloth. Occupy yourselves with that which profiteth yourselves and others. Bahá'u'lláh, Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh Revealed After the Kitáb-i-Aqdas, pp. 26



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CONFERENCE PLANNER, BARBARA TALLEY

Welcome to Day 3 of our Bahá'i- Inspired Kwanzaa. Today, three families, the Omaha's, the Smith's and the Rayner families will join us. All families featured on day 3 have lived a life of service to humanity. Joining Derik Smith will be his wife Narmin, and their kids Badí, Shiraz, and Bahiyyih, his father Allen Smith and his wife Kathleen, Derik's cousin Daryll and his wife, Loria and their daughter Nefertiti and her husband, John. Zia will be joining Dwayne; Emelda and Badi Omara will share. We'll end the day with a couple of songs from the amazing Walter Heath.

FEATURED FAMILIES (SMITHS, OMARAS, AND RAYNERS)



DWAYNE RAYNER



ZIA RAYNER



EMELDA & BADI OMARA

WITHOUT
COLLECTIVE WORK
AND STRUGGLE,
PROGRESS IS
IMPOSSIBLE AND
LIBERATION
UNTHINKABLE!



DERIK, NARMIN & KIDS



KATHLEEN SMITH



ALLEN SMITH



WALTER HEATH

**TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER
AND SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS TOGETHER**

SCHEDULE

Wednesday

(12/28)



07:00 PM

- **Program Begins.** Please arrive promptly in order to be settled for the prayers.

07:10 PM

- **Spiritualizing Our Space** through cultural means such as libations, prayers, inviting our ancestors in, acknowledgements, drumming and more.

07:30 PM

- **Dwayne & Kia Rayner and Family** will share how they promote the Kwanza principle of Ujima "collective work and responsibility."

08:30 PM

- **Emelda & Badi Omara** will share from experience the importance of making our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems and solving them together.

9:30 PM

- **The Smith Family** will speak on service. Joining Derik Smith, will be his wife Narmin, their kids Badí, Shiraz, and Bahiyyih; his father Allen Smith and his wife Kathleen; his cousin Daryll and his wife, Loria and their daughter Nefertiti and her husband, John.

10:30 PM

- We will end with a few selections from the soul-stirring music of the amazing **Mr. Walter Heath.**



KWANZAA

UJIMA (COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY): TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND MAKE OUR BROTHERS' AND SISTERS' PROBLEMS OUR PROBLEMS AND TO SOLVE THEM TOGETHER.





KWANZAA DAY 4: (COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS)



DIASPORA DIALOGUES 2022 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 7pm-11pm **EST**

THE FOURTH DAY OF KWANZAA RECOGNIZES THAT OUR ECONOMIC GOALS SHOULD NOT BE INDIVIDUAL; THEY SHOULD BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR PEOPLE.

*Strive, therefore, to create love in the hearts in order that they may become glowing and radiant. When that love is shining, it will permeate other hearts even as this electric light illumines its surroundings. When the love of God is established, everything else will be realized. **This is the true foundation of all economics. Reflect upon it. Endeavor to become the cause of the attraction of souls rather than to enforce minds. Manifest true economics to the people. Show what love is, what kindness is, what true severance is and generosity.** ...Economic questions will not attract hearts. The love of God alone will attract them. 'Abdu'l-Bahá, 23 July 1912, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, pp. 238-239*



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CONFERENCE PLANNER, BARBARA TALLEY

Welcome to Day 4 of our Baha'i- Inspired Kwanzaa. Today, we have two special families sharing on the theme of true economics, working and serving for the benefit of our people, the families of Tod Ewing and Bahji Varner. Also, Ridvan Foxhall will share about New Era Creative Space and Indie-B will close with music.

FEATURED FAMILIES (EWINGS, BOYDS, & VARNERS)



BAHJI VARNER



IFEANYI CHUKE WILLIAMS



RIDVAN FOXHALL

WE ESTIMATE A \$220 BILLION ANNUAL DISPARITY BETWEEN BLACK WAGES TODAY AND WHAT THEY WOULD BE IN A SCENARIO OF FULL PARITY, WITH BLACK REPRESENTATION MATCHING THE BLACK SHARE OF THE POPULATION.

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TOD AND ALISON EWING



ANGELA & ABDU'L-KARIM EWING-BOYD



BEVERLY (INDIE-B)

TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN OUR OWN STORES, SHOPS, AND OTHER BUSINESSES AND TO PROFIT FROM THEM TOGETHER.

SCHEDULE

Thursday

(12/29)



07:00 PM

Program Begins. Please arrive promptly in order to be settled for the prayers.

