

QUARTERLY REPORT
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Jan. 14th

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

Dr. Alvin Ponder-Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Katrina Jefferson-Special Liaison to the President, HOJ coordinator, NAN

Thomas Carswell, member, The Men's auxiliary, NYC chapter

Minister Tyrone Richardson and the change ensemble

Guests

Rev. Dr. Carl Washington, Pastor New Mount Zion Baptist Church Harlem

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

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The following was included in the weekly message:

Biden to Keynote NAN'S MLK Breakfast in D.C.

President Joe Biden will headline this year's National Action Network Dr. Martin Luther King Day breakfast in Washington, D.C. It is the third time that President Biden has participated in the annual event to honor individuals in their respective fields whose work has expanded justice and equality in their communities.

The King Day Breakfast, which will take place on the morning of Monday, January 16, 2021 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. is Co-Chaired by **Martin Luther King, III**, and **Tanya L. Lombard**, Vice President, Global Public, and External Affairs, Head of Multicultural Strategic Initiatives at AT&T Services, Inc.

The 2023 Honorees are:

MLK Day Lifetime of Excellence in Public Policy

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi

Speaker Emerita, U.S. House of Representatives (CA-11)

MLK Day Lifetime of Excellence in Public Service

Minyon Moore, Principal, Dewey Square Group

MLK Visionary Award

Andrea Waters King

MLK Labor Leader Award

Ray Curry, President, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW)

Later that afternoon in New York City, we will host our annual **Public Policy Forum** at our National Headquarters, the House of Justice, at 106 West 145th Street at the corner of Lenox Ave from 1 pm - 3:30 pm with limited seating on a first-come, first-serve basis and in compliance with local COVID-19 guidelines. Local elected officials have participated in the New York City forum to address the local community on what they will do in the coming year to continue making Dr. King's dream possible and how your efforts this year will align with his legacy. This year's Martin Luther King Day Celebration will commemorate Dr. King's legacy following one of the most historic presidential elections of our lifetime, as we reckon with a new configuration of both our national and state legislatures. If you are not in New York City, you can watch the livestream via our website at www.nationalactionnetwork.net

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Jan. 21

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Dr. Alvin Ponder-Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Chaplain Sandra Mitchell- Chairperson, Housing Committee, NYC chapter

Gina Williams- Chairperson, The Education committee, NYC chapter, NAN

Minister Tyrone Richardson and the change ensemble

Guests

Inspirational Word –**Rev. Brinson Walston**, Lead servant, The Greater Blessing Ministries, Brooklyn, NY.

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

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Biden Headlines National Action Network's MLK Breakfast

President Joe Biden delivered a rousing speech last Monday at National Action Network's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast in Washington, D.C.

“With all of you here, together we've made some important progress. Two years ago, our economy was on its back — flat on its back. People were hurting, particularly in minority communities. Black Americans and other people of color were disproportionately hit,” said President Biden. “And Kamala and I, and our administration, acted decisively with the help of people in this room to not only rescue the economy from the pandemic downturn, but to lay the foundation for a stronger and more resilient and more equitable economy for decades to come.”

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Dr. Alvin Ponder-Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Katrina Jefferson -**Special Liaison to the President, HOJ coordinator**, NAN

Dawn Jones- Chairperson, Political Action Committee, NYC chapter

Grieving Families Act- **New York State Senator Cordell Cleare and Senator Brad Hoylman**

Minister Tyrone Richardson and the change ensemble

Guests

Inspirational Word –**Rev. Steffie Bartley, Senior Pastor, Senior Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church, Elizabeth, NJ.**

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

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2. **Reverend Sharpton to Eulogize Tyre Nichols on Tuesday in Memphis**

Reverend Al Sharpton will deliver the eulogy on Tuesday at the funeral of **Tyre Nichols**, the Memphis man who was beaten and killed by five police officers following a traffic stop.

Earlier this week, prosecutors announced that the police officers would be charged with murder. They were previously fired from their jobs.

“The charges against the police officers who brutally killed Tyre Nichols in Memphis are a necessary first step in delivering justice for Tyre and his family, although nothing will ever be enough to fill the void that his loss has left,” said Reverend Sharpton. “There is no point to putting a body camera on a cop if you aren’t going to hold them accountable when

the footage shows them relentlessly beating a man to death. Firings are not enough. Indictments and arrests are not convictions. As we've done in the past—with George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and others—we will stand by this family until justice is done. A conviction sends a message that to the nation that cops cannot hide behind their badge after committing a heinous action like this.”

