

**Krst Unity Center of Afrakan Spiritual Science
Invites You To The
30th Annual Commemoration Honoring Our Ancestors
October 15, 16, 17, 2021
Friday, Saturday & Sunday**



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Historical Overview

What had begun in many instances as a mutual entrepreneurial venture between the Africans and the Europeans rapidly turned into local colonization and foreign trade in human cargo. The Africans were kidnapped, shackled, cargoed, shipped out of Africa and sold into slavery in diasporas around the world. It is estimated that over a 100 million Africans lost their lives during that transport - that the ocean is lined with their remains - that they were relegated to a watery grave without benefit of ceremony, commemoration, ritual or consecration. This remains the most horrific human holocaust in the history of mankind.

We conclude that the ultimate goal of this process was to colonize our space, exploit our bodies, obliterate our history, destroy our minds and break our spirits. It was not intended that we would survive that ordeal.

But survive we did and even thrive.

We cannot undo those wrongs but we must correct the historical distortions, reclaim our culture, rescue our minds, acknowledge our in-tact spirituality despite our enslavement and elevate our ancestors to their customary place of honor.

That was the thinking in 1991 when the Southern California Study Group of the Association For The Study Of Classical African Civilizations was establishing the African Holocaust Committee Of Tauu Khuti. The president was Dr. C Wolde Kyte; its secretary was Sister Helen Lewis. The chairperson was Sister Rudy & Penda Guyan. Its advisor was Dr. Michael Scott.

The purpose of the committee, as articulated by Dr. Scott, was to reassign that time celebrated by the dominating culture as Columbus Day and rather consecrate it as the time to honor our ancestors of the African Holocaust and to consecrate the holy grounds that became their final resting places.

The expressed objectives of the committee were.

1. Reconciliation of the historic reality of our ancestors with the historical memory of their descendants.
2. Healing the wounds between the Africans in the Diaspora and the Continental Africans.
3. Enshrining of our ancestors who have struggled against the process.
4. Establish tombs for our ancestors, victims of the European enslavement holocaust.

5. Weekend fast ending with communal feast and mourning.
6. Funeral rites for our ancestors.
7. Economic and cultural commitment for this memorial weekend. All participants should wear and eat only materials made by the hands of their fellow Africans.
8. Developing programs, as an annual enrichment and rededication ceremonies for our ancestors of the African Holocaust, in every country in the Diaspora and in Africa.

The other founding members of this committee are the following brothers and sisters: DJamarra Afi, Thelma Cameron, Memsheta Het Heru, Patricia Johnson, Loretta Jones, Sara McLean, Bill Reagan, Micheline Roberson, Frank Rodgers, and Lisa Williams. At a later date, Bro. Rudy Guyan was added as an advisor and so was Dr. Anyim Palmer.

The first conference hosted by this committee on October 9, 1992 was held at the Mount Carmel Recreation Center. Subsequent sites included The Vision Complex, Little Africa Community Center, Amanze African Suya Restaurant, the AFIBA Center, Compton Community College and KRST Unity Center of African Spiritual Science.

This commemoration has hosted many notable presenters to include: Bro. Michael Harrison, Bro. Marcus Lewis, Bro. Astenu, Bro. Aleem Rahman, Bro. Kawaida Smith, Dr. Boyd Graves, Sis. Moya Mzuri, Bro. Dedon Kamathi, Sis. Sequestra, Sis. Tafari Kenyaka, Sis. Meri Abena, Bro. Zeb Sanders, Bro. Atete Kwame, Queen Nzinga Ratabisha Heru, Bro. Chancellor Daniels, Sis. Sala, Sis. K Lee, Dr. Joseph Bailey, Bro. Aqebi Hill, Bro. Roland Freeman, Bro. Wayne Pharr, Bro. Travon Williams, Bro. Wilbur Jordan, Dr. Locksley Geoghagen, Bro. Yehudi Webster, Sis. Assumpta Otoru, Bro. Jorge Bernandez, Dr. Edward Scobbie, Bro. Haile Garima, Bro. Steve Cokely, Bro. Ashra Kwesi, Dr. John Henrik Clarke, Dr. Ivan Van Sertima, Dr. Josef Ben Jochannan.

AND ALL OF OUR ILLUSTRIOUS MODERATORS AND PRESENTERS FOR THIS 28th ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE AFRICAN HOLOCAUST OF ENSLAVEMENT.

It should be noted that this committee has been faithful to its purpose and commitment, and has convened every year since 1992.



