

International Black Women's Congress
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September 21 – 23, 2007
IBWC Conference
Portsmouth, VA

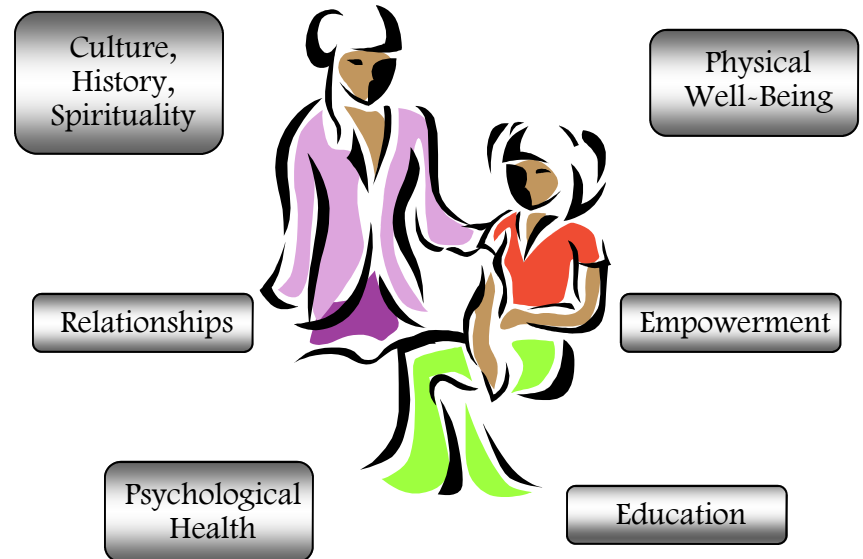
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WOMEN'S CONGRESS

23RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHAT DO WE TELL OUR DAUGHTERS?



PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA
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ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL BLACK WOMEN'S CONGRESS

The objective of the International Black Women's Congress (IBWC) is to bring together at a local, national and international level, women of African descent for mutual support and socio-economic development.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

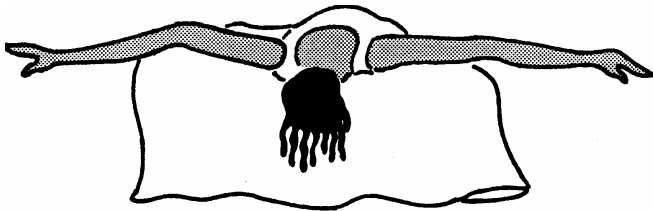
IBWC, founded in 1983, is a non-profit networking organization growing out of a felt need to unite women of African ancestry. Headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia, IBWC has five regional offices and membership in more than thirty states and seven countries. Our networking model has its origin in traditional African cultures. It was the sharing of information, knowledge and services for the good of the group. It extended among various groups who believed that sharing was the most important virtue of a person. It existed during enslavement among Africans who shared food, clothing, information and at times relatives. It is again time for us to come together to share of ourselves for the collective benefit of the group. We approach our 23rd annual conference with a renewed commitment to address issues that are vital to the very survival of our people. Join us on our journey.

MISSION STATEMENT

The International Black Women's Congress is a global community of women of African descent bound by our ancestral spirituality. Our vision is to bring forth exemplary models of African womanhood by defining ourselves, embracing ourselves and improving ourselves through social, political and economic empowerment.

WHO JOINS IBWC

Women of African descent from all walks of life located around the world, and other individuals who believe in the objectives of the organization; people who understand the benefit of a network system that exist at the local, national and international levels; people like you, who feel that it is time for women of African descent to organize around our own needs and address our problems from an African-centered perspective.



REGISTRATION FORM

WHAT DO WE TELL OUR DAUGHTERS? 23RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE PORTSMOUTH, VA SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2007

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:

	Full Conference (Includes all sessions, meal functions and events)	Sessions Only (Meal and event tickets may be purchased separately)
General	\$185	\$ 90
Student/Senior Citizen (with ID)	\$125	\$ 75

Total Payment _____

Method of Payment (check one)

Cash Check Money Order Visa Master Card

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder's Signature _____

Cardholder's Address _____

Make check or money order payable to IBWC. Return form and payment to IBWC National Conference, 645 Church Street, Suite 200, Norfolk, VA 23510. To register by fax (credit card only) call (757) 625-1905. To contact us by phone call (757) 625-0500.

HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

With windows framing majestic ships floating the Elizabeth River, the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center reflects the nautical spirit of the Tidewater region. As one of the top Norfolk, Virginia hotels, this non-smoking facility offers river view accommodations, classic styling and posh amenities from luxurious bedding to high-speed Internet. Reservations should be made by calling (888) 839-1775 and mentioning IBWC. The special conference rate is \$119.00, single or double occupancy. Limited concierge level rooms are available at a rate of \$129.00. The deadline for reserving rooms at this discount rate is **August 27, 2007**.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center is located just twenty minutes from the Norfolk International Airport. Carey VIP Airport Shuttle offers service to and from the airport for a fee of \$30 for the first passenger and \$5 for each additional passenger. Taxicabs are also available as a convenient transfer option. The Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel & Waterfront Conference Center is easily accessible to all major expressways.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The full conference registration fee includes all sessions, the ONI Awards luncheon, networking receptions, cultural and fashion show. Students and senior citizens must submit proof of eligibility to register at their respective rates.

Payment may be made by Master Card, Visa, cash, check or money order.

By Mail: Mail the enclosed coupon with your check, money order, or credit card information to:
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By Phone: Have your credit card ready and call (757) 625-0500.

