

# 4th quarterly issues

## **October 8th**

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

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

**Stephanie McGraw**, CEO/Founder of W.A.R.M (We all really matter)

Justice For Bernard Placide- **Eric. V. Kleiner Esq** and the family., Englewood, NJ

**Minister Tyrone Richardson** and the change ensemble

### **Guests**

**Master Hilton Rawls (11 years old)**, Greater Liberty Temple, Newark, NJ

**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. **Join Reverend Sharpton at Chicago International Film Festival**

**LOUDMOUTH**, the documentary that focuses on Reverend Al Sharpton's activism, will premier at the 58th Chicago International Film Festival on **Monday, October 17, 2022**. The film chronicles Reverend Sharpton's activism across the years.

The screening will take place at the **AMC River East 21 Theatre, located at [322 E Illinois St, Chicago, IL 60611](#) starting at **5:45 p.m.****

**Reverend Sharpton** will be in attendance and will be joined by local political, business and religious leaders. If you're in the Chicagoland area, there is still time for you to purchase your ticket. Go to [www.nationalactionnetwork.net](http://www.nationalactionnetwork.net) for more information.

### 1. **Reverend Sharpton Traverse the Nation to Inspire Next Generation of Students**

Reverend Al Sharpton had a whirlwind schedule over the past week, delivering a keynote speech at the **University of Delaware**, preaching a sermon at **Howard University's** historic Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, and delivering the keynote at the historic rededication of the **Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel** and the Convening of the 37th Annual College of Ministers & Laity at **Morehouse College**. At all three institutions, Reverend Sharpton was encouraged to hear about the activism of the college students and that several were actively working to build NAN chapters on campus.

### 1. **Standing With Black Contractors**

Earlier this week, Reverend Sharpton joined Black contractors in Cleveland who have been locked in a two-year battle with Sherwin-Williams over the development of the company's global headquarters. The group of contractors are protesting the paint company's promise that it

would have a Black-owned contracting firm in place as a key partner in the project. That has not happened. Reverend Sharpton has called on Cleveland's mayor, Justin Bibb, to get involved in the dispute.

"I think that they to make sure that anytime taxpayers' dollars are used that they listen to all segments of the community and make sure people are genuinely the businesses are given part of the general contract," Reverend Sharpton said.

### **October 22nd**

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

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

**Derek Perkinson -Crisis Coordinator, NY organizer**, NAN

**Dawn Jones**- Chairperson, Political Action Committee, NYC chapter

**Ballot Proposals- Jennifer Jones Austin- CEO, FPWA (Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies)**, NAN board member

**Education matters- Sean L. Davenport**- Superintendent, Superintendent at Community School District 5. Location, NYC Department of Education

**Minister Tyrone Richardson** and the change ensemble

#### **Guests**

Inspirational Word –**Dr. Carmen J. Walters**, President, Tougaloo College, Jackson, MS.

#### **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. Student Debt Relief Application Launched**

Earlier this week, The White House launched the student-debt relief portal! The online application is designed to provide up to 10,000 in relief to borrowers with federal student loans and up to \$20,000 in relief to borrowers who were Pell Grant recipients. Borrowers who earned less than \$125,000 as an individual or \$250,000 as a household in 2020 or 2021 are eligible for relief.

According to White House officials, the application takes less than 5 minutes and is available in English and Spanish on desktop and mobile devices.

You can apply for student debt relief at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

#### **1. "Loudmouth" Documentary Makes a Roar in Chicago**

Reverend Al Sharpton, "founder and president of the National Action Network, was in Chicago Monday for the premiere of the film at the Chicago International Film Festival," reported [The Chicago Tribune](#). "Over the course of two hours, viewers watch Sharpton's trajectory from a teenager honoring James Brown on "Soul Train" to becoming a face and voice for the civil rights movement for decades."

“Loudmouth,” a documentary that traces Sharpton’s activism across the decades tells the story of a civil rights leader determined to fight social justice.

