

## General Registration Information

### REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

NAACP New Haven Chapter Office  
545 Whalley Avenue  
New Haven, Connecticut 06511  
P: 203.389.7275  
E: info@naacpnewhaven.org

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

October 9, 2009

### SUMMIT FEE:

\$20.00 per person

### SUMMIT FEE INCLUDES:

- Admission to Summit
- Continental Breakfast
- Light Lunch
- Summit Packet
- Admission to Economic Development display area

### CHECK PAYMENT:

Please make your \$20.00 check payable to Greater New Haven NAACP

### MAIL PAYMENT & FORM TO:

Greater New Haven NAACP  
Economic Summit  
545 Whalley Avenue  
New Haven, Connecticut 06511

### ONLINE REGISTRATION:

To register online, please visit our website at [www.naacpnewhaven.org](http://www.naacpnewhaven.org)

### SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED:

Scholarships will be offered as they become available.  
Please contact the New Haven NAACP Chapter office at 203.389.7275

### NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE.

The Greater New Haven Branch NAACP  
Economic Development Committee

*Invites you to the*

## Greater New Haven Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

*Founded 1917*

## ECONOMIC SUMMIT

*Theme: Unfinished Business*

Igniting the Entrepreneurial Spirit to Produce The Next Generation of Entrepreneurs



Saturday, October 17, 2009

8:00 AM—12 PM

University of New Haven

Dodds Theater

300 Boston Post Road | West Haven, Connecticut

*Summit Registration Fee \$20.00 per person*

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Greater New Haven Coalition of Contractors  
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## Background

The goal of the Greater New Haven Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Economic Summit is to provide people of color with an understanding of how economic development can be used to achieve economic equity. The theme of this year's Summit is *Unfinished Business*.

In 2008, Greater New Haven Branch of the NAACP President James E. Rawlings assigned the general membership with the task of determining what they considered the most challenging issues before the organization in the 21st century. Economic development was identified as one of the leading issues. To that end, President Rawlings directed the Economic Development Committee led by Executive Committee member Jerry N. Poole, develop a strategy to address the issue of economic equity.

The Economic Development Committee during 2008, established three major objectives: (1) creation of a think tank, (2) hold an economic summit, and (3) prepare a proactive economic strategy. The think tank was created and is comprised of entrepreneurs of color, consultants, and professionals. The Inaugural Greater New Haven Branch of the NAACP Economic Summit was held on October 11, 2008. And through its tireless work, the committee presented to the Branch an Economic Resolution, adopted by the general membership March 19, 2009. The Resolution captures the hopes, goals and mission toward achieving the organization's goal of realizing economic equity for people of color in the Greater New Haven Region.

The 2009 **Economic Summit**—*Unfinished Business* will officially launch the Greater New Haven Branch of the NAACP's proactive economic development strategy as detailed in the Economic Resolution. This strategy represents a commitment to aggressively stoke the entrepreneurial spirit to produce the next generation of entrepreneurs and new businesses owned and operated by people of color.

### Who Should Attend

- Individuals and partnerships who either want to start a business or currently own a business.
- Federal, State and Municipal officials wishing to contribute to the economic growth of urban communities.
- Young adults exploring alternative lifestyle options.
- Businesses interested in being included in the Greater New Haven NAACP business directory.
- Investors and partnerships interested in growing wealth in and develop urban communities!



## ECONOMIC SUMMIT

### Agenda

**8:00 AM—9:00 AM**

Summit Registration | Continental Breakfast

**8:00 AM—12:00 PM**

Business Directory Registration

**9:15 AM**

Prayer | Welcome | Summit Opening

**The Reverend John Henry Scott III**

Pastor, United Dixwell Avenue Church of Christ

**James E. Rawlings, President**

Greater New Haven Branch NAACP

Member National Board of Trustees

**Tony Carter, Ph.D., J.D.**

Professor of Management and Director, College of Business, University of New Haven

**9:30 AM**

New Haven Branch Economic Development Strategy Overview

**Jerry N. Poole, Chairman**

Economic Committee, Greater New Haven Branch NAACP

**9:45 AM**

*Keynote Speaker* / **C. Tate George**, Chairman/CEO, The George Group, based in New Jersey and Florida, Business Consultant, former UCONN Basketball Standout and NBA Player

**10:00 AM | Break**

**10:15 AM**

*Panel Discussion* | Moderator: **Regina Winters**, President, Zared Enterprises, LLC

*Panelists:* **Andrew Ingraham**, President/CEO, National Association of Black Hotel Owners, Operators & Developers | **Blondel A. Pinnock**, SVP & President Carver Community Development Corporation | **Kolawole Olofinboba**, MD, Partner, Fairview Capital | **Derrick Diggs**, Business Manager, Diggs Construction Company

**11:50 AM**

Announcements

**12:00 PM**

Lunch | Press Conference

Municipal governments' economic development displays from the New Haven Region will be available throughout the morning's activities.