

Sixth Annual Arizona African American Legislative Conference
"It Takes a Village to Make Change:
February 7 and 8, 2008

Thursday, February 7, 2008

PRAYER BREAKFAST

State Senator Leah Landrum Taylor, Mistress of Ceremony

7:45am

Opening Prayer

Imam Abdur Rahim Shamsid-Deen

Invocation

Superintendent Curtis Sweet, Pastor, Higher Heights Church of God in Christ

Bless the Food

Richard Tatum, Luke Air Force Base

Breakfast is served

Introduce State Senator Leah Landrum Taylor, Mistress of Ceremony,
Pastor Gregory Chambliss, Solid Rock Missionary Baptist Church

8:00am

Welcome

Reverend Benjamin Thomas, Pastor, Tanner AME Church,
Chairman, Arizona Commission on African American Affairs
State Senator Leah Landrum Taylor

Musical Performance

Brenda and Mary Alice Hayes, Grace Temple Church of God in Christ, Winslow, AZ

Governor Address to Clergy and Community Leaders

Center for African American Health Project Initiative

Reverend Dr. Arnee Guthrie

8:45am

Introduction of speaker

Vanessa Nelson Hill, Arizona Commission on African American Affairs

"It Takes a Village to Make Change"

Reverend Damon Lynch III

9:20am

Closing remarks

Habibullah Saleem, Poet and Writer
Senator Leah Landrum Taylor

Benediction

Pastor Michael Collier, Divine Word Ministries
Thanks to Robert Mosley and M & I Bank, Prayer Breakfast Sponsor

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10:00am

Press Conference and Rally

11:00am

OPENING CEREMONY

Senate Floor

Posting of the colors
Buffalo Soldiers, Sierra Vista

Pledge
Childhelp KEYS Community Center, Preschool children

Prayer
Pastor Douglas Chukwuemeka, New Destiny Christian Church

National Anthem
Melissa Wright

Black National Anthem
Minister Belinda Hernandez

Welcome
Senator Leah Landrum Taylor, Representative Cloves Campbell, Jr.
Introduction of Guests: Community, and Elected Officials

11:30am

Brief Recess

Senate Floor Address
"State of the African American Community"
Reverend Dr. Benjamin Thomas, Tanner AME Church,
Chairman, Arizona Commission on African American Affairs

11:45am

Closing Remarks
Imam Abdur Rahim Shamsid-Deen
Senator Leah Landrum-Taylor

Lunch Invitation and Tour of State Treasurer's Office hosted by Honorable Dean Martin, State Treasurer

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AWARDS DINNER - Pilgrim Rest Wellness Center
Master/Mistress of Ceremony, Mel Hannah and Deborah Kidd Chapman

6:30pm

Entertainment - South Mountain High Jazz Band

6:45pm

Invocation, Rev. Karen Curry-Stewart

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National Anthem, Fannie Jackson
Black National Anthem, Melissa Wright
Bless the Food, Elder Lucian McKinney

Food is served

7:00pm

Welcome

Gus Miranda, State Farm Insurance
Sen. Landrum-Taylor and Rep Cloves Campbell

7:30pm

Entertainment

Faith Celebration Ministries, LLC and Kingdom Dancers United - Led by Krystylle Richardson
Brenda and Mary Alice Hayes, Grace Temple Church of God in Christ, Winslow, AZ
Sullynna Reed, Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, and Twana Atkins, Higher Heights Church of God in Christ

7:45pm

Introduce Speaker,

Dr. Ann Hart, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Arizona Department of Education

Keynote Address: Rev. Damon Lynch, III

8:30pm

Presentation of Community Awards:

Justice: Gerald P Richard II, Esq.

Health: Black Nurses Association

Education: Larry Ross, Dean of Students, South Pointe Charter School
Dr. Tara T. Green, PhD NAU, Professor African American Studies & African American Literature

Economic Development: Dr. Al McHenry

Community: Ted McClure, Arizona Rod and Classic Car Club,
Eula Miniefield, First New Life Missionary Baptist Church

Youth: David Jones and Positive Image Sports

Closing Remarks

Benediction, Pastor Greg Dansby, Holy Temple, COGIC

Thanks to Gus Miranda and State Farm Insurance, Community Award Banquet Sponsor

Friday, February, 8, 2008

OPENING CEREMONY AND CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

9:15am

Faith Celebration Kingdom United Dancers

9:30am

Opening Ceremony

House Gallery

Posting of the colors

Luke Air Force Base

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Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Bishop Henry L. Barnwell

National Anthem

Melissa Wright

Black National Anthem

Minister Belinda Hernandez

Welcome: Sen. Leah Landrum Taylor, Rep. Cloves Campbell, Jr.

Introduction of Guests: Community, and Elected Officials

Statements from Elected Officials and various leaders

Honorable Terry Goddard, Honorable Tom Horne,
Honorable Dean Martin, Jesse Ary, and Wanda Thompson

Closing Remarks

Representative Cloves Campbell Jr.
Senator Leah Landrum-Taylor

Benediction

Gina Casey, Fisher Chapel AME Zion Church

10:00am

Dismiss to Workshops

Friday, February, 8, 2008

**CONFERENCE LUNCHEON - Senate Lawn
Joanna De'shay, Arizona Public Service, Mistress of Ceremony**

12:15pm

Invocation and Bless the Food
Rev. Lanita Smart-Wade

Food is served

12:30pm

Welcome
Senate Leah Landrum-Taylor

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Representative Cloves Campbell, Jr.

Keynote Address

Dr. George Brooks, Jr., Executive Director,
Arizona Commission on African American Affairs

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Closing remarks

Ms. Shay Purnell, Higher Heights COGIC "I Have a Dream" presentation
Senator Leah Landrum Taylor
Representative Cloves Campbell, Jr.

Benediction

Lovelle McMichael, Impacted For Purpose Ministries

Thank you and See You Next Year!

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