**1. Are you Registered to Vote?**

With the midterm elections scheduled this fall, and the 2024 presidential election just two years away, do not sit on the sidelines. Register to vote today. You can do easily online. Voting allows you to have a voice in local, state, and national elections. On issues that matter such as education, police reform and safety and housing, you can weigh in and be heard.

1. Visit [vote.org/voter-registration-deadlines/](https://www.vote.org/voter-registration-deadlines/) for voter registration deadlines and more information.

**October 29th**

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VOTE NYC- Flip the ballot- Proposition 1- **Julie Thige**, President, New York of Conservation voters and New York League of conservation voters education fund

**Minister Tyrone Richardson** and the change ensemble

**Guests**

Inspirational Word –**Rev. Greg Merriweather**, Senior Pastor, Calvery Baptist church of Rockland County, NY.

**Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton**

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

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**1. Reverend Sharpton Participate in Viacom Town Hall Meeting**

Reverend Al Sharpton joined civil rights leaders Marc Morial of the National Urban League and Derrick Johnson of the NAACP for a Town Hall meeting held by Viacom. Employees of the company engaged in a discussion with the leaders about race and diversity issues.

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1. **Condolences**

National Action Network and Reverend Al Sharpton expresses our condolences to Reverend Dr. Calvin Butts, the longtime pastor of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem. “He was an educator, and a Pastor of the highest level,” said Reverend Sharpton. “He served both duties for decades. We found ourselves differing at times, but we’d always come back together.”

**November 5th**

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

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

**Jae Hilliard Spencer**, Member, The welcome committee, NAN NYC chapter

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

NAN YOUTH segment- **Monet Smith**- NAN Youth & college member, NAN

**Minister Tyrone Richardson** and the change ensemble

**Guests**

Inspirational Word –**Rev. Gary Colter**, Senior Pastor Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, Peekskill NY

**Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton**

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

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1. **Reverend Sharpton Urges Black Churches to Help Get-Out-the Vote**

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“You can be bipartisan, but you can’t be bi-interest,” Reverend Sharpton [told the congregation](#) last Sunday. “We have interest, and we must vote about it.”

Earlier in the week, Reverend Sharpton spoke to the Faith Leaders breakfast in New York City. **Tuesday, November 8th is Election Day.** Your vote is your voice. Your vote is your

power - make it count. Know the voting options in your state, make your plan, and vote by Nov. 8. Need help? Call 866-OUR-VOTE for assistance from a nonpartisan volunteer. #OurElections #MakeYourVotingPlan

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Reverend Sharpton delivered the keynote address last Saturday to **National State Teachers of the Year**, who gathered at the Educational Testing Service (ETS) in Princeton for their annual Impact and Influence conference.

In his speech, Reverend Sharpton encouraged the country's top teachers to meet students where they are and to recognize that everyone has potential for success, despite their background.

"You are never too poor, too Latino, too gay, or too Black to learn," Reverend Sharpton told the teachers. "You can teach utopia, but your students will go back to their reality... Sometimes teachers have to fill a role that you didn't go to college to learn but you fill a hole in a child's life that you may not even know they have."

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### **November 12th**

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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, NAN NYC chapter

**Alvin Bragg**, Manhattan DA, NYC

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

**Minister Tyrone Richardson** and the change ensemble

#### **Guests**

Inspirational Word –**Rev. Frederick Crawford**, Senior Pastor Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Bronx NY

### **Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton**

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

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1. **NAN Drives GOTV Efforts Across the Nation**

From Georgia to Ohio, to Pennsylvania, **National Action Network** chapters and **Reverend Al Sharpton** barnstormed the nation, encouraging massive turnout in last Tuesday's election. In the months leading up to the election, NAN registered voters and provided information on the civil rights issues at stake in the upcoming months and years ahead.

And the efforts worked. Black turnout, particularly in urban areas across the country were up from previous years.

The right to vote, Reverend Sharpton warned as he crisscrossed the nation, was fought for by civil rights workers who marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma.