The funeral will be held at **Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, located at 70 N Bellevue Boulevard in Memphis on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 10:30 a.m.**

In addition to Reverend Sharpton, civil rights attorney Ben Crump will also be in attendance to deliver a call to action.

Attorney Ben Crump and the parents of Tyre Nichols will be on Politicsnation w/ Al Sharpton on THIS Sunday, Jan. 29th at 5:00pm ET on MSNBC. Make sure you tune in!

1. Reverend Sharpton Speaks at African American Faith Leader's Summit

Reverend Sharpton joined scores of clergy leaders on Thursday for the African American Faith Leaders convened by **U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand**.

“In such a milestone year for civil rights, it is tempting to celebrate the progress we have seen in the past six decades. But the truth of the matter is that we cannot afford to be so caught up with celebrations that we do not seize the opportunity to act upon the reality: that the threats to our democracy and civil liberties are at historic levels, and Black Americans continue to bear the weight of,” said Reverend Sharpton during his remarks. “It is in this spirit that the African American Faith Leaders Summit has been convened. In 2023, it is quintessential that as Black faith leaders and justice advocates, we have the support of our elected officials to continue the work of dismantling structures that stand in the way of equity, safety, and wellbeing for all Americans.”

In addition to Reverend Sharpton, **Reverend A.R. Bernard**, pastor of the Christian Cultural Center was a speaker among others, including **Senator Raphael Warnock** and **Senator Chuck Schumer**.

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Karine Apollon- Chief Diversity Officer, NYC Department of Education

Musical Selection- **Tisha Hunter**, soloist, NAN change choir

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Guests

Inspirational Word –**Rev. James Duckett**, Senior Pastor Fort Mott Baptist Church, Bronx NY

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

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) A Rallying Cry for Justice

Tens of thousands of people from across the world paused this week to remember the life of **Tyre Nichols**, the 29-year-old Memphis man who was brutally beaten and killed by five police officers. His tragic death has become a rallying cry for urgent police reform.

On Wednesday, **Reverend Al Sharpton** delivered a rousing eulogy that summoned the nation—and indeed the world—to action. Drawing a historical parallel to Memphis—the city where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed in April 1968—Reverend Sharpton said that he was personally insulted to learn that Nichols died at the hands of Black police officers.

“Five Black men that wouldn't have had a job in the police department - would not ever be thought of to be in the elite squad - in the city that Dr. King lost his life... you beat a Brother to death. There's nothing more insulting and offensive to those of us that fight to open doors, that you walk through those doors and act like the folks we had to fight to get you through them doors.”

Sharpton continued: "You didn't get on the police department by yourself. The police chief didn't get there by herself. People had to march and go to jail and some lost their lives to open the doors for you - and how dare you act like that sacrifice was for nothing?"

Reverend Sharpton introduced **Vice President Kamala Harris**, who traveled to Memphis to show support for a grieving family.

“As vice president of the United States, we demand that Congress pass the **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act**. Joe Biden will sign it and we should not delay,” Harris said, reiterating the importance of sweeping police reform legislation that National Action

Network and Reverend Sharpton has championed since the tragic death of George Floyd in 2020.

If enacted into law, the legislation would set up a national registry of police misconduct to stop officers from evading consequences for their actions by moving to another jurisdiction.

The bill twice cleared the House under Democratic control – in 2020 and 2021 – largely along party lines. But it never went anywhere in the Senate, even after Democrats won control in 2021, in part, because of disagreements about qualified immunity, which protects police officers from being sued in civil court.

“We have a mother and a father who mourn the life of a young man who should be here today. They have a grandson who now does not have a father. His brothers and sister will lose the love of growing old with their baby brother,” Harris said in her remarks.

“And when we look at this situation, this is a family that lost their son and their brother through an act of violence at the hands and the feet of people who have been charged with keeping them safe.”

On Thursday, **President Joe Biden** said that he hopes that the tragic incident involving Tyre Nichols “spurs some action that we’ve all been fighting for.”

"I listened to Al Sharpton's eulogy, which I thought was first-rate," Biden said. "And we got to stay at it, as long as it takes."

