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GREETINGS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Greetings Sorors,

It brings me great pleasure to officially welcome you to the 35th Annual Delta Days in the Nation's Capital! For 35 years, we have convened in the birthplace of our sisterhood and modern democracy to engage, empower, and elevate our social action agenda. It's fitting then that we would come together during this pivotal election year to move **Forward With Fortitude: Honoring Our Legacy, Empowering Through Advocacy.**

Social action is who we are and what we do as members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. For more than a century, the women of Delta Sigma Theta have answered the clarion call for justice - using our influence to help enact laws to shape our country, promote programs and initiatives that educate and uplift our communities, and champion equal opportunity for all. As we continue to live out the tenets of our oath through advocacy efforts at the federal, state, and local levels, let us do so by drawing inspiration from the fortitude of our Founders and foremothers of justice. Our collective power is needed now as much as it was in 1913 during our founding and in 1989 at the creation of Delta Days. The world has seen the strength of Delta; however, we have recently been reminded that our work is far from finished. Challenges and longstanding issues still plague our fundamental human rights, and as long as they persist, so must we.

That is why we come together each year. Not just to celebrate our legacy of impact but also to lean in and learn more. Delta Days has long been one of my favorite events because it is in this sacred place that every soror can draw nearer to the mission and vision of our beloved sisterhood. It is here that every soror can expand her knowledge of the Sorority's legislative priorities while interacting with thought leaders from around the country. From plenary sessions to interactive workshops, every soror will have an opportunity to elevate her impact in the pursuit of progress. We trace our roots as a socially conscious organization through the streets of Washington, D.C., from Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol Building and beyond. So, I thank the more than 5,000 sorors gathered here with us in person and virtually for your commitment to keeping the work of our Sorority marching forward.

I am confident that this year's conference will not disappoint! Thank you to the National Social Action Commission, under the leadership of Sorors Kimberly Robinson and Deborah Wilder, and the National Headquarters Staff for preparing a conference that will be a transformative experience for us all.

Yours in Sisterhood and Service,

Elsie Cooke-Holmes International President and Chair, Board of Directors



Opening Plenary

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Presiding and Opening Remarks

Katrina Pete Dunn, Co-Chair, Delta Days in the Nation's Capital

Presentation of Colors

Dunbar High School, Junior ROTC Color Guard

The National Anthem and Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Geneva Renee, Member, Delta Sigma Theta

Introduction of Dais

Kristen Wells-Collins, Co-Chair, Delta Days in the Nation's Capital

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Natalie P. Alford, Eastern Regional Chaplain

Greetings

Sadé Ried, National Second Vice President Elsie Cooke-Holmes, International President, Chair, Board of Directors

The Delta Lawsuit Updates

Tameka N. Simmons, Esq., General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer

DDNC 2024 Overview and Charge

Kimberly Y. Robinson, Esq., Co-Chair, National Social Action Commission Deborah C. Wilder, Co-Chair, National Social Action Commission



Plenary I 5:40 PM - 7:00 PM

Courting Democracy: The Impact of State Actions on the 2024 Election and Beyond

Presiding

Deborah C. Wilder, Co-Chair, National Social Action Commission

Moderator

Joy-Ann Reid, Honorary Member, Host of "The ReidOut" and MSNBC Political Analyst

Panelists:

Maya Wiley, Member, President & CEO Leadership, Conference on Civil and Human Rights Derrick Johnson, President & CEO, NAACP

Rev. Shavon L. Arline-Bradley, Member, President & CEO, NCNW

Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III, President, Rainbow Push Coalition

Janai Nelson, President and Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense Fund



ECUMENICAL SERVICE (CLICK FOR PROGRAM)

Plenary II

12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

Unlocking the Power of the Black and Youth Vote: Strategies for Fully Engaging Hard-to-Reach Demographics in the Electoral Process

Presiding

Kimberly Y. Robinson, Esq., Co-Chair, National Social Action Commission

Moderator

Jotaka Eaddy, Member, Founder and CEO of Full Circle Strategies, LLC

Panelists:

Ariel Simone Alford, History Educator and Curriculum Writer

Tiffany Dena Loftin, CEO of TDL Strategies, National Labor and Education Organizer

Dominik Whitehead, Vice President of Campaigns, NAACP

Terrance Woodbury, CEO & Founding Partner, HIT Strategies



Concurrent Workshops: Session 1

2:15 PM - 3:30 PM

Civics 201: Advanced Policy Advocacy

Presenters:

Deandrea N. Newsome, Member, National Social Action Commission Ashleigh Phillips, Member, National Social Action Commission

Reproductive Justice: Rights, Justice, and Determinants

Moderators

Kimberly L. Hayes, Member, National Social Action Commission MacKenzie B. Jenkins, Member, National Social Action Commission

Presenters:

Wes Bellamy, Ed.D., Department Chair, Virginia State University

Melanie Newman, Member, Senior Vice President for Communications and Culture, Planned

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Ifeoma Udoh, Ph.D., Member, Executive Vice President, Policy Advocacy Science, Black Women's Health Imperative