With a run-off scheduled in Georgia, Reverend Sharpton and NAN will travel throughout the state to encourage everyone to return to the polls on **Tuesday, December 6, 2022.**

### **1. Biden Makes Appeal to Black America on Reverend Sharpton's Radio Show**

On the weekend before Americans headed to cast their ballot, **President Joe Biden** appeared on Reverend Sharpton's nationally syndicated radio show "**Keepin It Real**," to lay out his vision to Black America. During the interview, he warned against voter suppression and said that voter intimidation should not become the norm.

"America should feel safe going to the polls," Biden said, making a closing argument on what's at stake in this election to the thousands of listeners who tune in daily to the talk show.

During then interview, the president outlined key issues that he's championed, including bolstering funding for historically Black colleges and universities and trying to forgive student loan debt for millions of Americans. He said that these items are at risk if Republicans take over Congress.

### **1. Loudmouth" to Hit Screens in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C Before Going National**

"**Loudmouth,**" the documentary that chronicles Reverend Sharpton's activism over the past few decades will be shown in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. over the next few days. And then the documentary will hit theaters across the nation on **December 9, 2022.** Check out the review of the documentary in [\*The Denver Gazette\*](#).

**4. New Members Orientation Class here at the House of Justice will be rescheduled to Saturday, December 3rd, immediately following the action rally. Rev. Sharpton will host the New members orientation along with some of our national department directors and key nan staff members, and the Cabinet and leadership of the NYC chapter. If you have joined NAN in the past 3 months, or have never been orientated as a member of NAN, this class is for you. For more information and to RSVP, please call us at 877-626-4651.**

- 1. Thanksgiving at NAN- Join us here at the house of Justice auditorium on Thursday, November 24th for Thanksgiving dinner! Join us for our annual feeding as we give thanks with food and fellowship together. We will kick off our dining festivities in doors at 11am and the event will conclude at 3pm or while supplies last. We invite you and your families to join NAN FOR THANKSGIVING. For more information, to volunteer, or to RSVP, call us at 877-626-4651.**

### **November 26th**

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**  
Education matters-**Rev. Dr. Sanayi Beckles**-Canton owner of Chloe Day School and Wellness Center, (Her topic is the Healing Space Parenting Journey With Intention)  
Musical Selection- **Tisha Hunter**, soloist, NAN change choir  
**Minister Tyrone Richardson** and the change ensemble

**Guests**

Inspirational Word –**Rev. Kendell Bartley Hickory**, Senior Pastor, Grove Baptist Church,Durham North Carolina

**Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton**

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

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**December 03rd**

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**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

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

**Minister Tyrone Richardson** and the change ensemble

**Guests**

Inspirational Word –**Pastor Ameer Natson**, The Better Life Church, Newark Nj

**Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton**

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

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1. Loudmouth” documentary- the life and battles of Rev Al Sharpton will open in movie theaters across the nation on December 9, 2022 in over a dozen cities including New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Houston and MIAMI! Loudmouth tells the story of Reverend Sharpton’s career as an activist, chronicling his work in New York City in the 1980s to the national response to the murder of George Floyd in 2020. Throughout the film examines these key moments in Rev. Sharpton’s life and how the media approached issues around racism in northern cities like New York. For a full list of theatres premiering loudmouth in a city near you visit our website at [www.NationalActionNetwork.net](http://www.NationalActionNetwork.net) to see where the documentary will be showing.

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### 1. **Congratulations to Congressman Jefferies**

**Reverend Al Sharpton and National Action Network** extend a heartfelt congratulations to **U.S. Representative Hakeem Jeffries** on being elected leader of the House Democrats in Congress.

Congressman Jeffries discussed the new leadership post on Reverend Sharpton’s nationally syndicated radio show and will speak at NAN’s House of Justice.

A committed member of National Action Network for more than a decade, Congressman Jeffries has worked closely with Reverend Sharpton on a host of civil rights issues across the years. Another barrier to equal representation has come down.