You can watch highlight's from the funeral [here](#).

Reverend Sharpton Heads to the UK

With a focus on internationalizing the struggles of oppressed people across the globe, Reverend Al Sharpton will head to England and Scotland next week to speak at Homerton College, University of Cambridge. While in the UK, Reverend Sharpton will meet with students, activists and community leaders, including **Sir. Simon Woolley**. A screening of the documentary “Loudmouth”, which chronicles Reverend Sharpton’s activism and career is scheduled. Reverend Sharpton has said that the visit will also include launching a chapter of **National Action Network** in London.

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Rosa Jackson, Member, the Membership Committee, NYC Chapter, NAN

Musical Selection- **Tisha Hunter**, soloist, NAN change choir

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Guests

Inspirational Word –**Rev. James Kilgore**, Senior Pastor Friendship Baptist Church, Harlem

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

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1) Taking a Global Stand

Reverend Al Sharpton meets with activists in the UK

Reverend Al Sharpton traveled to England this week where he met with Black political leaders, students and screened the documentary “Loudmouth” that chronicles his life and activism. Arriving to the nation shortly after eulogizing **Tyre Nichols**—the 29-year-old Memphis man killed by police—his message was simple: policing reform is needed.

“The problems with policing, whether here or in the states, often begin with dehumanising and devaluing Black and Brown lives,” wrote Reverend Sharpton in an op-ed that appeared this week in [*The Guardian*](#). “At an early age, our children are criminalised, perceived to be older than their age and treated harshly and unfairly. We saw that in the UK in a case in 2020 that garnered international outrage when a 15-year-old Black girl was strip-searched by female officers without the presence of her parents or another adult. The young girl was taken to the school’s medical room and strip-searched (while she was menstruating) by officers reportedly looking for cannabis. No drugs were found. This was not an isolated incident. According to the children’s commissioner for England, 650 children were strip-searched by police in London from 2018-2020. The majority were boys, and about 58% were Black. Simply unacceptable.”

Reverend Sharpton arrived in the UK as the guest of **Lord Simon Woolley**, the principal of **Homerton College, Cambridge**. Back in 1991, Reverend Sharpton traveled to London to protest the vicious murder of 15-year-old **Rolan Adams**. He and his younger brother were waiting at a bus stop when they were chased by a gang of white teenagers, many yelling racial epithets. Adams was stabbed in the neck with a butterfly knife and died.

A contingent of activists from the UK are working to establish a London chapter of National Action Network and are planning to travel across the pond to attend this year's NAN Convention scheduled to take place in New York City in April.

NAN Protest Efforts to Erase Black History Month from the Classroom

Reverend Sharpton will travel to Tallahassee, Florida on Wednesday, February 15, to protest **Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis'** latest attempts to ban teaching Black history in Florida public schools.

Rev. Sharpton will join members of the educational community, students, parents, clergy, members of the Black caucus, fellow civil rights leaders, and elected officials on a march to the Old State Capitol to protest Gov. DeSantis's attempts to block Advanced Placement (AP) African American Studies in Florida's public schools, as well as his continued targeting of

Black Floridians both in the classroom and at the polls to advance his political agenda.

Bishop Rudolph W. McKissack, Jr., Senior Pastor of the Bethel Church; Reverend Dr. RB Holmes, Pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, President of Tallahassee's Chapter of the National Action Network; Bishop Frank Reid of the A.M.E. Church and other civil rights organizations will join Reverend Sharpton at the march. Marchers will gather at the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church on Wednesday morning before making their way to the Old Florida State Capitol. There, they will begin a rally with a press conference to follow.

Join us.

11 a.m. EST: Prayer and march preparation at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church (224 N Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Tallahassee, FL)

11:30 a.m. EST: March begins.

12 p.m. EST: Rally at the Old Florida State Capitol (400 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL)

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Dr. Alvin Ponder-Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Katrina Jefferson -Special Liaison to the President, HOJ coordinator, NAN
Naomi Jones, chairperson, the Disability Committee, NYC Chapter, NAN
Musical Selection- **Tisha Hunter**, soloist, NAN change choir
Minister Tyrone Richardson and the change ensemble
Deborah Frazier Howze- Choose Healthy Life

Guests

Inspirational Word –**Rev. Carl Washington III**, Senior Pastor Pilgrim Baptist Church, Nyack NY

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

The following was included in the weekly message:

1. NAN Organizes March to Protest DeSantis' Crusade to "Whitewash Black History"

Reverend Al Sharpton traveled to Tallahassee, Florida on Wednesday to protest Florida **Gov. Ron DeSantis'** attempts to "bring the state back to the pre-Civil Rights era by banning Black history from the classroom."