07:10 PM

Spiritualizing our Space through cultural means such as libations, prayers, inviting our ancestors in, acknowledgements, drumming and more.

07:30 PM

Ridvan Foxhall of New Era Creative Space will share how she is investing in the next generation by building confidence through the performance arts.

08:30 PM

Tod and Alison Ewing and their daughter Angela and her husband Karim Ewing Boyd will share on the principle of cooperative economics through community service and spiritual education, because as Abdul-Baha explains, "Love ...is the true foundation of all economics."

09:30 PM

Baji Varner and Family, Owners of Created Noble in Atlanta will share the joys, struggles, and importance of building and maintaining our own businesses.

10:30 PM

Music selections with Indie-B (aka Beverly)



KWANZAA

UJAMAA (COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS):

TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN OUR OWN STORES, SHOPS, AND OTHER BUSINESSES AND TO PROFIT FROM THEM TOGETHER.





KWANZAA DAY 5: (PURPOSE)



DIASPORA DIALOGUES 2022

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 7pm-11pm **EST**

THE FIFTH DAY OF KWANZAA STATES THAT WE MUST MAKE OUR COLLECTIVE VOCATION THE BUILDING AND DEVELOPING OF OUR COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO RESTORE OUR PEOPLE TO THEIR TRADITIONAL GREATNESS.

Bahá'u'lláh states that "the purpose for which mortal men have, from utter nothingness, stepped into the realm of being, is that they may work for the betterment of the world and live together in concord and harmony." He has revealed teachings that make this possible. Building a society that consciously pursues this collective purpose is the work of not only this generation, but of many generations to come, and Bahá'u'lláh's followers welcome all who labour alongside them in this undertaking.

(30 December 2021 - To the Conference of the Continental Boards of Counsellors)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CONFERENCE PLANNER, BARBARA TALLEY

Welcome to Day 5 of our Baha'i-Inspired Kwanzaa. Today we look at the principle of purpose through a spiritual lens of service to all humanity. We have two special families sharing on today's theme. Joining us tonight will be members of Sue Ballew St. Clair's family and members of Willis Burris's family.



FEATURED FAMILIES: BALLEW/ST. CLAIR'S AND THE BURRIS'S

... THE PURPOSE IN LIFE OF ALL [IS] TO KNOW AND WORSHIP GOD. THIS INVOLVES SERVICE TO ONE'S FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS ... IN PURSUING THIS PURPOSE, THEY SHOULD STRIVE TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS AND FACULTIES TO WHATEVER EXTENT IS POSSIBLE BY EXPLORING THE AVENUES BEFORE THEM.



SUE BALLEW ST. CLAIR WILLIS & PATRICIA BURRIS



ESLYN & ELLIS BURRIS DWIGHT, DHANIKA, DWAYNE, STEPHEN & NEL BURRIS



TO MAKE OUR COLLECTIVE VOCATION THE BUILDING AND DEVELOPING OF OUR COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO RESTORE OUR PEOPLE TO THEIR TRADITIONAL GREATNESS.

SCHEDULE

Friday (12/30/22)



07:00 PM

Program begins. Please arrive promptly in order to be settled for the prayers.

07:10 PM

Spiritualizing Our Space through our African cultural traditions such as libations, prayers, inviting our ancestors in, acknowledgements, drumming and more.

07:30 PM

Sue Ballew St. Clair and Family will share on the theme of purpose and what they are doing to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

09:00 PM

The Burris Family (Willis, Patricia, Ellis, Eslyn, Stephen, New, and their children Dwight, Dhanika, and Dwayne), will share how they are using their collective vocations to build and develop our communities.

10:30 PM

Audience Reflections on the theme of "Purpose" and restoring our traditional greatness.



KWANZAA

NIA (PURPOSE): TO STRIVE FOR AND TO MAINTAIN **UNITY IN THE FAMILY, COMMUNITY, NATION, AND RACE.**





KWANZAA DAY 6: (CREATIVITY)

KUUMBA

DIASPORA DIALOGUES 2022

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 7pm-11pm EST

THE SIXTH DAY OF KWANZAA CELEBRATES THE ABILITY NOT TO HAVE TO RELY ON OTHERS TO CREATE THINGS FOR US IN ORDER TO LEAVE OUR COMMUNITY MORE BEAUTIFUL AND BENEFICIAL THAN WE INHERITED IT.