The African Holocaust
Commemoration Committee of
TauKhuti. 1992 to 2021
Sister Penda Guyan, Ex-
President

I do honour by remembering
all those who walked among
us, but are now dwelling in the
Realm of Our Ancestors. May
they continue to be at Rest.
I do hope that the Elders of this
Community consider this
presentation worthy to be
made.

I extend greetings from the
African Communities of The
Cooperative Republic of
Guyana, but especially from
the Guyana Holocaust
Committee which is an “Off-
spring” of the African
Holocaust Organisation of Los
Angles, Southern California.

Many persons question the word holocaust being used for the name of an African Organisation. The name African Holocaust Organisation is a conscious representation of the experiences of African during that Caucasian Era or Common Era (CE) or AD (African Demise or Destruction. Many Africans have scolded us for using a “Jewish term” to describe our sufferings. What they are not aware of is that it was an African woman, Ida B. Wells who coined the word “Holocaust” to describe the burning and lynching during her lifetime in the USA of Africans by Caucasians Christians.

I may also add that according to the history of Namibia, the grandfather of the main architect of the Concentration Camps of Nazi Germany was the person responsible for the war to exterminate the Hereros by forcing the Nation: men, women and children into the Kalahari Desert to die from the heat of the sun. Holocaust is “Death by Burning.”

Dr. Scott has given us an outline of the history of the African Holocaust Organisation. I would like to bring to the notice of all, what I have observed and is suggesting. It seems as if the Los Angeles Community has lost its momentum as an outstanding progressive community. If that were so, it is necessary that the Organisation should be promoting international programmes that speak to the promotion of African interests. One such programme is the United Nations International Decade for the People of African Descent. This programme mandates Recognition, Justice and Development for Africans. The programme hold that Africans have must do what is legally necessary to return to and to develop our Ancestral Consciousness so as to redress the wrongs done to us historically. The IDPAD recognises the right of Africans to feed, clothe, educate, medicate, and return to Ancestral Spirituality. It is sad that Africans in the USA are not taking advantage of this opportunity, and I see such lack of response as a Holocaust of the Brain. The UN has given Africans the right to re-establish the African World order that was cruelly disrupted 2020 years ago. The African Holocaust Organisation need to adopt the mandate of the IDPAD and use its Mandate to make Recognition, Justice, and Development of programs to re-establish Africans to their status of a Free People and establishment of African nationhood.

Ashay!

The 30th Annual Commemoration Honoring Our Ancestors

Program Schedule

**FRIDAY
October 15, 2021**

Start Time - 6:00pm
MC - Ministers - Welcome

6:45pm	Drum Call
6:15pm	Iuseset—Master Libationist
6:45pm	African Pledge
6:55pm	Introduction of Ministerial Staff and Historical Overview -
7:00pm	Offering / Musical Selection
7:15pm	Introduction Bro. Enoch Hankerson
	“The Arab-Islamic Trade of Indigenous African People”
7:35pm	Brief Interlude
7:40pm	Movie & Discussion

“13th”

13th is a 2016 American documentary film by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States;"[3] it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as a punishment for conviction of a crime.

**SATURDAY
October 15, 2021**

Start Time - 11:00 a.m.
MC - Ministers - Welcome

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| 11:00 a.m. | Opening |
| 11:05 a.m. | Drum Call |
| 11:15 a.m. | Libation—Revered Ancestor and Master Liberationist,
Sister Thelma Cameron |
| 11:20 a.m. | Ancestral Roll Call
Those who have died from police violence up to 2021 |
| 11:25 a.m. | African Pledge (Found on page 14 of this program) |
| 11:30 a.m. | Historical Overview |
| 11:45 a.m. | Letter of Greeting from Penda Guyan |
| 12:00 p.m. | “Been Too’s” - Discussion with those who have been to
Africa. Why have you chosen to go back; what is your work
and life’s mission? |
| 12:45 p.m. | Questions & Answers |
| 12:45 p.m. | Break - Musical Interlude |
| 1:00 p.m. | Bro. Shakir El-Kahleem |
| 1:45 p.m. | Cultural Expression - Sunni Patterson |
| 2:00 p.m. | Keynote— Dr, Maulana Karenga : “The Maat in Maafa” |
| 3:00 p.m. | Musical Interlude |
| 3:15 p.m. | Baba Hannibal Ahmed “Islam and the Maafa” |
| 4:00 p.m. | Questions & Answers |
| 4:15 p.m. | Musical Interlude |
| 4:30 p.m. | Legrand Clegg, II Esq. & Lynn Moses |
| 5:00 p.m. | ASCAC—Association for the Study of Classical African C
Civilizations |