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Refunds - Request for cancellation refunds must be made in writing and received by August 31, 2007. No refunds will be made after this date. A \$25 processing fee will be deducted from the original remittance amount. A \$25 fee will be assessed for any returned checks.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information, please call or write to: IBWC National Conference, 645 Church Street, Suite 200, Norfolk, VA 23510. Phone (757) 625-0500; Fax (757) 625-1905. Email: IBWC1609@cs.com Or visit us on the web at www.ibwc.info

WHAT DO WE TELL OUR DAUGHTERS?

As we prepare the next generation to become the mothers, leaders, and activists of our community, the question of "What Do We Tell Our Daughters?" is paramount to our individual and collective survival. We know the many assaults our daughters face daily. Yet far too few of them are equipped with the life, love, and negotiating skills necessary to successfully navigate the muddy, murky waters of life. Yet this must be done; and done in a fashion that allows our daughters to remain true to self, family, community, and the ancestors.

We must impart the wisdom of our experiences; share stories of our mothers' experiences, and our mothers' mother's experiences. We must have the difficult conversations that only we can have with our daughters. We must harvest lessons of hope, strength, and self-determination culled from lifetimes of work, love, and literally defying the forces that attempt to stand against us. We must remind our daughters that they are descendents of a great and mighty people who have always made a way out of no way. Our daughters must stand tall as strong shoulders uplift them.

"What Do We Tell Our Daughters?" is a question we must dare to address if we seek to improve the circumstances and outcomes of our community. We must mold, shape, arm, and fortify our daughters with the wisdom and knowledge of our foremothers. It is our responsibility as mothers, sisters, mentors, and women to clear the path. Join us at this powerful conference as we clear that path, make the way, and connect to the ancestors. Our future depends on it.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Eight Dynamic Plenary Sessions: Join us as we share the wisdom of our foremothers with our daughters.

ONI Awards Luncheon: A central focus of the conference is honoring women whose lives exemplify an uncompromising dedication and commitment to people of African descent.

Sunday Morning Brunch: Recognition of service to the organization.

Afrocentric Exercise: Exercise with the flow and rhythms of Africa.

Morning Meditation: Celebrate the spirit; awaken the power within, renew the life force each morning.

Cultural Show: An evening of dynamic and exciting music, dance and song in the tradition of our ancestors.

Fashion Show: The look of the new century for the well-dressed African centered woman.

African Marketplace: A unique collection of vendors turn this conference into a traditional African market.

Conference Topics

- ◆ Participate or Evaporate: Economic and Political Self-Determination
- ◆ History, Culture, and Spirituality in its Beautiful, Terrible Fullness
- ◆ Wading in Life's Waters: Building and Maintaining Successful Relationships
- ◆ Keeping Your Wits: The Psychological Health of Black Girls
- ◆ The Body Houses the Spirit: Health and Physical Well-Being
- ◆ Education: Knowledge for the Sake of Ourselves, Our Ancestors, and Our Descendants
- ◆ Passing it On, Taking it Up: The Elders Speak

Partial List of Invited Speakers

Delores P. Aldridge, Ph.D., Grace Towns Hamilton Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Frances Ashe-Goins, RN, MPH, Deputy Director, DHHS - Office of Women's Health, Washington, DC

Diedre Badejo, Ph.D., Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio

Sharon R. Bailey, Ph.D. National President, International Black Women's Congress, Denver, CO

Safiya Bandeje, Director, Women's Center, Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn, NY

Willa Marlene Doswell, RN, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Nursing, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Antoinette Ellis-Williams, Ph.D., Director African Studies, New Jersey City College, Jersey City, NJ

Marilyn Hughes Gaston, M.D., Former Assistant Surgeon General, Potomac, MD

Jacquelyn F. Green, Ph.D. Psychotherapist and Author, Indianapolis, IN

Emma Michel Griffin, Founder, Norfolk Montessori Academy Norfolk, VA

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Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales, Founder, Women of Great Esteem, Brooklyn NY

Geraldine Harvey, President CREST Community Development Corp., Newark, NJ

Willa M. Hemmons, Ph.D., Esq., Emeritus Sociology Professor, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH

Nzinga Ratibisha Heru, International President, Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations, Los Angeles, CA

Bernadette Holmes, Ph.D., Director, Criminal Justice Program, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA

Linnie D. Kesselly, Retired, Senior Community Service Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Uganda, Norfolk, VA

Subira Kifano, Master Teacher, Trainer, Consultant, St. Paul, MN

Rosa S. Langston, Director Office of Children, City of Newark Newark, NJ

Erma J. Lawson, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Sociology, North Texas University, Denton, TX

Rosalind McLymont, Editor-in-Chief, The Network Journal, New York, NY

Linda James Myers, Ph.D., Dean, Graduate Psychology Program, New College of California, San Francisco, CA

Gayle K. Porter, Psy.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Co-Director, The Gaston and Porter Health Improvement Center Potomac, MD

Lori S. Robinson, Author, Freelance Journalist, Detroit, MI

La Francis Rodgers-Rose, Ph.D., Founder and CEO, International Black Women's Congress, Norfolk, VA

Valija C. Rose, Doctoral Student, The College of William and Mary, Norfolk, VA

Janet Scott-Harris, Ph.D., Vice President for Cultural Health Initiatives, American Heart Association, Dallas, TX

Kemba Smith, Advocate, Public Speaker, Richmond, VA

Richardeanea Theodore, MPA, MA, RN, Network Director of Nursing Education, North Bronx Healthcare Network Bronx, NY

Njoki Nathani Wane, Ph.D., Professor Sociology and Equity Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Mary Wright, Singer, Poet, Writer, Toronto, Canada