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**Senior Grand Candace Queen Mother Arch Abbess Sister Sylvia Parousia elder of Harlem donates \$50 us dollars towards, “The Center of Afrikan Unity of Harlem”.**

An Afrikan Diasporic-based unity center called " The Center for Afrikan Unity in Harlem" (TCOAUH) will be established in Harlem, a region in New York City, United States of America. The Center for Afrikan Unity in Harlem will focus on unifying Afrikan Heritage Peoples worldwide who were afflicted by the, "European Slave Trade of Afrikan People," starting around 1441 and the, "Scramble for Afrika", after the Berlin Conference of 1884 was held in Europe. The community center will focus on Afrikan Heritage Peoples regardless of language, religion or place of birth to serve them on social, educational, and economical levels of interaction. As a unified whole it is easy to see the best interest as purely Afrikan Heritage people with the financial support to aid and assist our collective goals. It is expected that through education of historical events, it will be possible to have a direct and

positive impact on the well-being and unity of Afrikan People throughout the world.

TCOAUH will utilize professionals, volunteers, student volunteers and community based activist who are descendants of the Afrikan continent. Each will be expected to successfully participate in a three week training program at the beginning of their work with TCOAUH. This training program will provide basic historical information pertaining to Afrikan history, Afrika’s relationship to other parts of the world, art and culture, language and science, for Afrikan heritage peoples and information on Afrikan- centered educational methods. Volunteers who demonstrate proficiency during the initial training program will be invited to participate in an advanced training program to learn effective teaching techniques to foster the professional skills to secure their own futures. Each student volunteer will be expected to contribute 3-5 hours each week and to continue with TCOAUH for a period of not less than 6 months with the benefits of college credits and field experience. TCOAUH will operate with 6 full and part time staff members. In addition, a Governing Board made up of international community leaders and Harlem activists which will provide overall operation and supervision of the Center. Periodic evaluations will be conducted to assess the progress of TCOAUH on **a)** helping the student volunteers to become effective educators, **b)** developing professional standards and; **c)** the improvement of the well being of children of Afrikan heritage.

Around 1441 the continent of Afrika and beloved peoples underwent traumatic life-altering events where our beloved brothers and sisters were forcefully removed from their homelands. 700 million plus was forced to migrate to the Diaspora to work and build the Western society via the European Slave Trade of Afrikan People. At first this was seen as simply one people traveling to other areas to work, but soon Afrikan people were kidnapped and sold to distant lands for economical benefits. The majority of the people were from the coast of West Afrikan countries. Afrikans were forced to migrate, and started their battles for freedom on the continent, leading to the holding quarters, then onto the ships that unfortunately dispersed them to foreign lands. Millions died fighting, and even through themselves overboard instead of being captives. Our dear brothers and sisters could have not imagined that for the next 500 plus years we would undergo extreme forced cultural change that would lead to the lost of identity, original language, and cultural religious practices, thus uprooting us from our Afrikan moral and ethnical principals. This caused the Afrikans stolen to America and other areas to receive fictitious names like Negro, Black, Colored, Black Americans, Afrikan-American. We are none of these. We are Afrikan people. The Berlin Conference in 1884 allowed European nations to decide for themselves to claim territorial rights and resources to our homeland by the signing of treaties.

In the late nineteenth century, the European imperial powers engaged in a major territorial scramble and occupied most



President of A.U.H., Inc Brother Kassayi and Representative to the Ambassador of the A.U., Sister Mariam.



