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Founded in 1915, the Dayton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest and largest Civil and Human Rights organization in the Dayton Region. Our members, volunteers, office staff, organizers, committee chairs, X and Facebook friends continue to fight for social justice for **ALL** Americans. We hope you will be enlightened as you view our latest edition of The Dayton Branch Chronicle.

The Dayton Branch NAACP **vision** is to fulfill the Dream of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by capitalizing on the **2nd "A"** of the NAACP, which stands for **ADVANCEMENT**. We encourage you to join us and participate fully in this work for a better, stronger, engaged community.

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Message From The President

Fellow Citizens,

It is hard to believe that we are in the year of 2025. I realize that many of us are disappointed about the results of the general election, and the crises we currently face such as the dismantling of DEI programs by “47,” and the signing into law Ohio *H.B.* 315 by Governor Dewine which will have a negative impact on individuals wanting to request public records by the tune of up to \$750 per request. During these perilous times we have to continue to pray and support one another. It is not a time to divide or upbraid our fellow brothers or sisters; we must stand united against hate and egregious violations of the U.S. Constitution.



Dr. Derrick L. Foward, President
 “Our Success is Influenced by Your Actions!”
 “Zero Dollars, Zero Cents!”

You may be wondering where do we go from here? I can tell you we are committed to working on your behalf fighting for civil rights and human rights in a very strategic and meaningful way. We plan to have a regional listening session on Thursday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. (location to be determined and there will be a virtual option) for our citizens to build a community strategy to contend with “47’s” Executive Orders. This collaboration will encompass the following communities throughout the Dayton Region:

- Dayton
- Springfield
- Middletown
- Oxford
- Cincinnati

We will continue to advocate for fair treatment in the workplace, education reform, equitable housing practices, criminal justice reform and police accountability. I also challenge all of you to email and write your members of congress, urging them to protect the rights of their constituents and not cave into “47’s” agenda. At the same time, I encourage each of you to stay engaged in our democracy throughout these unprecedented times as well as making sure your family, friends and neighbors are registered to vote.

Lastly, let’s not lose hope. Borrowing from Ford’s slogan, “We are built for the road ahead!”

Your community servant,

Dr. Derrick L. Foward

“Move Forward With Foward”

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Membership & Life Membership

The Dayton Branch NAACP membership continues to grow, up 4.44% vs previous year.



Member Anthony Massoud Inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame



Subscribing Silver Life Members

Dorinda Bolden	Keith Harris	Stephanie Miller
Harvey C. Bolden	Felicia Hill	Carol Prewitt
Ida Carson	Jerry L. Hill	Sham Reddy
Lynn Cooper	Noland Lester	LeaQwin Roebuck
Floyd Cox	Paul Miller Jr.	

Dinah M. Williams
Chair, Membership and Life Membership Committee



Junior Life Member Zay'Mar Amani Jean Howell

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Civil Rights Complaints



Dr. Morris L. Brown
Investigator



Chris R. Cortner
Investigator



Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
Investigator



David K. Greer, Sr.
Investigator

The Labor and Industry Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee worked together to investigate 11 complaints of discrimination, down 21.43% vs previous year.

The top 5 types of complaints were as follows:

- Employment - 54.55%
- Education - 9.09%
- Murder - 9.09%
- Defamation - 9.09%
- Public Business - 9.09%

The EEOC is responsible for protecting you from one type of discrimination - employment discrimination because of your race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, disability, age (age 40 or older), or genetic information. Other laws may protect you from other types of discrimination, such as discrimination at school.

The laws enforced by EEOC protect you from employment discrimination when it involves:

- **Unfair treatment** because of your race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, disability, age (age 40 or older), or genetic information.
- **Harassment** by managers, co-workers, or others in your workplace, because of your race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, disability, age (age 40 or older), or genetic information.
- **Denial of a reasonable workplace change** that you need because of your religious beliefs or disability.
- **Improper questions about or disclosure of** your genetic information or medical information.
- **Retaliation** because you complained about job discrimination or assisted with a job discrimination proceeding, such as an investigation or lawsuit.

David K. Greer, Sr.
Chair, Labor & Industry Committee

Rev. Dr. David I. Fox
Chair, Criminal Justice Committee

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Youth and Young Adult Engagement

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Prevent Incarceration With Family Engagement

**Monday
January 27, 2025
6:30 PM**

**Grace United
Methodist Church
1001 Harvard Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45406**

Panelists:

Tiffany L. Dulin, LPC, CCM
Deputy Court Administrator
Montgomery County Juvenile Court

Aaron M. Primm
Acting Mediation Response Unit Coordinator
Dayton Mediation Center

Dian Jones Wilson
Founder
Creative Realization

Moderator

Tiwona L. Foward
Advisor
Move Forward Thurgood Marshall
High School Chapter



**UPCOMING
MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- 2/12/25 - NAACP 116th Birthday (Founders Day - February 12, 1909)
- 2/19/25 - NAACP Annual Meeting / Board Meeting
- 2/17/25 - Executive Committee Meeting
- 2/22/25 - 56th NAACP Image Awards
- 2/24/25 - General Membership Meeting & Environmental and Climate Justice Committee Presentation

Tiwona L. Foward, Advisor, Move Forward Thurgood Marshall High School Chapter, moderated a panel discussion titled, *“Prevent Incarceration with Family Engagement.”* This monthly community meeting was held at Grace United Methodist Church on January 27, 2025.

The distinguished guest panelists were Tiffany L. Dulin, LPC, CCM, Deputy Court Administrator, Montgomery County Juvenile Court; Aaron M. Primm, Acting Mediation Response Unit Coordinator, Dayton Mediation Center; and Dian Jones Wilson, Founder of Creative Realization.

