

Southern Human Rights Organizers' Conference
Celebrating Ten Years of Fighting for Human Rights in the Deep South
December 8-11, 2006 Houston, TX

Friday, December 8, 2006

8:00 AM - 6:00PM

Registration

8:00 AM - 9:00AM

Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM -12:00PM

Human Rights Education Training Program
US Human Rights Network

12:00PM - 1:00PM

Lunch on your own

1:00PM - 5:00PM

Youth Summit

1:30PM - 3:00PM

Plenary I: Resourcing the Movement: A Dialogue with Social Change Funders

This panel will go beyond the traditional funder presentation and try to create an environment for developing strategies to create funding opportunities and relationships. Among the issues that will be addressed are: lack of funding in the South given the enormous political weight of the South and the need to recognize grassroots mobilization as key to defending human rights and fighting structural racism.

Solidarity Messages

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Break

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Plenary II: Case Studies in Oppression-Katrina, Then and Now

Part 1

Panel will feature the voices of Internally Displaced Persons from the areas most hardest hit by Katrina: Mississippi gulf coast; New Orleans; Houston

5:00 PM **Board buses for Shrine of the Black Madonna**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Reception for special guests and participants**

7:00 PM *Cultural Explosion*

7:30 PM *Libations for the Middle Passage*

Saturday, December 9, 2006

8:00AM- 9:00AM **Continental Breakfast**

8:00 AM- 4:00 PM **Registration**

9:00AM - 9:30AM **Opening Session**

9:30AM - 11:00AM **Plenary III: Human Rights Struggle Across the Global South**

11:00AM - 11:30AM **Break**

11:30AM - 1:00PM **Concurrent Strategy Sessions:**

- *Racial Profiling–Erosion of Human Rights and Civil Liberties
- *Death Penalty: Using the Human Rights Framework to build a grassroots abolitionist Movement
- *Juvenile Justice: Lessons from the Field
- *Strategies Toward Protecting the Sovereign Rights of Indigenous People
- *Migrant Struggles in the Southern Region
- *Immigrants Rights Are Human Rights
- *Successful prototypes for organizing in the deep south
- *How the Criminalization of Immigrant Feeds the Prison Industrial Complex
- *Developing Strategies to Address the Plight of
- *Internally Displaced Persons: A Roadmap to Rights and Accountability

1:00PM - 2:30PM

Luncheon

3:00PM -4:00PM

Plenary IV: Call to Action - The Monster Has Arrived and its Name is Wal-Mart

Speakers will discuss effective ways to build a campaign against corporate greed and the human rights violations it perpetuates in the US and across the globe

4:30PM - 7:00PM

Direct Action: Protest at prominent Wal-Mart location and Extreme Poverty Bus Tour

7:00PM

Dinner on your own

Sunday December 10, 2006

7:30AM - 8:30AM

Interfaith Service

8:00AM - 9:00AM

Continental Breakfast

9:00AM - 10:45AM

Concurrent Strategy Sessions

* Strategies Toward Protecting the Sovereign Rights of Indigenous People

* Crossing Barriers, Breaking Down Walls—Strategies for Winning Human Rights Struggles For People of Color in the LGBT Community

* Workers' Rights as Humans- Applying the US Human Rights Struggle to the Southern Region

* The role of Students and Youth Organizing in the Struggle for Human Rights in the South

* Environmental Racism and Human Rights

* Globalization and the South: A South to South Perspective

* Black and Brown Unity Working Strategies

* Applying the International Human Rights Framework to Domestic Struggles

10:45AM- 11:00AM

Break

11:00AM - 1:00PM

Wrap-up/Closing Plenary

Plenary V: Forty Years of Resistance and No Turning Back—Solidarity and Reflection

3:00PM

Board Buses for the Trip to the Rio Grande

Monday December 11, 2006

**40th Anniversary Reunion
“La Huelga” 1966-2006
Rio Grande City, Texas
9:00AM- 4:00PM**