Brother Che at the African Union, Afrikan Celebrations

of the continent, creating many colonial nation-states, seizing Afrikan lands placing Afrikan people under forced occupation. Kingdom states were forced to join together or family kingdoms were separated, and areas were given new names. Lines of demarcation that occurred during colonial rule caused the Afrikan neutral ways of government and economy to become unstable, and impaired its functioning bringing about a collapse on a number of once sovereign ethnic groups that are still being felt in African politics today. The European drawing artificial borders around their sized territories isolated them from other colonial rulers, separating Afrikan ruling classes which forced once enemies to live together with no buffer between them. In nations that had an extensive European populace, like in South Africa, Kenya, and Zimbabwe. Rhodesia's systems of second-class citizenship were often set up in order to give Europeans political power over the dominated Afrikan society. In the area colonialist controlled, our shared or respected rights and power over land was distorted creating pervious nonexistent ethnic divisions. This soon led to cultural separation into groups with contradicting principles of governments creating damaging effects in the Afrikan society. An example of this can be seen with the division of Ethiopia, Italy's desire to have an East Afrikan Kingdom; and Italy worked diligently behind the scene to form Eritrea at the expense of Ethiopians losing a part of their Mother country and access to seaports. Another example is when German colonialist took ruler-ship over now Rwanda and Burundi in the 19th century and caused the Tutsis and Hutus to merge into one culture. This led to tribal strife centering on the right to marry only those from their own group. The Belgians introduced racial systems which indoc-

trinated some of our Brothers and Sisters on the continent with European ideologies, who then used these systems to dominate their own Afrikan people. Also, with the intense amalgamation, children were born with fairer skin and other stylized features which became more favorable than their own. Thus, these children were given power over their people to serve as the colonialist.

The only two independent nations maintained: Liberia, an independent state settled by Africans who was previously forced to serve in the Americas, along side those who sojourner freely to the Americas; and Abyssinia that defeated the colonialist at Magdala and yet again at the Battle of Adwa. Abyssinian victory over these outside forces retained the sovereignty of the country (and unspokenly ..... ALL Afrikan people), and because of this victory we in the West have never been slaves, and we on the continent have never been completely colonized. We all have just been occupied. This is way the horn of Afrika is a main topic on International agenda because this truth is being purposely derailed from the minds of Afrika leaders from openly discussing with one other on how to strategically use the Victory of Adwa, an Afrikan victory over colonial rule, and the sovereignty of Abyssinia (Ethiopia, which is the whole continent of now called Afrika) to claim the victory for All of Afrika and her peoples inside and outside. The sovereign lands of Abyssinia (Ethiopia) can claim ALL Afrikan lands sovereign, creating for ourselves a people with resources and land that is completely controlled by us. This will awaken the Afrikan race of peoples and finally placing Afrikan resources and land back in their hands which will break the many bonds and treaties that do not benefit the continent or her peoples fully. Starting in 1956 with Tunisia, followed

by Ghana in 1957 Afrikan countries on the continent began to gain control of their land and freedom from colonialism. In America the stolen Afrikan fought breaking the chains of captivity, fought through segregation and Jim-Crowism, fought for civil rights, justice, and freedom which lead to ALL people of the world to migrate and live their God-given life in the Americas. The Afrikan in America and Afrikan from the continent we must see that we have shed blood for one another to maintain our dignity as people and to foster the spirit of eternal fraternal brotherhood.

### Conclusion

All Afrikan heritage people regardless where we are from or the language or religion share this history and experience. In the Diaspora we are all here regardless of what side of the paradigm we come from. Given this we in the Diaspora make up the 55 national country of Afrika and demands should be made, that with Afrika demarcated with false lines of separation, as a collective, the call for the unification of the homeland can be made. 567 years of occupation has separated Afrikan Heritage peoples from one another leaving unfamiliarity. So in order for us to regain the mental and spiritual sense, the nation needs a center of Afrikan Unity in Harlem regardless of where we are born, what langue we speak, and what religion we practice, to gather ourselves on social, economical, and educational fields, so that we can reacquaint one another given the shared experience, AS ONE AFRIKAN PEOPLE.

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The Real Dads Network, Family Images, Proud Poppa and NYS Fatherhood Initiative is hosting its 2nd annual Celebration of Black Fathers Week. This five day extravaganza will be held Monday, June 1 - June 7 2009 throughout New York as a tribute to those men who have chosen fatherhood despite

negative images, stories, and obstacles—choosing to instead stand firm and guide their children through the mazes of life as fathers!