Next year, Democrats will enter the House Chamber led by a Black representative for the first time, said Reverend Sharpton. This has been a long overdue moment in America – more than 150 years after Joseph Rainey became the first Black American to serve in the House.

“I think today of one of my mentors, Brooklyn’s own **Shirley Chisholm**, who over 50 years ago became the first Black woman elected to the House,” Reverend Sharpton said after news broke that Congressman Jefferies made history to become the first Black to hold the post. “She fought to make sure Black voices didn’t only have a seat at the table – but that America listened when they spoke. They and those who came in between laid the groundwork, so that today we can call Hakeem Jeffries the House Minority Leader.”

Added Reverend Sharpton:

“Rep. Jeffries has been our ally in government who appreciates that legislation is the true pathway to change,” he said. “Even with a GOP-led House, we are confident he will not give up on the John Lewis Voting Rights Act or the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. In turn, we will not give up there is more diversity and inclusion in House leadership.”

### 1. **All Eyes on Georgia| Don’t Forget to Vote**

If you're a Georgia resident, don't forget to vote in the December 6th run-off election **between Senator Raphael Warnock** and his challenger, **Herschel Walker** for U.S. Senate. NAN will be closely monitoring the election results.

**4) New Members Orientation Class here at the House of Justice will be held today, Saturday, December 3rd, immediately following the action rally. Rev. Sharpton will host the New members orientation along with some of our national department directors and key nan staff members, and the Cabinet and leadership of the NYC chapter. If you have joined NAN in the past 3 months, or have never been orientated as a member of NAN, this class is for you. For more information and to RSVP, please call us at 877-626-4651.**

### **December 10th**

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

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

Congressman Hakeem Jeffries Day

Remarks

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS -**

**NYS Sen. Cordell Cleare**- 30th Senate District, NY

**Jumaane Williams** – NYC Public advocate

**NYS Sen. Kevin Parker** -21st Senate District, Brooklyn, NY

**Rep. Charles Rangel** – former Congressman, 1st Afro-American chairman of the powerful Ways and Means committee

**Rep. Adriano Espaillat**-U.S. Representative for NY's 13th congressional district and 1st Dominican American and first formerly undocumented immigrant to ever serve in congress.

**Assemblymember Al Taylor** – 71st assembly district in upper manhattan

**Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte-Hermelyn** – 42nd Assembly district in Brooklyn

**Assemblymember Edward Gibbs** – 68th district in upper NY

**Assemblymember Inez E. Dickens** – 70th assembly district in Harlem

**Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg**

**Queens Borough President** Donovan Richards

**Brooklyn Borough President** Antonio Reynoso

**Vanessa Gibson** - Bronx Borough President

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

**Minister Tyrone Richardson** and the change ensemble

#### **Guests**

Inspirational Word –**Rev. Adolphus Lacey**, Senior Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY.

**Congressman Hakeem Jeffries**- Leader-elect of the Democratic Caucus in the U.s. House of Representatives

## **Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton**

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

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### **1. Brittany Griner is Finally Home!**

**Reverend Al Sharpton and National Action Network** is celebrating the release of WNBA star **Brittney Griner** who has been detained in a Russian prison for more than nine months. Shortly after Brittney's detention, Reverend Sharpton met with her wife and called for faith leaders to travel to Russia to pray for her. Reverend Sharpton also petitioned the Biden administration to do everything possible to bring Brittney home to her family.

"After nine horrific months behind bars, Brittney Griner's family, friends, and teammates can finally breathe a sigh of relief that she's on her way home," said Reverend Sharpton. "For months we kept the pressure on President Biden to do everything in his power to bring Brittney home.

Today, we gladly applaud the administration for the hard work of ensuring Brittney's imprisonment finally came to an end."

Reverend Sharpton said that the nation should continue to pray for Brittney and her family because her journey is far from over.