**SUNDAY
October 16, 2021**

EMPOWERMENT SUNDAY

10:30am Empowerment Service

Empowerment Message Delivered by

Dr. Salim Farajii

**“Africa: Ageless Past Matchless Wealth Our Inheritance and
Redemption”**

4:00 - Sunset

“The Door of Return Ritual and Recommitment Ceremony”

Bruce’s Beach (2600 Highland Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA)

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KRST Unity Center Ministerial Staff

Rev. Richard “Meri Ka Ra” Byrd—Senior Minister

Graduate of Unity School of Christianity-Dedication to truth and transformation is found at KRST Unity Center. Rev. Meri Ka Ra’s evolution of Christ Unity Center to KRST Unity Center of AfRaKan Spiritual Science, shows how Spirit responds when Dedication and Commitment is made. Senior Minister for over 25 years, he readily affirms, “Your commitment is what is going to save your life.”

REV. ERICA C. BYRD, MS/MFT—ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Marriage and Family Therapist, Co-founder & Executive Director -Kheper Life Enrichment Married to Rev. Richard Meri Ka Ra Byrd, co-founder of KRST Unity Center. Parents of four sons, one daughter, grand-parents of 9 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Erica enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, music, African & modern dance, gardening, sewing, creative arts, tennis, travel, theater, and new opportunities for expansion. Committed to furthering spiritual development, to serve as the highest model and teacher of MAAT, Ancient African Principles, and holistic wellness lifestyle practices.

Hmt Ntrt Smst Sa-t Beset/Chief Priestess of Per Ankh Bes— Associate Minister

Degrees from Hampton University (Theatre and Speech), Bowling Green State University (Communication and Television Production) the University of Calabar Nigeria (African Literature), and completed all course work at Temple University, towards a Ph.D in African American Studies. Smsut has been an active student and teacher of Kemetic Spirituality since 1977. Which led her to a solo spiritual search to shrines and temples throughout the world. She studied Ifa and later became an initiated Kemetic Priest and Key Holder in 1984. In that same year she co-founded The Forces of Nature Dance Theatre, Temple of the Living Book and Per Ankh Bes. She served as the Assistant Director of Theatre at Grambling State University; Business Manager/Technical Director of the Department of Performing Arts, University of Calabar, Nigeria; Lecturer/Arts Fellow at the University of Port Harcourt Nigeria. Associate Professor of African and Caribbean Literature at Hunter College, NYC; Educational Director at the Caribbean Cultural Center and served on the Dance faculty`es of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, The New York Foundation for the Arts, the Brooklyn Museum of Art and Harlem Children’s Zone. For 10 years she served as the Program Director of KRST Unity Center and Director for Say Yes! To Life Tutoring and Learning Center at KRST. She continues to conduct master classes and workshops in African Dance, MDW Ntr, history and culture both nationally and internationally. Her educational mission found purpose in Kono District in Sierra Leone where she built and funds a school that provides free education, for over 300 students.

List of Esteemed Guest Speakers

Enoch Hankerson

Author, creator and producer of the museum worthy Nile Valley Civilization Timeline Scrolls project that focuses on the era of the ancient African Classical High Culture. Enoch holds master degrees in both Education from University of North Dakota with geography minor, and Organizational Leadership from Columbia Southern University. His undergraduate studies include bachelor degrees in Multicultural Studies, Peace Studies and Social Justice. Hankerson focuses on the era between the “independence” of African Classical High Culture (when the Africans governed their own affairs) and African colonization (when Africans are being governed by foreign invaders).

Legrand H. Clegg II, ESQ.

Retired city attorney for Compton, now in private practice has been a noted authority in the fields of African and American history and culture for well over 35 years. his video production is entitled “When Black Men Ruled The World”. By way of the Clegg Videos, Audio Tapes, Study Guides and Website, Legrand is able to reveal history as it was first told. As it was handed down from generation to generation by the ancient Nubians, Egyptians, Hebrews, Greeks and Romans.

Lynn Moses

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Bachelor of Science from Cal State Long Beach in Business administration with an emphasis in finance. Graduate of the Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management. Worked as a banker for Bank of America, and a financial controller at the Hertz Corporation a analyst for IBM for 10 years. Mortgage Broker. Hell Raiser for community advocacy, fairness and Black Liberation. Co-Chair CEMOTAP West - Committee to Eliminate Media Offensive To African People. Vice President of ASCAC- Association for the Study of Classic Africa Civilizations

Dr. Salim Farajii

Dr. Salim Faraji is Professor and former Chair of Africana Studies at California State University, Dominguez Hills. He is also the founding Executive Director of the Master of Arts in International Studies (MAIS) Africa Program at Concordia University Irvine in Ghana, West Africa. He completed his Master of Divinity at the Claremont School of Theology and M.A. and Ph.D. at Claremont Graduate University. He is a member of the International Society for Nubian Studies, American-Sudanese Archaeological Research Center and a founding member of the William Leo Hansberry Society. Professor Faraji is a contributor to the *Encyclopedia of African Religion*, the *Oxford Dictionary of African Biography* and the author of *The Roots of Nubian Christianity Uncovered: The Triumph of the Last Pharaoh*.