Educated over 1,340 citizens during this town hall via in-person and online.

Watch here: (<https://youtu.be/64XjbwB9X7k>)



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Youth and Young Adult Engagement



Littlejohn Junior Youth Council, Move Foward Thurgood Marshall, Dayton Youth Council and Dayton ACT-SO Youth Program Conducted Monthly Meeting, Held Chili Cook-Off & Toured NAACP Dayton Headquarters.

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Civic Engagement

Foward, Tims & Blackshear Assume Leadership Roles

The Honorable Deirdre E. Logan Administered the Oath of Office to Dayton NAACP President Derrick Foward



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Foward, Tims & Blackshear Assume Leadership Roles

The Honorable Terri Jamison Administered the Oath of Office to Ohio State Representative Desiree Tims



The Honorable Gerald Parker Administered the Oath of Office to Ohio State Senator Willis Blackshear, Jr.



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55th Inauguration Ceremony

Tims Presents Her First Two Commendations as Ohio State Representative to President Foward and the Dayton Branch NAACP



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Supporting Partner Organizations



MLK Banquet Dinner



MLK March



Disrupting Dayton: Film Premiere & Art Show



Education Committee Meeting
With Dayton Public Schools Officials



The President's Club of Dayton Tour of Wright Dunbar Art District



Dayton Dialogue on Race Relations Work Session

Supporting Partner Organizations



Dayton NAACP Civil-Righters, Motorcycle Club, Sorority and Fraternity Members
Participate in MLK Day Activities



Speaking Truth to Power



Sharon D. White



Stephen Hightower



Mary McDonald



Dale Henry



Taylor Johnson



Derrick Foward



Tae Winston



Brighton Smith

Foward on Dayton Daily News Panel Titled, "How Would MLK Jr. Feel if he Were Alive Today?"



Foward Quoted in Dayton Daily News Article Titled, It's Worth it: Daytonians Brave Subzero Chill for MLK Day March

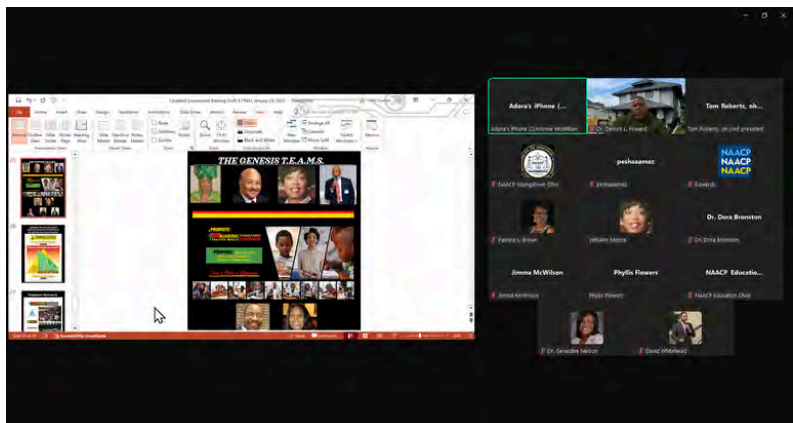
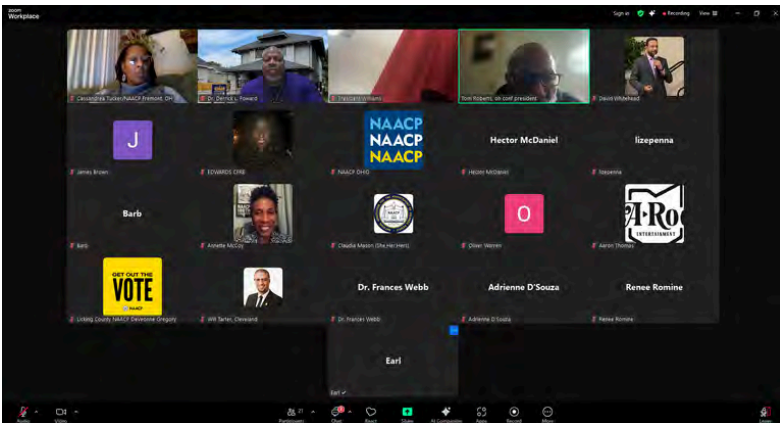
Ohio Conference NAACP

Foward Administers Oath of Office to Lake County NAACP Officers



State President Tom Roberts Presides Over Ohio Conference NAACP Local Presidents Meeting

State President Tom Roberts Presides Over Ohio Conference NAACP Education Taskforce Meeting



Ohio Conference NAACP Holds Meeting Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church in 1950
Clarence G. Smith, President



Celebrating Good Times



Celebrating the Birthday of Lady Tiwona L. Foward



Celebrating the Birthday of Valerie Hayes

Littlejohn Junior Youth Council Co-Advisor & Silver Life Member



Celebrating the Birthday of Mayor Jeff Mims

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Upcoming Events

February 12, 2025

NAACP 116th Birthday (Founders Day - Chartered February 12, 1909)

February 15, 2025

NAACP Annual Meeting - New York City, New York

February 17, 2025

Executive Committee Meeting

February 22, 2025

The 56th NAACP Image Awards Airing Live on BET Networks - 8:00 p.m.

February 24, 2025

General Membership Meeting
& Environmental and Climate Justice Committee Presentation



President Foward & Lady Tiwona
Wishes Everyone a Blessed, Safe, Prosperous & Happy New Year!

Fully Committed!

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