He was joined by clergy and civil rights leaders from across the state.

"Gov. DeSantis is using his office to sanitize Black history from the education system," said Reverend Sharpton. "He might call this a crusade, but everyone can clearly see this is a campaign tactic for him to run for president. He is sending a message that it is permissible to make racism state policy."

DeSantis' latest efforts to halt Advanced Placement (AP) African American Studies in Florida public schools continues to face nationwide backlash. The exams are administered by the **College Board**.

On Wednesday, Reverend Sharpton joined members of the educational community, students, parents, clergy, members of the Black caucus, fellow civil rights leaders, and elected officials on a march to the Old State Capitol to protest what he called DeSantis's attempts to disenfranchise Black Floridians.

1. The Fight for Justice in Buffalo, New York

After a gunman who shot and murdered 10 Black people at a grocery store in Buffalo, New York was sentenced to life in prison this week, Reverend Sharpton said that healing and racial reconciliation must continue throughout the nation.

Last May, the gunman posted a manifesto padded with white nationalist ideology online and then opened fire at the Tops grocery store located in a Black neighborhood, fully clad in body armor while livestreaming the carnage.

NAN was immediately on the ground to provide relief for the victims and the community at large. The organization covered part of the funeral costs for each victim and Reverend Sharpton delivered the eulogies for two of the deceased. NAN also worked with local

partners to help the community continue to access nutritious food after the grocery store closed. Reverend Sharpton additionally led a national call for **President Biden** to hold a summit on the startling rise in violent hate attacks, which he convened at the White House last September.

“We are living in two Americas today. While we are gathered in Tallahassee to protest state-sanctioned attempts to erase Black history, the court system has taken the righteous step of punishing the violence these efforts will continue to create,” Reverend Sharpton said on Wednesday. “This young man had nothing but hatred for Black people in his heart. Hate drove him to post a manifesto on white supremacy, to put on body armor, to livestream his destruction for the world to see. The system saw this racism for what it was and delivered a strong response. This hatred will only get more violent if we allow politicians to take Black voices and Black stories out of the classroom.”

Reverend Sharpton said that the life sentence “will never undo the damage this man inflicted on these 10 families. We can never bring back the mothers and fathers, the sisters and brothers, the daughters and sons taken from us that day.” These families, he noted, have been changed forever, but united in their grief and resolved to see no one else experience what they have.

“My hope is that this sentencing will deliver them a degree of justice and closure as they continue to mourn the loss of their loved ones,” he added.

1. **Rev Talks Activism and ‘Loudmouth’ Documentary with Stephen Colbert**

On Thursday, Reverend Sharpton appeared on **The Late Show with Stephen Colbert**. He talked about activism and the new documentary that chronicles his life and work.

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Katrina Jefferson -**Special Liaison to the President, HOJ coordinator**, NAN

Inola Tucker, chairperson, the welcome Committee, NYC Chapter, NAN

Minister Tyrone Richardson and the change ensemble

Guests

Inspirational Word –**Rev. Dr. Frances S. Teabout**, Senior Pastor St. John's Baptist Church, Jersey City NJ

ArchBishop E. Bernard Jordan

with **Dr. Lola Jones**, University of Cambridge (joined by her husband Calvin Taylor)

Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton

Committee reports and announcements-**Attorney Michael Hardy**-Executive Vice President & General Counsel, NAN.

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NAN Supports Early Voting Act

Reverend Al Sharpton joined elected officials including **U.S. Representative Dan Goldman at National Action Network's 'House of Justice'** earlier this week to **support** new legislation designed to protect voting rights. The proposed legislation would ensure at least 14 days—including weekends—of in-person early voting nationwide and require polling places to be open for 10 hours or more each day. The legislation would also require polling places to be within walking distance of public transit and on college campuses and calls for the counting of ballots prior to the election to eliminate long wait times for official results on election night.