Dr. Faraji has traveled extensively on the African continent in such nations as Ghana, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Ethiopia and Namibia. He is currently an ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and a practicing African Traditional Healer who has been initiated in both Akan and ancient Egyptian spiritual traditions. His works focuses on preserving and innovating the cultural heritage of Africa and the African Diaspora.

Brother Shakir EL-Kaleem

Grand Sheik: Moorish Science Temple Califa Territory

64-year-old African male born and raised in Compton, California and is Father and Grandfather to two beautiful African Queens and 1 adorable African Princess...

Ketu EL-Kaleem (Biological Daughter)

Malea Heckard (Adopted Daughter)

Onai EL-Kaleem (2-year-old Granddaughter)

He was introduced to Moorish Science in 1989 while a student at El Camino College and studied Moorish Science for the next 7 years. In 1994 he had a brief stint as the Pastor of the First Africentric Church in Atlanta Georgia incorporating Moorish spiritual sciences. In 1995 he also helped start two new ministries, the Maat Temple and the Maat Center in South Carolina. By 1996 he resigned these positions and officially joined Moorish Temple 21 in Atlanta, Georgia. In the fall of 1997 he was initiated into the Adept Chamber out of the national headquarters in Chicago and officially became a Sheik. He served in that position for the next 6 years before removing himself from the position to deepen his initiation and training in Moorish Adept sciences. This training lasted for the next 18 years in the disciplines of Moorish Adept Sufism. To further his training he also added the following disciplines: North African Gnosticism (to which Moorish Adept Sufism is simply the off-spring) Indian Buddhism (the Path of Siddartha)

In addition, he was a career Truck Driver (18 Wheelers) before retiring with a back injury in 2015.

From 2016-2018 he went back to school at Cal-State Dominguez Hills graduating with a certification in Drug and Alcohol Counseling. He has since worked with addicts from Teens to Senior citizens. He has worked at Kheper Life Enrichment Institute, Salvation Army in Bell and currently works at the Center for Discovery working with Teen addicts ages 13-17.

He also founded a 501c3 recovery program called the Community Upliftment Project (CUP) and the Community Mastermind Roundtable. They will make their official launch in November 2021 right here a Unity to which all are invited.

Dr. Maulana Karenga

Professor of Africana Studies at California State University

Long Beach, was the holder of two Ph.D.'s. Karenga completed his degrees in political science at the United States International University, and in social ethics at the University of Southern California, before being awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Durban, South Africa.

Karenga's fields of teaching and research within Africana/Black Studies included: ancient Egyptian (Maatian) ethics; ancient Yoruba (Ifa) ethics; Africana/Black Studies theory and history; Africana/Black (continental and diasporan) philosophy; African American intellectual history; ethnic relations; and the socio-ethical thought of Malcolm X.

A prolific writer, Karenga authored numerous scholarly articles and books, including: *Maat, The Moral Ideal in Ancient Egypt: A Study in Classical African Ethics*; *Selections From The Husia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt*; *The Book of Coming Forth By Day: The Ethics of the Declarations of Innocence*; *Odu Ifa: The Ethical Teachings*; and *Introduction to Black Studies*. Karenga was also one of the creators of the pan-African cultural holiday Kwanzaa, and the Nguzo Saba (The Seven Principles), as well as the author of the authoritative text, *Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture*.

An activist-scholar of national and international recognition, Karenga played a major role in Black political and intellectual culture from the 1960s on. Karenga has, along with The Organization Us, been instrumental in such movements as Black Power, Black Arts, Black Studies, the Independent Schools, Afrocentricity, Ancient Egyptian Studies, the Million Person Marches, and the Reparations Movement. In addition to his activism, Karenga lectured on the life and struggle of African peoples on major campuses in the United States, Africa, the People's Republic of China, Cuba, Trinidad, Great Britain, and Canada. Karenga served as the chair of The Organization Us; the National Association of Kawaida Organizations; and as the executive director of the African American Cultural Center and the Kawaida Institute of Pan-African Studies.