"Brittney returns home with spiritual and emotional wounds that can only heal now that she's free," he said. "I and the ministers who were denied access to see her in Russia look forward to meeting her here, so we can finally pray over her and offer her spiritual guidance. We also continue to pray for the release of Paul Whelan and all U.S. citizens detained abroad."

### **1. 'Loudmouth' in National Theaters Today**

**'Loudmouth'** the documentary that traces the life and battles of Reverend Al Sharpton, will be screened in nearly 120 movie theaters on December 9th – a number that essentially doubled overnight as buzz for the film continues to build.

The nearly 60 new theaters include three in the New York metropolitan area (Brooklyn, Newark, and Elizabeth, NJ), four in Georgia, and 11 in New Jersey, as well as the AMC theater at Disney Springs. For a full list of theaters, visit our web site at [www.nationalactionnetwork.net](http://www.nationalactionnetwork.net).

"This is the first time a civil rights leader has lived to see their story told on the big screen," said Reverend Sharpton. "Friday's premiere will be a historic event, which is why you see more theaters eager to screen 'Loudmouth' from coast to coast and everywhere in between. I encourage all young loudmouths who want to change their community to go see this film.

The documentary spans more than 40 years of Reverend Sharpton's journey to becoming one of the most recognizable civil rights leaders of today. From his early

activism to his modern-day legacy, the documentary tells the story of his unyielding commitment to be fighting against systemic injustice, racism, and white supremacy in the United States. It features in-depth interviews with Reverend Sharpton and never-before-seen footage. The documentary premiered and sold out as the closing film at the Tribeca Film Festival in June. The film was written, directed, and produced by Josh Alexander as well as produced by Daniel J. Chalfen, Mike Jackson, and Kedar Massenburg.

### 1. **Congratulations Senator Warnock!**

Congratulations to **U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock** who won reelection on last Tuesday. As the senior pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr served as co-pastor, we look forward to working closely with Senator Warnock in the months and years ahead.

### 1. **Save the Date: NAN's National Convention**

NAN's National Convention will take place on April 5-9, 2023. Please save the date.

#### **December 17th**

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

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**Dawn Jones**, chairperson, The Political Action Committee, NYC chapter

Remarks-**Keisha sutton James**- Deputy Borough President, Manhattan, **Ny.**

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

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#### **Guests**

Inspirational Word –**Dr. Cleveland Walton, III** Associate Pastor Freedom Life Church in Hampton, VA

#### **Keynote: Rev. Al Sharpton**

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### 1. **“Loudmouth’ Opens With a Major Roar**

Across the nation, thousands of movie-goers headed to theatres throughout the week to view ‘Loudmouth,’ the documentary that traces the activism of National Action Network’s Founder/President, the **Reverend Al Sharpton**.

The 2-hour documentary has received raved reviews and is the first major documentary focused squarely on the life of a living civil rights leader. On opening night last Friday, **New York City**

**Mayor Eric Adams** joined Reverend Sharpton at a screening at the Magic Johnson Theater in Harlem.

### 1. **Congressman Hakeem Jeffries Returns Home to NAN's House of Justice**

Reverend Sharpton welcomed leaders from across New York City to NAN's House of Justice last Saturday to celebrate the historic selection of incoming **House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries**.

Dubbed "Hakeem Jeffries Day," the Brooklyn Congressman—who has been a member of National Action Network for decades—spoke to the audience.

"This is a historic moment and an enormous step for the Black community," said Reverend Sharpton. "I have seen Hakeem Jeffries grow over the last 25 years, and over that time I have seen his passion and dedication to the fight for racial justice. NAN is excited to declare this Saturday as Hakeem Jeffries Day to recognize this monumental occasion."

