THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

3-7PM  REGISTRATION/JACKSON AREA CIVIL RIGHTS DRIVING TOUR ON YOUR OWN

5PM  HOSPITALITY HOUR/DINNER ON YOUR OWN

7PM  PHOTO PRESENTATION AND BOOK SIGNING RECEPTION

- With David Bacon (Millsaps Room).

With recordings that reflect our traditions of struggle:

In the Land of the Zulus - Miriam Makeba
Guantanamera - Los Lobos
Bid ‘Em In - Oscar Brown, Jr.
Harriet Tubman - The Bones of Contention
Work Song - Oscar Brown, Jr.
Sixteen Tons - Bo Diddley
Power -The Bones of Contention
Mississippi Goddam! - Nina Simone
I Woke Up this Morning with Freedom on My Mind - Rev. Ben Gay, Albany, GA
De Colores - Los Lobos with the Children of Santa Isabel School, East Los Angeles
Which Side Are You On? - Hollis Watkins, Mississippi
No nos Moveran - La Randalla Amerinda de Aztlan
Across the Border - Bruce Springsteen
Corrido de Bracero - Los Mascarones
The Border - Los Mocosos de San Francisco
Migra – Dr. Loco’s Rockin’ Jalapeno Band
Plane Wreck at Los Gatos – Bruce Springsteen
El Picket Line – Dr. Loco’s Rockin’ Jalapeno Band
Galveston Bay (a Vietnamese struggle) – Bruce Springsteen
America los Indios - Daniel Valdez
Gulf Coast Ghosts – Fruits of Labor
Talking Union – Pete Seeger
Stimela (Coal Train) – Hugh Masekela
Quihibo Raza – Augustine Lira
Rockin’ Solidarity – Bones of Contention
Solidarity Forever – Pete Seeger
Get on Board – Fannie Lou Hamer and Bob Moses
Greenwood, Mississippi – Medgar Evers
Keep Your Eves on the Prize – Bob Moses
We Shall Overcome – SNCC Freedom Singers
Nosotros Venceremos – Dr. Loco’s Rockin’ Jalapeno Band

BIDDING ON DAVID BACON’S PHOTOGRAPHS BEGINS FRIDAY AT 6 pm
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

8:30-9:00 am FULL HOT BREAKFAST (provided by Cabot Lodge)

9:00 am MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Rep. Jim Evans, President, MIRA, Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance

INVOCATION AND GREETINGS: Rev. Byron Clay, National Interim President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference;

9:15 am WELCOME: Roberta Avila, Board Member, Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance

9:30-10:00 am INTRODUCTIONS OF CONFEREES – Who’s in the Room

10:15 am PLENARY: “With Unity Comes Power” (Moderator: Stephanie Weaver)
Panelists: MIRA (Kathy Sykes); Oxfam America (Ilana Scherl), Southern Echo (Brenda Hyde, Southern Christian Leadership Conference/SCLC (Rev. Byron Clay); Action Communication and Education Reform, Inc. /ACER (Al White); Sarah White (Mississippi Workers Center for Human Rights)

11:30 am JAMES MEREDITH AND GILBERT PADILLA: “Popular Education and Organizing”
Over Lunch, (Provided by Carnecería Valdez)

12:30 am Review Conference Goals and Objectives for Friday and Saturday; Panelists Introduced:

12:45 pm ISSUE #1: “Census 2010: It’s in our [Collective] Hands” – Panelists: Cathy Montoya of LCCR; Brenda Hyde of Southern Echo; Leah Wise of Southeast Region Economic Justice Network and Black Immigration Network.

1:15 pm BREAKOUT INTO WORKGROUPS–

“Moving Beyond the Count” -- introduced by Grace Nguyen, U.S. Census Bureau;p Moderators: Larry Williams of Delta Citizens Alliance and Leah Wise of REJN/BIN; Trap Bonner of Moving Forward Gulf Coast, and Cathy Montoya of LCCR; Census Bureau Representatives Donald Watson and Mary Young.

1:45 pm REASSEMBLE AND FEEDBACK

2:00 pm ISSUE #2: “Education Matters for Children of Color” – Panelists: Dr. Ivory Phillips of Jackson Public Schools; Ellen Reddy of Citizens for Quality Education; Elaine Baker of Mound Bayou Public Schools; Itza Escobar and Socorro Leos of MIRA organizing committee.

3:15 pm BREAK

3:30 pm ISSUE #3: Language Access: a Community Issue –Panelists: Gilbert Padilla; Thao “Jennifer” Vu, of Mercy Housing; and Lucas Diaz, of Puentes.

4:00 pm DISCUSSION: Cross-Cultural movement for Language Access in the Criminal Justice system in a climate of “English-only” proposals.
4:30PM  HOUSEKEEPING ISSUES (Evaluation & reimbursement forms, plan for Fri. dinner/ Sat.)