Karenga has received numerous awards for scholarship and service, including: the C.L.R. James Award for Outstanding Publication of Scholarly Works that Advance the Discipline of Africana and Black Studies; the National Leadership Award for Outstanding Scholarly Achievements in Black Studies from the National Council for Black Studies; the President's Award for Scholarship and Service in the Development of Black Studies from the African Heritage Studies Association; the Diop Exemplary Leadership Award from the Department of African American Studies-Temple University; the Richard Allen Living Legend Award from the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and the Pioneer Award from the Rainbow PUSH Coalition and Citizenship Education Fund.

Hannibal Ahmed

Hannibal Ahmed holds a master's degree in World Prehistory and History:
The Story of Global Humanity in World Cultures & Civilizations.
Starting in September 1958, his researches, investigations, and explorations have included several interconnected studies.

An anthropological and archaeological approach to Africana Studies led to the original religious belief system of humanity.

It is the Inner Æthiopian Africa natural genesis and development of religion or the faith of Earth's authentic humanity. This faith is the foundation of the ancient Egyptian's religious inscriptions and the Pyramid Texts' religious perspective regarding its divine spiritual wisdom: The divine octave human soul's spark within the constitution of one's sevenfold emotional, physical human being heart-memory-mindintelligence-spirit-soul within the materiality of the NTR: Netjer Neb-er-Tjer Ur Heka or The All -in-All Source of the Cosmos' Eternal Life Essence.

This very ancient religious belief system became a Kamite (Black) Niloitic Kemetic African way of knowing divine knowledge and divine spiritual wisdom. Studies in paleoanthropology, the primordial typology, signs, and symbols of aboriginal and original humanity as well as in comparative world religion, religious mythology, theology, and the eschatology of human immortality help one to understand this Nilotic Kemetic African way of knowing and understanding the cosmic/earthly natural genesis and development of divine knowledge and divine religious' wisdom.

In September 1970, Hannibal started his studies on Ancient Upper and Lower Egypt (Ancient Kamite Æthiopia Smai Tawy Ta-Mery Kemet), Kemetology and Egyptology guided by Dr. Yosef A. A. ben-Jochannan: Kemetologist, Nubianologist, and Egyptologist. Hannibal Ahmed's published works are Introduction to Pan-Africanism: A Philosophy/Ideology for African Americans and The Honorable Messenger Elijah Muhammad's Message.



The African Pledge



We will remember the humanity, glory,
and suffering of our ancestors
and honour the struggle of our elders;
We will strive to bring new value,
and new life to our people

We will have peace and harmony among us

We will be loving, sharing, and creative

We will work, study, and listen, so we may learn;
Learn so we may teach.

We will cultivate self-reliance

We will struggle to resurrect and unify our homeland;

We will raise many children for our nation;

We will have discipline, patience,
devotion and courage;

We will live as models,
to provide new direction for our people;

We will be free and self-determining;

We are African people....

We will win!!!!



42 DECLARATIONS OF INNOCENCE

- 1. I have not done iniquity.**
- 2. I have not done violence.**
- 3. I have not stolen.**
- 4. I have done no murder or harm.**
- 5. I have not stolen food.**
- 6. I have not swindled offerings.**
- 7. I have not acted deceitfully.**
- 8. I have not told lies.**
- 9. I have not wasted food.**
- 10. I have not caused anyone or anything pain.**
- 11. I have not closed my ears to the truth.**
- 12. I have not committed adultery.**
- 13. I have not caused anyone to shed tears.**
- 14. I have not committed fornication.**
- 15. I have not cursed.**
- 16. I have not laid waste to the ploughed land.**
- 17. I have not stolen anyone's land.**
- 18. I have not been an eavesdropper.**
- 19. I have not falsely accused anyone.**
- 20. I have not committed a sin against my own purity.**
- 21. I have not seduced anyone's wife.**
- 22. I have not polluted myself.**
- 23. I have not terrorized anyone.**
- 24. I have not polluted the earth.**
- 25. I have not burned with rage.**
- 26. I have not cursed god.**
- 27. I have not worked grief.**
- 28. I have not caused disruption of peace.**
- 29. I have not acted hastily or without thought.**
- 30. I have not overstepped my boundaries of concern.**
- 31. I have not exaggerated my words when speaking.**
- 32. I have not worked evil.**
- 33. I have not used evil thoughts or deeds.**
- 34. I have not polluted the water.**
- 35. I have not spoken angrily or arrogantly.**
- 36. I have not cursed anyone in thought, word or deed.**
- 37. I have not placed myself on a pedestal.**
- 38. I have not spoken scornfully.**
- 39. I have not stolen from or disrespected the deceased.**
- 40. I have not taken food from a child.**
- 41. I have not acted with insolence.**
- 42. I have not slaughtered animals.**