

Coalition of United Progressives
CharMeck



We truly appreciate everyone's involvement.
This War on Oppression will only be won as one
mass movement.

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Our Mission Statement

The continual unification of as many organizations as possible starting at the local level, and branching out to both the state of North Carolina and then the entire nation.

Spotlight



2017 The Year of Resistance

By DonnaMarie Woodson

For me, it started on Saturday, January 21, 2017 and the history making **Women's March** that miraculously happened not only in America, but around the world.



Women in solidarity displaying resistance to the divisive evil elected to the presidency of the United States. I participated in the Charlotte March and experienced the synergy and the bonding of standing united; telling the world that we're not going to roll over and accept this affront to the justice and civil rights our ancestors died for.

The first 100 days of the new presidency started out with strong resistance and has continued to surprise, inspire, and energize a sleeping giant in this country; **We the People!**

The Coalition of United Progressives CharMeck was born out of this movement of determination to organize and mobilize; standing up for our rights and the rights of others; understanding that collectively we have the power to take on the bigots and racists in this country. Homophobia and misogyny will not reign the order of the day.



The Coalition has been taking on homelessness, electing Progressive candidates, and joining forces with the **Poor People's Campaign** first started by Martin Luther King, Jr. before his assassination. This is a movement to bring awareness and change to the plight of the poor and disenfranchised in America.

I'm so proud every day to fight in the Resistance! And, I truly believe that Together we will change the world.

I created this video showcasing the fun and events we've shared as compatriots of the Resistance.

Hope you enjoy!



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As we move forward in 2018, let us reaffirm and contemplate our mission and dedication to the movement.

As we make our New Year's resolutions, let us understand that tomorrow is not promised; so, live each moment with love, peace, and joy.



When I reflect on the measure of my life, I want to be thought of as a soul who lived each moment to the fullest, loved with everything in me, and was a blessing in someone else's life.

Many Blessings and a Very Happy New Year!

Editorial * *(I chose this article as a re-post for the positive message we can all use as we make the leap to 2018.).*

The Hope of Brotherhood*

By Tarik Kiley

(October 24, 2017)



Several days ago, a Black man hugged a White man who was a Neo-Nazi Skinhead. While hugging him, the Black man asked the White man, “Why do you hate me?” This had to have taken an incredible amount of courage on the Black man’s part. It had to have taken a big heart to show love to someone who hates you.

This is the hope of Brotherhood (and Sisterhood). This is the hope that all people can be brothers and sisters and can be shown that they are loved even when it seems like that other person does not deserve love. This is truly a big lesson for people such as myself to learn—to love because it is the right thing to do—to desire peace in the face of animosity.

However, people, including myself, miss out on the lesson to love one another as we love ourselves. The major religions of the world instruct us to love one another. The Quran speaks of reconciliation and the mercy of Allah. It says that your enemies are not your enemies truly, so soften your heart towards one another. And, of

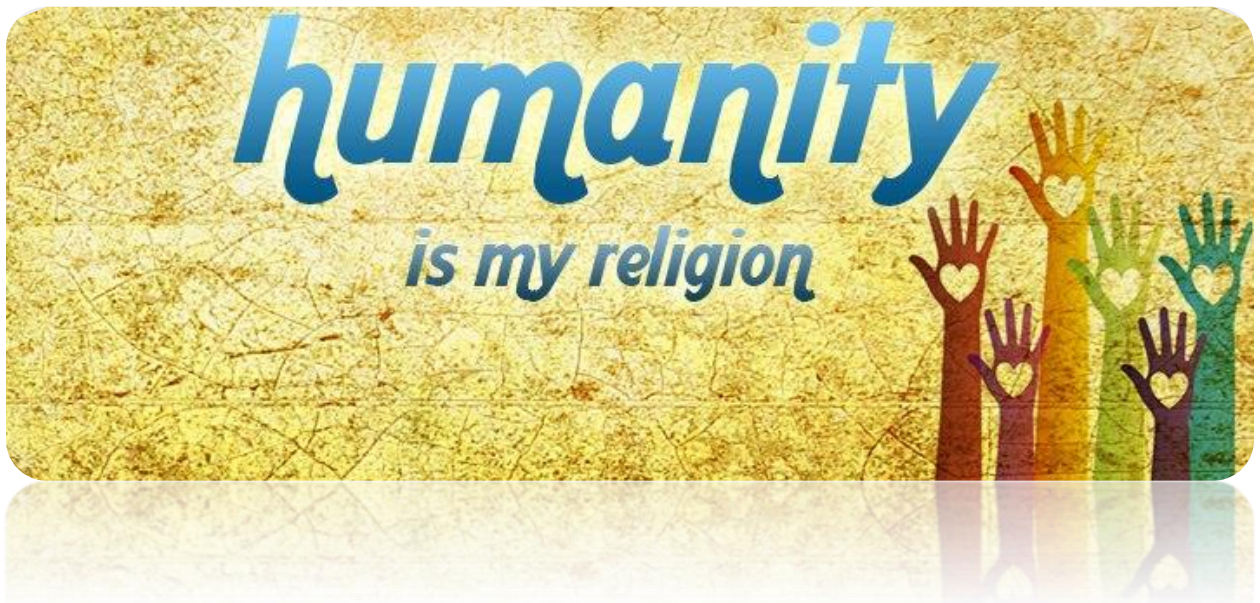
all things, be merciful, as Allah is merciful. The Bible speaks on the unity of brothers. It says that since God created us all, we are not to hate one another. If you love God, then you must love your brother.