Rep. Jeffries was unanimously elected as House Democratic Minority Leader, following Speaker Nancy Pelosi's decision to step down from her long-held position. The vote was a major milestone as Jeffries will become the first-ever Black party leader in Congressional history. Jeffries has been active in NAN since the late 1990s and has built a relationship of mutual trust and collaboration with the organization. Since his election to Congress in 2012, he has used his position to push for legislation to advance racial justice and socioeconomic equity, sponsoring numerous bills, particularly around police and criminal justice reform. In May 2021, he was one of several New York City officials who joined Rev. Sharpton at the House of Justice in kneeling for 9 minutes and 29 seconds to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd.

### 1. **Sharpton Keynotes at Conference of National Black Churches**

Reverend Sharpton traveled to Orlando, Florida this week where he delivered the keynote address at the **Conference of National Black Churches**, led by **Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson**, who serves as chairman of NAN's board of directors and the pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, New York.

### 1. **Condolences**

Reverend Sharpton and National Action Network extends our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the family of **E. Reginald Pope**, who served as president of Nassau County's National Action Network in New York. Mr. Pope passed away recently at the age of 63.

### 1. **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to **Dr. Claudine Gay**, who will become the first person of color to lead **Harvard University**. The daughter of Haitian immigrants, Dr. Gay's academic credentials are impressive and National Action Network looks forward to working with her in future.

### **December 24th**

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**Derek Perkinson**, Crisis Director, NAN

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#### **Guests**

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1. **NAN to Bring Christmas Cheer to Those in Need**

**National Action Network** and **Reverend Al Sharpton** will host several New York City and State elected officials on TODAY, **Saturday, December 24th** for the annual Christmas Dinner and Toy Distribution at the House of Justice in Harlem immediately after the weekly rally.

Among those scheduled to attend is U.S. Senator Kristen Gillibrand. This will be the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic that NAN will host in-person dining for Christmas.

Thanksgiving marked the first time since 2019 that dining was held within the House of Justice, as NAN distributed packaged to-go meals in 2020 and 2021 at the site. Now, the NAN community will be able to reconvene for the holiday season as we prepare for the work ahead in 2023.

In Atlanta, the NAN Chapter will distribute toys from our Atlanta office. For more information, contact the NAN Atlanta office at [\(678\) 732-0405](tel:6787320405)

1. **NAN Praises DOJ Stance on Drug Sentencing Policies**

**Rev. Al Sharpton** applauded the **U.S. Department of Justice** decision to end racially motivated drug sentencing policies in an announcement that was made last week.

“As one who led marches in the 1990s about this unfair and racially tinged decision to prosecute and sentence people differently between crack cocaine and loose cocaine, I was more than pleased when I was informed by the Justice Department that they will no longer use those procedures,” said Reverend Sharpton. “This was not only a major prosecutorial and sentencing

decision – it is a major civil rights decision. The racial disparities of this policy have ruined homes and futures for over a generation. I salute **Attorney General Garland** for taking this major step toward equality and fairness.”

## 1. ‘Loudmouth’

Haven’t seen “**Loudmouth**” yet? It’s the documentary in movie theaters that chronicles the life and activism of Reverend Al Sharpton. [Check to](#) see if the documentary is playing at a theater near you. You can log onto our website at [www.nationalactionnetwork.net](http://www.nationalactionnetwork.net).

## 1. Preparing for King Day 2023

2023 will mark the 55th year since the **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** was assassinated. It will also mark the 60th anniversary of the historic March on Washington in 1963, where Dr. King delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech.

Now more than ever, during the most challenging time in our nation, we must remember and protect Dr. King’s threatened legacy. Founded in the spirit and tradition of Dr. King’s principals, National Action Network (NAN) is proud to be the legacy organization of Dr. King.

On this day, **January 16, 2023**, NAN encourages elected officials, community activists, clergy, and leaders across the country to pause and remember the example of Dr. King and the importance of his work. Our annual King Day events not only celebrate Dr. King’s legacy but also provide an opportunity to refocus on the work we each do to advance his dream.

NAN will host its Public Policy Forum at the House of Justice in Harlem in the afternoon. Earlier in the day, there will be a King Day breakfast in Washington, D.C. NAN chapters across the nation will also host events to commemorate America’s moral and social justice leader.

