

Outraged by the 2013 acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin,

Alicia Garza

took to social media to express her anguish and love for the black community.

It was then that Garza, together with Opal Tometi and Patrisse Cullors, turned the powerful words “Black Lives Matter” into a social media phenomenon and an organizing network that now boasts more than 26 chapters internationally. #Blacklivesmatter has evolved into the banner under which this generation’s human rights movement marches.

Garza’s work has earned her various honors, including a spot on The Root’s 2015 List of African American achievers and influencers, and the 2015 Politico50 Guide to the thinkers, doers and visionaries transforming American politics. Her writing has been featured in publications such as The Guardian, The Nation, The Feminist Wire and more. She is currently the Special Projects Director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance,



Kaba Hiawatha Kamene

was born Booker Taliaferro Coleman, Jr., at New York Hospital, on Monday, November 16, 1953. He is a teacher, consultant, administrator, staff developer and curriculum writer. He has been an educator in Bronx, N.Y., since

1979. Presently, Brother Kaba retired from the NYC Department of Education and is a consultant to academic institutions, educators, parents and community members interested in teaching and learning.

He is married to Sharen Deans and they have three Sasha, Candace, and Heru. Throughout the 90’s Kaba Hiawatha served as curriculum and staff specialist on several new vision and charter school teams.

Kaba Hiawatha Kamene received his Bachelors Degree in International Politics from New York University, his minor was in Caribbean Studies. He got his first Masters of Art in World History from Hunter College, N.Y. He received a second Masters of Science in Educational Administration and Supervision from City College of New York.

Over Kaba Hiawatha’s long career in education, he has consulted many boards of education, schools, community, parent and student groups. He has visited many classrooms around the country and implemented successful strategies in the teaching/learning process. He is firmly dedicated to the belief that culture plays a vitally important role in education and proudly credits many of his academic views to his teacher, world-renowned educator, Professor John Henrik Clarke.

In September 2001, he implemented his lifelong goal of developing an African-Centered Science Academy named, Per Ankh (Temple/House Of Life). Kaba Hiawatha functions as the academy’s Principal Facilitator and Chief Executive Officer. The Per Ankh is an online program on www.townzonetv.com.



46th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration

There is No Tomorrow Without Today

January 11, 2016 through
January 18, 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, January 11, 2016

6 PM Peace Keepers, presented by the Nation of Islam
Eastdale Village Community United Methodist Church
1403 Tunnel Blvd.
Chattanooga, TN 37411
Rev. Charlotte S. Williams, Pastor

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

6 PM Black Lives Matter
Alicia Garza, presented by the Unity Group and Concerned Citizens for Justice
First Baptist Church
506 East 8th Street
Chattanooga, TN 37403
Rev. William Terry Ladd, III, Pastor

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

6 PM Interfaith Prayer Service with African, Bahai, Buddhist, Christian, Humanist, Judaism, Lakota, and Unitarian Universalist presented by the Unity Group of Chattanooga
Mercy Junction Justice and Peace Center
St. Andrew's Center
1918 Union Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404
Rev. Brian Merritt, Pastor

Thursday, January 14, 2016

9 AM Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
Second Missionary Baptist Church
2305 East Third Street
Chattanooga, TN 37404
Reverend Ernest L. Reid, Pastor

Friday, January 15, 2016

6 PM Hidden Colors with Dr. Booker T. Coleman, presented by Mahmood Abdullah and Southside Market
Eastdale Village Community United Methodist Church
1403 Tunnel Blvd.
Chattanooga, TN 37411
Rev. Charlotte S. Williams, Pastor
A \$10.00 donation is requested for this program.

Saturday, January 16, 2016

9 AM Unity Group's 46th Annual Prayer Breakfast
There is No Tomorrow Without Today
Speaker: Honorable Erika L. Matthews McJimpsey, Municipal Judge
Greater Tucker Baptist Church
1115 North Moore Road
Chattanooga TN 37411
Rev. Gary Hathaway, Pastor
A \$25.00 donation is requested.

Monday, January 18, 2016

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Parade and March

1:45 PM Lineup

The Parade begin at the new location at the intersection of North Moore Road, Brainerd Road and Club Drive between Waffle House and Ridgedale Baptist Church.

3:00 PM Start of Parade

The parade will start at with a right turn to proceed on North Moore Road to Brainerd High School where it will end in the parking lot near the football stadium.

5:00 PM Main Event Brainerd High School

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Concert with Phusion Dance Group TruSaint & TureMog of Savior Gang and Big Mike Mic

Judge Erika L. Matthews McJimpsey

was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee to parents Sherman E. and Brenda J. Matthews. She is married to Apostle Ryan V. McJimpsey (Family Worship Ministries). They have two children, Judah and Cyrus.



Judge McJimpsey is a 1988 graduate of Brainerd High School. She is a former member of Second Missionary Baptist Church, a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism, and a graduate of North Carolina Central University with a Juris Doctorate in Law. She is a Municipal Judge for the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina and is the first African-American to hold this position. She served as an instructor at Greenville Technical College where she taught in the Criminal Justice and Paralegal Departments.

Erika served as an Assistant Legal Counsel at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. She was the first African American female prosecutor for the Seventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. She has also worked as an adjunct professor at several local colleges.

Erika served as a Judge Advocate General in the U.S. Army Reserves for over ten years.

Much of Erika's volunteer work has been with children and includes FACES (future attorneys challenging elementary students) a mentoring program for elementary students; YMCA Black Achievers; Phyllis Wheatley Big Brothers Big Sisters Advisory Board member; Mountain to Midlands Girl Scouts Board Member; School Improvement Council Anderson Mill Elementary School 2012-2014; Spartanburg Methodist College Paralegal Advisor.

Erika is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She has received numerous awards including the 2004 Ernest Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution (Family Court). She is a frequent lecturer and volunteer in her community.