2) Reverend Sharpton Talks Police Reform in Delaware

Reverend Sharpton traveled to Wilmington, Delaware this week to keynote a Black History Month speech on police reform sponsored by the **Citizens for Judicial Fairness** at the Police Athletic League of Wilmington Center. Reverend Sharpton also spoke about the importance of diversity and equity in the judiciary, and the ongoing struggle for civil rights in America.

3) "Loudmouth" is now on DVD

The new documentary "**Loudmouth: The Life and Battles of Al Sharpton**" is now available on DVD for purchase at Walmart and Target. Get your copy today to watch part of Reverend Sharpton's journey on how he learned to use his voice to highlight injustice and inequality throughout the nation. The documentary also premieres on **BET this Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. EST.**

4) Get in the Fight

Join the fight to protect Black history, visit <http://nationalactionnetwork.net> to join us in taking a stand. [Become a member today.](#)

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Dr. Alvin Ponder-Vice President, NYC chapter, NAN

Women's History Month Segment- Lisa Harps, President, Women's Auxiliary, NYC chapter

Guest Speaker- **The Honorable Machel Sweeting**

Katrina Jefferson -Special Liaison to the President/HOJ manager, NAN

Musical Selection- **Tisha Hunter**, soloist, NAN change choir

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Inspirational Word –**Dr. Antoinette Goodrich**, National Evangelist, Greater Holy Tabernacle church, Bronx NY

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2. **Marching in Selma**

Reverend Al Sharpton will travel to Selma, Alabama this weekend where he will join **President Joe Biden** and other civil rights leaders for the 58th anniversary of Bloody Sunday.

On March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was violently broken up at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, by state troopers and a sheriff's posse in what came to be known as "**Bloody Sunday**." Activists including the late Congressman John Lewis was brutally beaten as they tried to cross the bridge to march from Selma to Montgomery.

Reverend Sharpton has attended the annual event in Selma across the years, including delivering the sermon at the historic Brown Chapel AME Church. The church had a landmark role as a place for mass meetings during the civil rights struggle.

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Women's History Month Segment-Host-**Cassandra Dawkins**- Vice President, The Women's Auxiliary, NYC Chapter

Guest Speaker- **Emerald Snipes Garner**- Daughter of Emerald Garner, Author of "Finding my voice".

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Inspirational Word –**Dr. Shana Eutsay**, Associate Minister, I am the way Church of Christ, Brooklyn, NY

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1. In Selma, Biden Vows to Fight Attacks on Voting Rights

In perhaps one of his strongest speeches on voting rights, **President Biden** joined civil rights leaders—including the **Reverend Al Sharpton**—in vowing to vigorously fight attempts to suppress voting rights.

President Biden made his remarks last weekend at the foot of the **Edmund Pettus Bridge** in Selma, Alabama where he traveled to commemorate the 58th anniversary of the violent attack of civil rights activists in what has come to be known as "**Bloody Sunday**."

"Selma is a reckoning. The right to vote ... to have your vote counted is the threshold of democracy and liberty. With it anything's possible," Biden told the crowd. "This fundamental right remains under assault. The conservative Supreme Court has gutted the Voting Rights Act over the years. Since the 2020 election, a wave of states and dozens and dozens of anti-voting laws fueled by the 'Big Lie' and the election deniers now elected to office," he said.

Reverend Sharpton, who walked alongside **Reverend Jesse L. Jackson** across the bridge said that he was heartened by the Biden administration's stance on voting rights.

“This puts the public on notice that we still don’t have a voting rights bill, and we’re still marching across a bridge named for a Ku Klux Klan member, where John Lewis spilled blood,” Sharpton said in an interview with [*The New York Times*](#).

1. **NAN Calls for Immediate Release of Additional Footage in Tyre Nichols Case.**

Reverend Al Sharpton has criticized a Tennessee judge’s decision to block the release of 20 additional hours of footage and audio related to the fatal police beating of **Tyre Nichols** in early January.

The footage, along with additional documents, was set to be released Wednesday. But an attorney for one of the five Memphis police officers charged with murdering the 29-year-old Nichols filed a last-minute request to block its release. The judge’s decision to delay the release came just hours after the Department of Justice said it would conduct a review of the Memphis Police Department. In February, Reverend Sharpton delivered the powerful eulogy at Nichols funeral, where **Vice President Kamala Harris** delivered remarks.