## 1. Leaders Gather to Stand Against Racism and Antisemitism

“To take an active stand against the increasing instances of racism and antisemitism in our country, **Mayor Eric Adams, Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Vista Equity Partners and the Chairman of Carnegie Hall Robert F. Smith, Founder and CEO of the World Values Network Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, and Elisha Wiesel** came together to host 15 Days of Light—celebrating Hanukkah and Kwanzaa in a unifying holiday ceremony on Sunday, December 18 at Carnegie Hall, in New York City,” reported the [Jewish News Syndicate](#).

”There is never a time more needed than now for Blacks and Jews to remember the struggle that we’ve gone through,” said Reverend Sharpton.

”You can’t fight for anybody if you don’t fight for everybody. I cannot fight for Black rights if I don’t fight for Jewish rights and other rights, because then it becomes a matter self-aggrandizement rather than fighting for humanity. It’s easy for Blacks to stand up for racism. It’s easy for Jews to stand up the antisemitism. But if you want to really be a leader, you got to speak as a Black against antisemitism and antisemites, and you got to speak as a Jew against racism,” he added.



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### **December 31st**

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As the nation prepares to close out 2022 and usher in 2023, this week's *Action Alerts* is dedicated to looking at some of the major issues and events that National Action Network tackled in 2022.

The list is not meant to be an exhaustive, but provides some highlights on the ongoing fight for civil rights that NAN has engaged in over the past year.

In 2023, NAN will continue its fight to ensure that the civil rights of all Americans are protected.

You can join us by [becoming a member of NAN](#). In the meantime, please be sure to follow us at [www.nationalactionnetwork.net](http://www.nationalactionnetwork.net) where you can also find a full year end review of what NAN has done in 2022 and the fight ahead.

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#### **1. Reverend Sharpton Gathers New York's Black Leadership for Historic Meeting**

A historic gathering of New York's top Black leaders took place on Thursday at **National Action Network's House of Justice in Harlem**.

The agenda? Public safety.

“Never before in the history of this state have we seen so many of our top officials come from the black community,” said **Reverend Sharpton**, who convened the mayor and the elected officials. Among the attendees were **New York City Mayor Eric Adams, Attorney General Leticia James, New York Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and New York Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and others. Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg** joined the meeting virtually.

“2023 will be the year we show this nation how to govern,” said Reverend Sharpton.

Mayor Adams said that such a conversation about justice and safety is long overdue.

“We’re clear on the systemic poverty, the system racism, that has been in place and denied people the opportunities to leave poverty,” said Mayor Adams. “That’s what this conversation was about today.”

Mayor Adams later tweeted a photo of all of the leaders assembled on the stage at the House of Justice, a historic first in New York City.

“I cannot thank @TheRevAl enough for bringing me and my fellow leaders together for a conversation about justice and safety,” he wrote in the tweet. “This picture is what our ancestors prayed for, and we are going to live up to that legacy.”

### 1. **Register Today for NAN’s MLK Celebrations**

Every year, NAN's Washington DC Bureau, led by Rev. Al Sharpton and Senior Vice President of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, Ebonie Riley, celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Day by holding a breakfast in his honor in Washington, DC. This year's ceremony will virtually honor individuals in their respective fields whose work has expanded justice and equality in their communities.

**On Monday, January 16, 2023**, NAN will host two major events in Washington, D.C. and Harlem, New York.

The King Day Breakfast 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  
**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)**

To register for the MLK Breakfast at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. visit our website at [www.NationalActionNetwork.net](http://www.NationalActionNetwork.net).

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. 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](http://www.nationalactionnetwork.net)

### 1. **Save the Date**

National Action Network's 2023 Convention will be held at the Sheraton NY Times Square Hotel in New York City from April 12th-15th. Save the date and visit [nationalactionnetwork.net](http://nationalactionnetwork.net) daily for registration and schedule updates.  
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