Man is the supreme Talisman. Lack of a proper education hath, however, deprived him of that which he doth inherently possess. ... The Great Being saith: Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom.
(Bahá'u'lláh, Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh Revealed after the Kitáb-i-Aqdas,



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CONFERENCE PLANNER, BARBARA TALLEY

Welcome to Day 6 of our Baha'i-Inspired Kwanzaa. Today, we have three very special, creative, and artistic families and individuals sharing on the theme of creating beauty and making a difference in our spaces. Joining us tonight will be Clyde Herring, Mary Toya Okonkwo's "Quasars", Joycelyn Jolly, Oletha Devane and her son Christopher, Martine Hubbard and her daughters Dawnee and Aziza; and perhaps a few other members may surprise us!

FEATURED FAMILIES: (MARTINE HUBBARD & OLETHA DEVANE'S



CLYDE HERRING



OLETHA DEVANE



CHRISTOPHER KOJZAR



TOYA MARY OKONKWO



MARTINE HUBBARD



DAWNEE VALENCIA



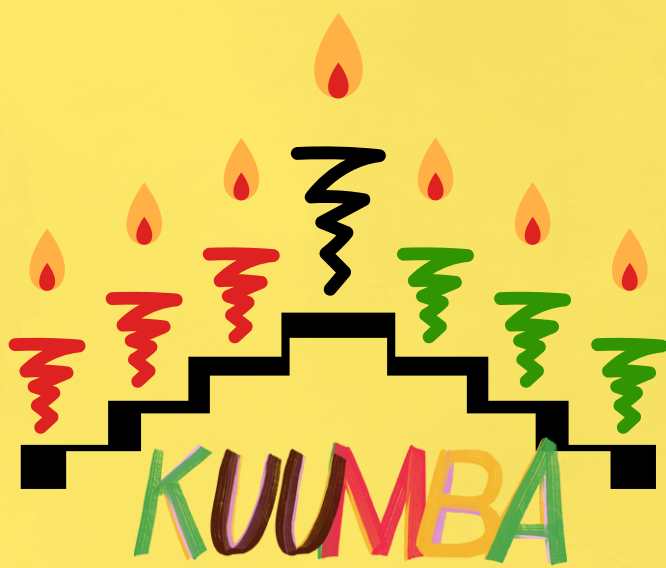
AZIZA HARRIS



TO DO ALWAYS AS MUCH AS WE CAN, IN THE WAY WE CAN, IN ORDER TO LEAVE OUR COMMUNITY MORE BEAUTIFUL AND BENEFICIAL THAN WE INHERITED IT.

SCHEDULE

Saturday (12/31)



02:00 PM

Program begins. Please arrive promptly in order to be settled for the prayers.

02:10 PM

Spiritualizing Our Space through cultural traditions such as libations, prayers, inviting our ancestors in, acknowledgements, drumming and more.

02:30 PM

Clyde Herring will share how she is elevating the conversation around 'the pupil of the eye' through her creative cards, as well as share a song or two.

02:50 PM

Jocelyn Jolly will share a dramatic reading and a few pieces of her original artwork

03:15 PM

Oletha Devane and her son Christopher Kojzar, two phenomenal multi-disciplinary artists will share their works, processes, and how they use their art for activism, exposing the impact of surveillance, cultural education, justice, and more.

04:15 PM

Toya Mary Okonkwo will share from her play from her dissertation on *Black Girls Becoming Quasars*

05:00 PM

Martine Hubbard, a very talented artist, and her daughters Aziza Harris and Dawnee Valencia will share on the theme of "Creativity" and how they are using their talents to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.



KWANZAA

KUUMBA (CREATIVITY): TO DO ALWAYS AS MUCH AS WE CAN, IN THE WAY WE CAN, IN ORDER TO LEAVE OUR COMMUNITY MORE BEAUTIFUL AND BENEFICIAL THAN WE INHERITED IT.





KWANZAA DAY 7: (FAITH)

IMANI

DIASPORA DIALOGUES 2022

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023, 2pm-6pm EST

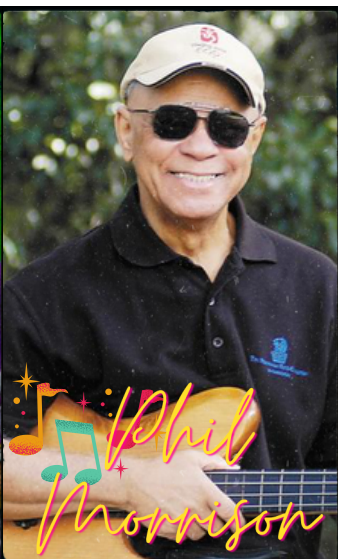
THE SEVENTH AND FINAL DAY OF KWANZAA ENCOURAGES US TO BELIEVE WITH ALL OUR HEART IN OUR PEOPLE, OUR PARENTS, OUR TEACHERS, OUR LEADERS, AND THE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND VICTORY OF OUR STRUGGLE.

