

THE SUMMIT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS 2025

*Beyond the Politics of Division and Dread...
....and toward a New Populism of Unity and Opportunity*

Thursday and Friday, May 8 and 9, 2025
Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ

*“We are indeed a house divided. But the division between race and race, class and class, will not be dissolved by massive infusions of brotherly sentiment. ...the division and the bad sentiments are both reflections of vast and growing inequalities in our socioeconomic system—inequalities of wealth, of status, of education, of access to political power.” —
Bayard Rustin*

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One Month from Today

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CWA President Claude Cummings Jr.

We are especially proud to announce that Claude Cummings Jr., president of the Communications Workers of America will join this year's Summit as an honored guest and keynote speaker. President Cummings was elected in 2023 as the first African American leader of North America's largest communications, media and public sector workers union.

Register below for both the May 9 Summit Conference and the May 8 Unity Gathering

Speakers (or VIPS) Committed to One or Both Days (includes Clergy):

Confirmed

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Khalil Gibran Muhammad

Myron Orfield

John Brittain

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Sean McGarvey *	Timothy Driscoll –Bricklayers	Amy Wells – Professor of Education, Colombia University*	Rev. Calvin McKinney
Rev. Dr. Freddy Haynes III*	Jimmy Williams - IUPAT	Rev. Terrance Melvin*	Rev. Derek Gatling
Keeanga Yamahtta Taylor*	Sean O’Brien – General President, Teamsters	Algernon Austin*	Rev. James Dunkins
Becky Pringle *	Kenneth Cooper – International President, IBEW	Nikole Hannah Jones*	Rev. Dana P Owens
john a. powell *	Brent Booker - LIUNA	Leah Wright Rigueur	Rev. Melvin E Wilson
April Verrett	Michael Coleman – General President, (SMART)	Michael Honey	Dr. Danielle L. Brown
Shawn Fain, UAW	Congressman Donald Norcross*	Hakeem Jeffries	Rev. Stephen Green
Barbara Ransby *	Beverly D. Tatum – Former President of Spellman University*	Kimberly Mutcherson	Rev. Dr. Michael Walrond
Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott*	Julian Vasquez Heilig	Peter Kasabach	Rev. Dr. Danté R. Quick
Naomi R Williams , Rutgers	Erika K. Wilson	Brandon McCloy	Rev. Christopher M. Jones
Congressman James E. Clyburn*	Stella Flores	Katie Brennan	Rev. Alfred E Brown
Todd Vachon , Rutgers	Richard Rothstein	Rev. Darrell L Armstrong	Rev. Darrell L. Armstrong
Sherrilyn Ifill *	Eric Foner*	Rev. James Coaxum III	No
Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman*	Bruce D. Haynes *	Rev. Kenneth D. Clayton	Sheryll Cashin (no)
Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison*	Elizabeth Powell – APWU*	.Rev. Tracey L. Brown	Rev. Dr, Otis Moss III (no)
Derrick Johnson	Mark Dimondstein –APWU *	Rev. Dr. Gregory J Jackson	Loïc Wacquant
Reginald T. Jackson	Gary Orfield *	Bishop Reginald T Jackson	
James T. Callahan – General President, IUOE	Genevieve Siegel	Rev. Dr. Douglas L Maven	
Everett Kelley – president, AFGE	William P. Jones *	Rev. Terry Richardson	
Mark McManus – General	Douglas Massey*	Rev. Kevin James White	
	Rucker Johnson*	Rev. Claybon Bogan	
		Rev. Manuel M Biagas	
		Rev. George Britt	
		Rev. Ronald Slaughter	

Constituency Leaders/Organizations Committed to One or Both Days:

Confirmed	AFT	Mount Olive Baptist Church	Mt Zion AME Bridgeton	Princeton Theological Seminary
(no numerical commitment made)	UAW	First A.M.E. Zion Church	Messiah Baptist Church	First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens Somerset
Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters	NAACP (State Chapters)	New Life Cathedral	St. Matthews AME Church, Orange	First Baptist Church of Hillside
Fountain Baptist Church	IUOE	New Zion Baptist Church	Israel Memorial AME Church	NJ Convention of Progressive Baptists
General Baptist Convention	AFGE	Christ Baptist Church, Burlington	Christ Temple Baptist Church	First Baptist Church of Cranford
AME First District	Plumbers	Union Baptist Church	Canaan Baptist Church, Paterson	Shiloh Community Development Corporation
Bethany Baptist Church	Bricklayers	Trinity Cathedral	Friendship Baptist Church	Baptist Church of Vauxhall
Seton Hall University MLK Leadership	IUPAT	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Atlantic County	Agape Christian Ministries	Second Baptist Church of Rahway
SOMA Action	Teamsters	Mt. Moriah AME, Mt. Holly	Bethlehem Baptist Church	St. John's Baptist Church, Scotch Plains
Shiloh Baptist (Cumberland Co.)	IBEW	Mt. Zion AME	Encounter Christ Global Fellowship	The Mount Olive Baptist Church Plainfield
Maybe	LIUNA	Mount Teman AME Church	Calvary Baptist Church	No
CWA D1 or any of the locals	APWU	Allen AMEC	Shiloh Baptist Church Plainfield	
SEIU 32BJ	Shiloh Baptist Church (Tretan)	Bethel AME	Bethany Baptist Church	
SEIU 1199	Mt. Pisgah AME	Saint James A.M.E. Church	Ebenezer Baptist Church in Orange	
CBTU NJ	First Baptist Church of Cranford/Elizabeth	Blessed tabernacle church	Elmwood United Presbyterian Church in East Orange	
CBTU	St. Luke Baptist Church (Paterson)	Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield	Faith for Black Lives	
Working Families Party	St. James AME (Newark)	Mt Zion Baptist Church		
Not Confirmed	St. James AME (Newark)	St. James Baptist Church		
NJEA	Petra Baptist Church-Montclair	First Baptist Church Of Jericho, Woodbury	First Corinthian Baptist Church	
	Ruth Fellowship Ministries	Macedonia Baptist Church, Westville		

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- April 10 (Today's Call) Assign leaders to follow up on speaker and institutional targets
- April 13 (Palm Sunday) Announcements
- April 17 (Next Week's call) goals/commitments given – speakers confirmed.
- April 20 (Easter Sunday)
- April 24 – Call – check in on turnout plans for weekend. Confirm goals and progress
- April 27 – Sunday (Post-Easter)
- May 1 – Call – Program Presented – final turnout drive launched.
- May 4 – Last Sunday for Turnout
- May 5 – Program Run-through
- May 8 – Unity Gathering – Fountain Baptist Church
- May 9 – Summit Conference – Seton Hall

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Today –

Commitment to contact some targeted speakers (VIPS) includes email invite and some targeted calls.

- John Brittain, Myron, Ted, Michelle, Paul J. Khalil for scholars, academics and lawyers, etc.
- Rev. Dr. WDF III for clergy (Rhonda for AMEs)
- Anthony Abrantes for Labor Unions

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