4:45-6:00 pm  PROGRAM BREAK

6:00 pm  DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION
*(Provided by Monte’s Steak and Seafood Restaurant); Auction Items provided by David Bacon, Andrew Arana Salsa Aerobics Mississippi, and Monique Davis)*

INVOCATION
Fr. Jerry Tobin, Norbertine Fathers; Movement songs and images of MIRA/SCLC

6:15 pm  PRESENTATIONS:
Youth Essay Contest Awards (Prisca Patrick and Ulises Hernandez, MIRA)

6:30 pm  Special comments by Humberto Garza (Introduction by Bill Chandler)

6:45 pm  JOURNALISM AWARDS
Jackson Advocate (Alice Tisdale) – presented by Jim Evans;
La Noticia (Luis Espinoza) – presented by Patricia Ice
Mach Song (Boat People SOS) – presented by Thao Vu

7:00 pm  Bharat Dancer Malika Shettar

7:20 pm  Vietnamese Dragon Dancers from the Gulf Coast

7:40 pm  Capoeira Angola Besouro Mississippi (Ivory Harris)

8:00 pm  LAST CHANCE FOR BIDS: SILENT AUCTION CHECK-IN

RECOGNITION OF SCLC AND MIRA: Board, Staff, Volunteers and Members;
Honoring Unity Conference partners UAW, Oxfam America and LCCR

8:15 pm  La Danza De Los Viejitos by Carlos and Jonathan Alvarez Hernandez

8:35 pm  Hippymama Monique Davis

9:00 pm  Music and Dancing with Andrew Arana and Salsa Aerobics Mississippi

9:15 pm  SILENT AUCTION CLOSES; DINNER PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

9:30 pm  Free-style Latina/o Dancing Continues...

11:00 pm  EVENING ENDS!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

8:30 am  **BREAKFAST (provided by Cabot Lodge)**

9:00 am  **Invocation and Welcome**

9:15 am  **Youth Leader presentation and discussion: “Cultural Diversity”**
         by Action Communication and Education Reform, Inc. (ACER)

10:30 am  **ISSUE #4: “Uniting Workers Across Ethnic Lines”** – Hot labor issues in Mississippi and what types of reform is needed to protect workers across ethnic lines
         Moderator Kathy Sykes -MIRA Board member/SCLC/NAACP) –
         Panelists: National UAW (Julia Daugherty), Sarah White (MS. Workers Center); Brenda Scott (MASE/CWA); Elisa Reyes, MIRA organizing committee; and Tom Savage (UAW)

11:30 am  **ISSUE #5: “Undoing Illegality” - Conversation on The movement for Immigrant Worker Rights and The struggle for Just and Humane Immigration Reform – David Bacon;**
         **Introduction of Speaker by Bill Chandler**

12 noon  **Joined by panel over lunch with Response and Discussion :**
         “The State of Immigration Reform,” by Clarissa Martinez of NCLR, and
         “Seeing Immigration through a Racial Lens,” by Janvieve Williams, Latin American Carribbean Community Center (LACCC) & Black Immigration Network (BIN)
         *(Lunch provided by Lumpkins Bar-B-Que)*

12:40 pm  **Comments/Discussion from Conferees**

1:00 pm  **BREAK**

1:15 pm  **ISSUE #6: ”Social Determinants of Health and Equity: The Impacts of Racism on Health,”**

2:00 pm  **Discussion**

2:30 pm  **ISSUE #7: “Organizing to Stop Racial Profiling”**
         Panelists: ACLU (Brent Cox); Elaine Blair (Concerned Citizens of Canton); Attorney Patricia Ice (MIRA); Vicky Cintra (MIRA)

3:15 pm  **TAKING ACTION THAT COUNTS: “ Unified Organizing at the Local, State and Federal Levels”**

What will we work toward for 2010 with timelines and assignments? Any policy proposals or recommendations for Legislative Session 2010?

- **GROUP A – FEDERAL:** Census 2010 and Immigration reform (National, Southeast Regional work)
  Moderators: David Bacon, Clarissa Martinez, Leah Wise

- **GROUP B – STATE (Mississippi Legislative Advocacy Day, Jan. 13, 2010):** Language Access, Repeal SB 2988, Worker Comp Laws, Predatory Lending, and more!
  Moderators: Bill Chandler; Rep. Jim Evans; Sarah White; Rims Barber; Rep. Gardner

- **GROUP C – LOCAL:** Language Access; Education; Racial Profiling
  Moderators: Vicky Cintra, Brent Cox, Ya-Sin Shabazz; Helen Johnson
4:00 pm  FINALIZE REPORTS FROM WORKGROUPS

4:30 pm  10-MINUTES REPORTING FROM EACH OF THE 3 WORKGROUP REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

5:00 pm  ORAL EVALUATION AND WRITTEN FORMS