



Nguzo Saba
The Seven Principles



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Imani
Faith

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"40 YEARS OF WORK, SERVICE, STRUGGLE AND INSTITUTION-BUILDING"



NGUZO SABA 2005

CONFERENCE AND CELEBRATION

THEME:

***PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES FOR
BRINGING GOOD INTO THE WORLD***

6245 A.F.E. ▲ 8 -11 SEPTEMBER ▲ 2005 C.E.



*A.F.E. After The Founding of The Egyptian Calendar, C. E. In The Common Era

Nguzo Saba 2005 Conference
6245 September 8 - 11, 2005 Los Angeles, California

Theme: " *The Nguzo Saba: Principles and Practices for Bringing Good into the World*"



On behalf of The Organization Us, we invite you to join us for the Nguzo Saba 2005 Conference and Celebration. The conference and celebration mark the 40th anniversary of both the Nguzo Saba - the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa and Kawaiida Philosophy - and the founding of The Organization Us and will take place September 8 -11, 2005 in Los Angeles.

For forty years the Organization Us and its principal institution the African American Cultural Center have promoted the values of the Nguzo Saba, as a fundamental means of building and strengthening family, community and culture. The Nguzo Saba first in Swahili and then in English are: Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith).

The Nguzo Saba serve as a core vision and value orientation not only for Kwanzaa, but also for millions of persons in their daily lives and for a wide range of organizations and institutions here in the U.S. and throughout the world African community. Building on the rich resource that these experiences and achievements represent, the conference will discuss current critical issues and present models of excellence and possibility from organizations around the country who use the Nguzo Saba for cultural grounding and value orientation in such diverse areas as public and community education, rites of passage and youth programs, spirituality and ethics, family and male/female relations, economic development, political organization, psychological well-being, creative production, community organization and institution-building.

The goals of the conference are: 1) to build and strengthen relationships between Nguzo Saba adherents and advocates, 2) to share our best practices, 3) to reaffirm and reinforce our capacity and will as persons and a people to build institutions that house our aspirations and advance our lives and 4) thus, to further ground ourselves in ways that aid us in honoring our ancestral teaching that the fundamental mission and meaning of human life is to constantly bring good into the world and not let any good be lost.

- Dr. Maulana Karenga
Chair, The Organization Us

**The Nguzo Saba
(The Seven Principles)**

Umoja (Unity) To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

Kujichagulia (Self-Determination) To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility) To build and maintain our community together and make our sister's and brother's problems our problems and to solve them together.

Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.

Nia (Purpose) To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

Kuumba (Creativity) To do always as much as we can, in the way that we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

Imani (Faith) To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Dr. Maulana Karenga, 1965

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- ▲ **Opening Reception** **Thursday, 8 September 2005, 7:00pm**
African American Cultural Center, 3018 W. 48th Street, Los Angeles
- ▲ **Panels** **Friday/Saturday, 9-10 September, 8:00am - 5:00pm**
Renaissance Montura Hotel, 9620 Airport Blvd, Los Angeles
1. Umoja - Male/Female Relations, Family, Rites of Passage
 2. Kujichagulia - Politics, Town Hall Forum (special session)
 3. Ujima - Community Health and Wholeness
 4. Ujamaa - Cooperative Economics
 5. Nia I - Community and Public Education
 6. Nia II - Higher Education
 7. Kuumba - Creative Production
 8. Imani - Spirituality and Ethics (special session)
- ▲ **Special Sessions**
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| Kujichagulia - Politics, Town Hall Forum, Renaissance Montura Hotel | Friday, 9 September, 7:00pm |
| Imani - Spirituality and Ethics, African American Cultural Center | Sunday, 11 September, 9:30am |
- ▲ **Us 40th Anniversary Awards Luncheon** **Saturday, 10 September, 12:00pm**

Partial Listing of Confirmed and Invited Presenters:

Dr. Clark Arrington, Dr. Molefi Asante, Mr. Molefi Asante Jr., Dr. James Conyers, Dr. Ron Daniels, Mr. Amefika Geuka, Assemblyman Mervyn M. Dymally, Dr. Maulana Karenga, Dr. Shadidi Kinsey, Dr. Haki Madhubuti, Dr. Safisha Madhubuti, Matah Representative, Dr. Wade Nobles, Ms. Maisha Ongoza, Mr. DeLloyd Parker, Dr. Shikana Porter, Rev. Meri Ka Ra, Prof. Amen Rahh, Ms. Masequa Rami, Mr. Pemon Rami, Dr. Freya Rivers, Dr. La Francis Rodgers-Rose, Dr. Segun Shabaka, Congressman Donald Tucker, Dr. Iyanla Vanzant, Mr. Tony Wafford, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Dr. Lakisha Williams, Dr. Camille Yarborough, Baba El Senzengakulu Zulu

Conference Information:

Hotel Reservations:

Renaissance Montura Hotel, 9620 Airport Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045, (800) 228-9290
Reservation Deadline: **August 16, 2005** Special Conference Rates: \$89 Single/Double

To receive special rates, call the Renaissance Hotel at (800) 228-9290 prior to cut-off date of August 16, 2005 and identify yourself as an Nguzo Saba 2005 Conference participant. Reservations requested after August 16 may not be available at the conference rate.

**A special request from Us: After you have confirmed your attendance at the Nguzo Saba Conference 2005, please make your hotel reservations as early as possible.*

Ground Transportation:

The Renaissance Hotel is easily accessible by shuttle or taxi to and from the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).



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Dr. Karenga and Corky Gonzalez, 1967



Simba Wachanga Youth Movement, 1967



Dr. Karenga and Kwame Toure, 1966



Save King/Drew Rally



Struggling for Peace & Justice



Reparations Demonstration



Reception for Dr. Dorothy Height
 Kwanzaa Karamu



Nguzo Saba Initiatives Around The World

Partial list of organizations and institutions which use the Nguzo Saba: **Nguzo Saba Academy**, Chicago, IL; **Nguzo Saba Charter School**, West Palm Beach, FL; **Nguzo Saba Centre**, Lancashire, United Kingdom; **Nguzo Saba Institute**, Columbus, OH; **Nguzo Saba Scholarship Award**, New Milford, CT; **Camp Nguzo Saba**, Clearwater, FL; **African American Cultural Center**, Los Angeles, CA; **African American Leadership Retreat**, Baltimore, MD; **Afrikan-American Cultural Awareness Association**, New Milford, CT; **Afrikan Poetry Theatre**, Brooklyn, NY; **Afrikan Student Union, SDSU**, CA; **Afrocentric Schools Association**, MI; **Chicago Area Project Rites of Passage Program**, Chicago, IL; **Children's Defense Fund**, Washington, DC; **Children Having Children**, San Diego, CA; **Kawaida School of African American Culture**, Los Angeles, CA; **Institute for the Advanced Study of Black Family Life and Culture**, San Francisco, CA; **Institute of the Black World**, Harlem, NY; **Imani Faith Temple**, Washington, DC; **Kuji Foundation**, Morgan City, LA, Arusha, Tanzania; **Meharry Medical College**, Adolescent Health Promotion Program, Nashville, TN; **Million Man March/Day of Absence**, Washington, DC; **National Association of Kawaida Organizations**, Brooklyn, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia; **National Center for Family Life and Studies**, Philander Smith College, Central State University, OH; **New Concept Development Center**, Chicago, IL; **Organization For Black Unity**, San Antonio, TX; **R.I.S.E. Mzansi**, Azania (South Africa); **Sankofa Educational Enrichment Program**, Cincinnati, OH; **Seven Principles Project**, San Francisco, CA; **S.H.A.P.E. Community Center**, Houston, TX; **Tatamagouche Centre**, Nova Scotia, Canada; **UCLA/AIDS Institute**, Los Angeles, CA; **Ujamaa Shule**, Washington, DC; **Us**, Los Angeles, CA.