As an advocate for black men not falling victim to failure and defeat, thus promoting responsible fatherhood, the Real Dads Network would be honored by your attendance and acceptance of the "Real Dad Award" at the Real Dads Awards Banquet on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at the Alhambra Ballroom located at 2116 7th Ave, NY (Harlem). The event is from 5:00PM - 8:00PM. This honor is presented to an individual who has made significant and influential contributions to fatherhood and the institution of the black family. The Celebration of Black Fathers Week is scheduled as follows:

Mon. June 1 Black Fathers Kickoff Week @ Abyssinian Baptist Church 132 Odell Clark

Place (Harlem) Hosted by Abyssinian Men's Ministry

Tues. June 2 Film Screening and discussion @ York College, 94-20 Guy R Brewer Blvd,

Jamaica, NY 11451. (Queens) Hosted by Million Father's Club

Wed. June 3 Black Fathers and the media discussion 6:30 - 8:30@ Next Level Barbershop 502

Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10304; 718-815-1878 (Staten Island)

Hosted by Celebrating Real Family Life

Sat. June 6 Saturday, June 6 Father and Son/Daughter Basketball All Star Breakfast (Bronx)

Hosted by Renaissance E.M.S

Sun June 7 Real Dads Scholarship and Awards" Gala at Alhambra Ballroom (Harlem)

In addition to presenting the "Real Dad Award" during Sunday's Banquet on June 7th, the Real Dads Network will also present the following awards to select individuals who have displayed extraordinary milestones towards fatherhood:

Media Fatherhood Award  
Fatherhood Activist Award  
Community Fatherhood Award  
Fatherhood Organization Award  
Lifetime Image Award  
Real Dads Network Scholarship (awarded to senior H.S. student attending college Fall/2009)

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Marcus Garvey Peoples Political Party (MGPPP)

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1929, Marcus Garvey analyzed the political spectrum and determined that we needed a vehicle for our political expression. So, he founded Peoples Political Party. The power that he did not want us to be free. So they attack the PPP and drove it underground. In 2002, Moses Henriques, Byron Moore, Ras Neville Henry, and Miguel Loren and others rekindled the party. You owe it to your ancestors and children to make Marcus Garvey Peoples Political Party a viable institution in your community. Community empowerment begins with you. Seek out a friend and form a pact with that person. Form a pact to straighten your political affiliation, and embark on political awareness and enlightenment. After you form a pact you need to sit down and form a community agenda to satisfy the needs of our communities.

Expand your club to include like minded people. With seven members meeting on several bases, you now have a unit of MGPPP. Now you can evolve into a political action committee. What you do is a) ensure that eligible voters in communities are registered to do so. b) Disseminate voter education paraphernalia to all the people. c) Develop grass root leaders and a system to run for political office.

Our non negotiable demand, 51% of all the work in our community must go to the people that live in that community. Schools in the community must be controlled by the parents of the children who attend that school. Membership is Free to join the Marcus Garvey Peoples Political Party. Just go to our website at [www.mgppp.com](http://www.mgppp.com) or call (718) 485-9199 and ask that your name be placed on our membership roster. Email us at [marcus-garveyppp@aol.com](mailto:marcus-garveyppp@aol.com).

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and unity of Afrikan People  
worldwide.*



#### **This is Afrikan History**

The stolen Axum obelisk, which was looted from Ethiopia, during the fascist invasion of Italy where the country was occupied for nearly 5 years, has finally been returned to the country after 70 years of negotiations and peace talks. In northern part of Ethiopia, Axum, has been made a World Heritage site, surely given the current situations in Eritrea, a victory of self pride as Afrikan people for the return of the obelisk can declare family bounds, and Afrikan people's dignity and heritage as a whole.