*I say unto you that anyone who will arise in the Cause of God, at this time shall be filled with the Spirit of God. And God will send his hosts from heaven to help you and nothing shall be impossible to you if you have faith. And now I give you, a commandment which shall be for a covenant, ... that ye have faith; that your faith be steadfast as a rock which no storms can move, which nothing can disturb, and that it endure through all things even to the end. ... Be not shaken in your faith. **As ye have faith so shall your powers and blessings be. This is the balance; this is the balance; this is the balance.**" Abdul-Baha*

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CONFERENCE PLANNER, BARBARA TALLEY



I am so very excited about this last day of Kwanzaa. Four very special presentations will be given. We'll start with Ayo Handy-Kendi, the Breath Sekou, and founder of Optimum Life Breathology and Black Love Day, who specializes in African-centered culture and it's impact on mental health, stress, trauma and self-love. She also has discovered a process for healing addictions through breath work. Kaytura Felix will share some insights from her recent travels. Masud Olufani who recently returned from Africa as a full citizen of Sierra Leone, will share his experiences from his month long cultural pilgrimage that culminated in his dual citizenship and repatriation. Finally, we will have a conversation with Phil Morrison, internationally performing Bassist, Composer and Songwriter as we enjoy his music.



TO BELIEVE WITH ALL OUR HEARTS IN OUR PEOPLE, OUR PARENTS, OUR TEACHERS, OUR LEADERS, AND THE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND VICTORY OF OUR STRUGGLE.

SCHEDULE

Sunday

(Jan 1, 2023)



HAPPY KWANZAA

02:00 PM

Program begins. Please arrive promptly in order to be settled for the prayers.

02:15 PM

Spiritualizing Our Space through cultural means such as libations, prayers, inviting our ancestors in, acknowledgements, drumming and more.

02:30 PM

Ayo Handy-Kendi, the Breath Sekou, will share how she uses breath to drive wellness and the emotional resilience necessary in a very fast-paced, turbulent, racist and oppressive world.

03:00 PM

Kaytura Felix will share about her recent travels to London, Lisbon, and Nantes (*three European cities active in the slave trade*) and discussions with people of the African Diaspora on advancing justice.

03:45 PM

The amazing **Phil Morrison** who will join me in a short interview as we highlight some of his favorite musical tributes to Black excellence.

4:00 PM

Masud Olufani is a multidisciplinary artist, actor, and writer, who has just returned from Africa where he received his dual-citizenship. Now, a citizen of Sierra Leone, Masud will share the highlights of this life-changing journey of his repatriation and return to the mother land.

IMANI- (FAITH): TO BELIEVE WITH ALL OUR HEARTS IN OUR PEOPLE, OUR PARENTS, OUR TEACHERS, OUR LEADERS, AND THE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND VICTORY OF OUR STRUGGLE.



KWANZAA IS AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL HOLIDAY
CELEBRATED PRIMARILY IN THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE, AND THE
CARIBBEAN – BASED ON THE AFRICAN TRADITION OF CELEBRATING
THE FIRST FRUITS OF THE HARVEST. **IT WAS CONCEIVED AND
DEVELOPED BY DR. MAULANA RON KARENGA IN 1966 TO CELEBRATE
THE BOND BETWEEN THE ANCIENT ROOTS OF AFRICAN PEOPLE AND
HER DESCENDANTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**

OBSERVED DECEMBER 26TH THROUGH AND INCLUDING JANUARY 1ST,
**IT IS A TIME SET ASIDE FOR BLACK PEOPLE OF THE DIASPORA
OR 'CHILDREN OF AFRICA,' TO HONOR THEIR PAST, EVALUATE
THEIR PRESENT, AND COMMIT THEMSELVES TO A MORE
PRODUCTIVE FUTURE.**

EACH OF THE SEVEN DAYS IS DEVOTED TO ONE OF THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES
OF THE NGUZO SABA, WHICH IS DRAWN FROM THE BASIC VALUE SYSTEM
OF AFRICAN PEOPLE. SINCE ITS BEGINNINGS IN THE PAN-AFRICANIST
MOVEMENT OF THE 1960S, KWANZAA HAS GROWN TO INCLUDE AFRICAN-
AMERICANS, AFRICANS, AND THOSE FROM MULTIPLE CULTURAL AND
RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS WHO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION.



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make the sun jealous with
your burning passion to start
the day. Make the sun jealous
or stay in bed.

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