Directing Democracy: Understanding Ballot Initiatives, Referendums, and Constitutional Amendments

Presenters:

Khlya D. Craine, Esq., Member, National Social Action Commission Deidra M. Reese, Member, National Social Action Commission

Testimony 101: Speaking Truth to Power

Presenters:

The Honorable Brenda J. Gilmore, Member, National Social Action Commission Cheryl Gray Evans, Esq., Member, National Social Action Commission



Concurrent Workshops: Session 1

2:15 PM - 3:30 PM

Environmental Justice: The Fight Continues

Moderator

Christina Hayes-Bradham, Member, National Social Action Commission

Presenters:

Aaron L. Bell, Ph.D., Environmental Justice Specialist, HUD
Abre Conner, Esq., NAACP Director, Environmental and Climate Justice; Faculty of
Environmental Policy and Management Program at the University of California-Davis
Rhonda Thompson, Member, Professional Engineer, Bureau of Air Quality Chief for SC Dept.
of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), Secretary-Treasurer for Association of Air
Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA)

Concurrent Workshops: Session 2

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Achieving Health Equity: Tackling the Social Determinants of Health

Moderator

Tanisha Sullivan, Esq., Member, National Social Action Commission

Presenters:

Synovia Youngblood Moss, Member, National Project Manager, Good Health WINs Immunization Networks

Dr. Chris Pernell, NAACP Health Equity Director Isha Williams, Member, Vice President, Marketing, Johnson & Johnson

Social Action 201: Empowering through Advocacy at the Chapter Level

Presenters:

Tya Mathis-Coleman, Member, National Social Action Commission Kimberly Trent, Member, National Social Action Commission



Concurrent Workshops: Session 2 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Voter Engagement 101: Empowering Our Communities at the Ballot Box

Presenters:

The Honorable Patricia Watkins Lattimore, Member, National Social Action Commission Deidra M. Reese, Member, National Social Action Commission

Economic Justice: The State of Housing in Black America

Facilitator

Mariah M. Kelly, Member, National Social Action Commission

Presenters

Courtney Johnson Rose, Member, President, National Association of Real Estate Brokers Kimberly Barnes Henson, Chair, National Association of Real Estate Brokers

Civics 201: Advanced Policy Advocacy

Presenters:

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From Ballots to Books: The Fight to Safeguard our Civil Rights and Build an Inclusive Democracy

Moderator:

Rashida MacMurray-Abdullah, Chief Diversity Officer at Wiley Rein LLP

Panelists:

Rhonda Briggins, President, Delta for Women in Action

DeMetris Causer, LDF Attorney

Tameka N. Simmons, Esq., General Counsel, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Sharon Watkins Jones, Former Texas Social Action State Coordinator, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Plenary III 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM

Culture Wars: The Attack on Affirmative Action and DEI

Presiding:

Kristen Wells-Collins, Co-Chair, Delta Days in the Nation's Capital

Moderator:

Symone Sanders-Townsend, Co-Host, MSNBC's The Weekend

Panelists:

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Distinguished Professor, Vanderbilt University, Author, Activist Janice L. Mathis, Esq., General Counsel, NCNW, Member, National Social Action Commission Rebecca Pringle, President, National Education Association

Dr. Ivory A. Toldson, Director, Education and Innovation, NAACP, Full Professor, Howard University



Plenary IV 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

The Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF) Presents the 14th Annual Stephanie Tubbs Jones Social Justice Forum
70 Years Since Brown: Triumphs and Challenges

Call to Order and Introduction of Moderator

Antoinette M. Rogers, Ph.D., Director of Programs, DREF

Moderator

Kalila Hines Winters, Member, DEI Advocate and Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education

Greetings

Renee L. Harper, President, Board of Directors, Delta Research and Educational Foundation Elsie Cooke-Holmes, International President, Chair, Board of Directors, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Purpose of Forum

Kalila Hines Winters, Member, DEI Advocate and Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education

STJ Life and Work Video Montage

STJ Intern Testimonial and Appeal

Oladunni M Oni, 2023 Stephanie Tubbs Jones Intern

Update from US Department of Education

Kalila Hines Winters, Member, DEI Advocate and Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education



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Overview of Brown v. Board (1954) Panel Discussion

Panelists

Ashley L. White, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Inaugural Education Fellow for Equity, Access, and Opportunity for the National Association of Colored People's Center for Education Innovation and Research.