**Mission Statement: Afrikan Unity of Harlem, Inc. (A.U.H.)** is an umbrella organizational catalyst to spearhead the empowerment and unity of Afrikan People worldwide. There are four pillars supporting the A.U.H. umbrella including: Charitable, Educational, Religious and Scientific.

**Afrikan Unity of Harlem**, is comprised of many diverse organizations who share commonalities and goals. Our office is located in the historical St. Michael Zion Cathedral O.C.C. of N.S.A Ethiopian Orthodox Coptic Church on W. 121 St., corner of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. in Harlem, New York. On Friday nights in P.S 76 Elementary School on 220 W 121 ST. The organization holds a Afrikan Unity centered school where each organization and Afrikan People have the opportunity to present their works, and show how they see themselves contributing skills and strengths to the greater community. One goal for our weekly meetings are to discuss issues affecting our community, create positive and constructive plans of action, and as a unified group go out into the community and implement a workable solution. Meetings are free and open to the public. Class starts at **5pm to 7:30pm**.

## UNIFYING AFRIKANS WORLDWIDE

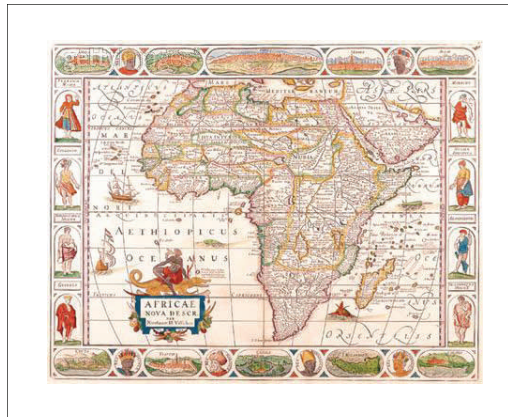
The four pillars supporting the A.U.H. umbrella includes Charitable, Educational, Religious and Scientific:

#### **CHARITABLE:**

The aim is to be a resource conduit for directing the needy to existing facilities which can help obtain food, clothing, and counseling.

#### **EDUCATIONAL:**

1. To AWAKEN our people worldwide from the blinding hypnotic sleep of self-denial, self hatred, lethargy, and disillusionment resulting from slavery and colonialism.
2. To EMPOWER our people by being the umbrella catalyst for encouraging community groups to work together for our own benefit (as well as others.)
3. To engender our younger generations with RESPECT for one another, nature, and to be the bridge for creating WORK-STUDY programs in Afrika.
4. To be the COMMUNICATION vehicle for helping to connect our people at



Ancient Map of Afrika. All of Afrika was once known as Ethiopia. Therefore, we are all Ethiopians.

#### **SCIENTIFIC:**

Finally, to help UNIFY Afrikan and Afrikan Heritage People worldwide by creating a forum for us to connect and work together to resolve AFRIKAN GLOBAL ISSUES such as Health (HIV/AIDS), Nutrition and Socio-Political concerns. Dr. Gabriel A. Oyibo, a Nigerian Astro-physicist and discoverer of the "GRAND UNIFIED THEORM" (or "The Theory of Everything") is playing a leading role in this area.

the grassroots level about OUR STORY from an Afrikan perspective.

#### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED:**

**A.U.H. Inc.**, is currently researching building spaces in the Harlem area that will house our many projects securing a sustainable safe environment full of history and culture. We also have teachers of Ethiopian/ Afrikan Language, History, and Culture. All those interested please call for classes. Your active participation is needed recognizable to the world as a symbol of African Unity. Come and join our community of African Heritage Peoples as we move together in Africa's Millennium Year with a spirit of, "Backwards never, forward forever". Contact us at the above address and we hope to see you soon.

#### **RELIGIOUS:**

1. To reinstate the MORAL and SOULOLOGY for our people by reconstructing and then applying the results of a comparative analysis of our Heritage-Traditions from ancient Kush, Nubia and Khemit.
2. To engender RESPECT for our Elders, Parents, Children, Family and Community.