“Delaying the release of this footage is delaying justice for Tyre Nichols and his family,” said Reverend Sharpton. “The first round of body camera footage was disturbing on its own – and should be enough to convict all officers charged with this murder. What else are these cops worried this new footage is going to show? From the start we said this needs to be a transparent process. To tell the public you will release more evidence and then pull it back at the 11th hour only causes more frustration for a city still reeling from this senseless killing. The National Action Network will not stop fighting until we have justice for Tyre Nichols and I call on the court to make this additional footage public immediately.”

1. **Black Business Leaders Continue to Support NAN**

National Action Network wishes to thank business leaders **Robert Smith, Tracy Maitland and Jim Reynolds** who convened the business roundtable recently, bringing together 25 of the nation’s top Black business leaders who pledged their firm commitment to the work of National Action Network. The business leaders have endorsed this year’s NAN convention.

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Katrina Jefferson -**Special Liaison to the President, HOJ coordinator**, NAN

Women's History Month Segment-Host-**Nancy Darlene Crawford**- Recording Secretary,
The Women's Auxiliary, NYC Chapter

Guest Speaker- **Kavita Jagatnath-Ocasio**-Principal, P.S. 175 Henry Highland Garnet
school, Harlem, NY.

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Guests

Inspirational Word –**Pastor Caura Washington**, Assistant Pastor New Mount Zion
Baptist Church, Harlem

the parents of Tyre Nichols and Attorney Benjamin Crump

Commissioner Laura Kavanagh- FIRE Commissioner, NYC

AND MORE SPECIAL GUESTS

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Family of Tyre Nichols to Attend NAN Saturday Rally

Reverend Al Sharpton And NAN welcomes the family of **Tyre Nichols** and Attorney **Ben Crump** to the **House of Justice** today.

Last month, Reverend. Sharpton delivered the eulogy for the 29-year-old father – who was fatally beaten to death by Memphis police in January. The disturbing incident shook the nation, and renewed calls to pass the **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act**. The U.S. Department of Justice has also begun an examination of the Memphis Police Department. A **Tennessee** judge halted the release of more body camera footage, documents, and other evidence last week after a last-minute request by an attorney for one of the five cops charged with murdering Nichols. Reverend Sharpton condemned the decision, urging transparency in the investigation.

TODAY, Reverend Sharpton will also recognize **NYC Fire Department Commissioner Lara Kavanagh** as part of Women's History Month. Last fall, New York City **Mayor Eric Adams** named Kavanagh to permanently lead the department – becoming the first woman to hold the position – after serving as acting Commissioner since February 2022. Kavanagh has focused on diversifying the department, which has historically lacked Black, Latino, and female members.

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The funeral is slated to take place next Wednesday, March 29th at the First Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

1. Ahead of Chicago's Mayoral Race, Reverend Sharpton Encourages Voters to Head to the Polls

With about a week to go before residents in Chicagoland cast a vote for their next mayor, Reverend Al Sharpton will travel to the Windy City to participate in a major GOTV effort. Organized by Black preachers, including **Reverend Marshall Hatch**, Sunday's rally is aimed at encouraging massive voter turnout for the April 4th election.

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Rev Sharpton eulogizes Irvo Otieno

Hundreds of people gathered at First Baptist Church in Chesterfield to say their final goodbyes to Irvo Otieno on Wednesday.

The 28-year-old man died in the custody of Henrico Sheriff's deputies and Central State Hospital workers earlier this month, on March 6.

Family attorney Ben Crump issued an "International Call for Justice" during Otieno's funeral.

Rev. Sharpton, who delivered the eulogy, says America continues to hear stories of violence, including the Nashville shooting that left three children and three adults dead on Monday.

"We normalize too much in this country. We act like it's normal that nine-year-old kids get killed for going to school. We act like its normal that a young man, who wanted to build a record company, despite mental illness, he had a dream, and if he could dream past his illness, what is your excuse to not get structure for people that have mental illness that can be dealt with in the same manner?" Sharpton said.

Sharpton called for an "Irvo Law" that will help protect people suffering from mental health illness. Sharpton says if and when all ten suspects go to trial, he plans to come back to Virginia to attend. He says he wants to see a fair result.

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