Merwyn Scott, Director, Community Advocacy and Partnership Engagement, National Education Association

Gary Flowers, J.D., Host of "The Gary Flowers Show" and Policy Analyst, Former National Field Director, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

Alexis K. Holmes, Member, Executive Director, White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence and Economic Opportunity to Black Americans Karla M. Green, Executive Director, DREF

Q&A

Unveiling of Commissioned Artwork

Renee L. Harper, President, Board of Directors, Delta Research and Educational Foundation Karla M. Green, Executive Director, DREF

Announcements and Closing Remarks

Karla M. Green, Executive Director, DREF



Concurrent Workshops: Session 3

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

ACS: Addressing the Cancer Burden in the Black Community

Moderator

Ashley Eitenne, CBS Political Contributor & Former Senior Adviser to Vice President Kamala Harris

Facilitator

Waikinya J. Clanton, Member, National Social Action Commission

Panelists:

Tawana Thomas Johnson, Senior Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, American Cancer Society

Tammy Boyd, Member, Vice President, Federal Advocacy and Strategic Alliances, ACS-Cancer Action Networks

Jacquelyn Dunmore Griffith, M.D., Radiation Oncologist

Yolanda Lawson, M.D., President, National Medical Association

Angela Riemer, Vice President, Global Policy and Public Affairs, Oncology for Pfizer

The Impact of Voting on Policing and Public Safety

Moderator

Kimberly L. Hayes, Member, National Social Action Commission

Panelists:

Richard Coleman, President, Axon Federal

Greg Jackson, Deputy Director of White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention Ganesha Martin, V.P. of Public Policy and Community Affairs at Mark43



Concurrent Workshops: Session 3

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

Sister to Sister: Black Women's Voices in Global Advocacy by CARE USA

Moderator

Leona M. Bridges, Member, National Social Action Commission

Panelists

LaTosha Brown, CARE Action Board Member, Co-Founder, Black Voters Matter Kimberly Usher, Farwest Regional Director, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Naana Asante, Nurse and Business Owner, Ghana Rebecca Rewald, Senior Gender Policy Advocate, CARE USA Charelle Hassell-Gilbert, CARE Advocate, President of Queens Alumnae Chapter

D4 - The Alignment and Building Collective Power

Facilitator

Deandrea N. Newsome, Member, National Social Action Commission

Presenters:

Rhonda Briggins, J.D., Member, President, D4 Women in Action Beverly E. Smith, 26th National President, Chair, D4 Women in Action Dr. Thelma T. Daley, 16th National President, Co-Chair, D4 Women in Action

SOCIAL ACTION LUNCHEON



Social Action Luncheon Fortitude on the Frontline

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Processional

Presiding and Introduction of Dais

Deborah C. Wilder, Co-Chair, National Social Action Commission

Greetings

Cheryl W. Turner, National First Vice President

Blessing of the Meal

Kristen Wells-Collins, Co-Chair, Delta Days in the Nation's Capital

Introduction of Special Guest

Katrina Pete Dunn, Co-Chair, Delta Days in the Nation's Capital

Updates from the Civil Rights Division at U.S. Department of Justice

Kristen Clarke, U.S. Assistant Attorney General

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

Kimberly Y. Robinson, Esq., Co-Chair, National Social Action Commission

Keynote Speaker

Lunch is Served

Sneak Preview of "Kemba"

Canara Price, Co-Chair, National Arts and Letters Commission



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12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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Check Presentation

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Sneak Preview of "Shirley"

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Call to Action

Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn E. Boyd, 22nd National President, Chair Emerita, National Social Action Commission

Unveiling of National Get Out the Vote Ad

Closing Reflection

Elsie Cooke-Holmes, International President, Chair, Board of Directors

Announcements

Dr. Joi L. Moore, National Secretary

Recessional



Plenary V 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Advocacy in Action Leading the Charge

Presiding

Katrina Pete Dunn, Co-Chair, Delta Days in the Nation's Capital

Opening Remarks

Elsie Cooke-Holmes, International President, Chair, Board of Directors

Updates from the Administration

The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 21st National President

CBC Leadership Charges

Congressman Steven Horsford (NV-04) Chair, Congressional Black Caucus Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke (NY-09), Member, 1st Vice Chair, Congressional Black Caucus

Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr. (LA-02), 2nd Vice Chair, Congressional Black Caucus

Congressional Charges

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Members of Congress

Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03)

Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett (TX-30)

Congresswoman Valerie Foushee (NC-04)

Congresswoman Summer Lee (PA-12)

Congresswoman Lucy McBath (GA- 07)

Congresswoman Jennifer McClellan (VA-04)

Congresswoman Delegate Stacey E. Plaskett (US VI)

Closing Remarks

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Closing Plenary

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Presiding

Kristen Wells-Collins, Co-Chair, Delta Days in the Nation's Capital

Fireside Chat with PNPs

Moderator

Sadé Ried, National Second Vice President

Panelists

Dr. Thelma T. Daley - 16th National President

The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge - 21st National President

Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn E. Boyd - 22nd National President, Chair Emerita, National Social Action Commission

Dr. Louise A. Rice - 23rd National President

Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre - 24th National President

Dr. Paulette C. Walker - 25th National President

Beverly E. Smith - 26th National President

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Closing Remarks

Kimberly Y. Robinson, Esq., Co-Chair, National Social Action Commission

Deborah C. Wilder, Co-Chair, National Social Action Commission

Charge

Elsie Cooke-Holmes, International President, Chair, Board of Directors

Regional Caucus Hill Prep Meetings

7:15 PM - 10:00 PM



Advocacy Day

Transportation to Capitol Hill DDNC Photo on U.S. Capitol Steps Capitol Hill Visits

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM



Also known as "The Black National Anthem"
Written by: James Weldon Johnson Composed by: John Rosamond Johnson

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 has 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.



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