How can you love God, and hate your brother?

Also, the basis of all of this, ancient Jewish law, *The Ten Commandments*, spoke on the sanctity of life by saying, “Do not murder/kill.” The reasoning behind this, it could be argued, is that every person’s life is sacred and valuable, so no one’s life should be taken from them by another.

Then if people should value life, and value their brothers and sisters, then who is a brother or sister?

Well, it could be argued on three levels—in this author’s opinion. There is the *family*, the *community* and then, all of *humanity*.



In your family, there are your biological brothers and sisters. Because of human nature, it is for the most part easier to love your

siblings more than a stranger. This is perhaps because the family is the primary unit of socialization. People tend also to love who and what they know, and what they are most familiar with. In the community though, the next level, people can form bonds of friendship outside of their immediate biological family. Places such as the church and the school, serve as a secondary place of socialization and because of this, is a place where persons can form friendships and bonds which are not immediately biological. This is perhaps the logic behind people forming tribes/nationalities.



People bond in an extended, communal family, and thereby use the community as a vehicle to form alliances and bonds which assist in individual survival by pooling the resources of the group. Also, the community tends to serve as a place to perpetuate the immediate family by introducing outside persons to the gene pool and thereby hybridizing and helping the immediate family unit to grow.

This all seems quite evident, but the third level of brotherhood and sisterhood it is not quite so simple to explain or to accept. Because we are socialized in the immediate family unit, we accept it. Because, we are socialized inside the tribe/nation, we accept it. But, there are families and nationalities which people are unfamiliar with, so people do not accept them.

If people are not socialized with one another, then they tend to see one another as alien. Therefore, the Black man's gesture was so important. He hugged the racist, because he knew that people are all one human family. People simply do not know one another on the level of humanity. The species is divided, so individual people are divided.

It is this author's hope that as society continues to advance technologically, as people can get to know one another— by communicating globally, traveling globally, and socializing globally— that people will grow to see one another as brothers and sisters, simply because we are all human. When people can love another human as a brother or sister, and grows familiar with another person's culture, their family, their community, then perhaps we will reach the Hope of Brotherhood—the hope of a united society.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIHktEJsJXI>

<https://abuaminaelias.com/brotherhood-in-the-quran-and-sunnah/>

<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Brotherhood>

<http://www.jewfaq.org/brother.htm>

Announcements



Citizens in Action, NC, www.FairCourtsNC.com

League of Women Voters

“Silenced Voices, Silenced Justice”

January 4, 2018, 11:00 AM

Romare Bearden Park to Mecklenburg County Courthouse

Democrats of North Mecklenburg

Thursday, January 4th, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Magnolia Woods, [12125 Statesville Avenue](https://www.google.com/maps/place/12125+Statesville+Avenue,+Huntersville,+NC)

Huntersville, NC

RSVP democrats@demsofnorthmeck.org

Health Care Justice

Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

Saturday, January 13, 2018

10:00 AM to Noon

Uptown Charlotte

RSVP denisefinck@hotmail.com

Announcements



The Coalition of United Progressives CharMeck Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church

"Dr. Martin Luther King's 89th Birthday Celebration"

January 14, 2018, 4:00 PM

Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church

3435 Nevin Road

Charlotte, NC 28269

Women's March

Saturday, January 20th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Starting at First Ward Park

[301 E. 7th Street, Charlotte](#)



**Please submit your group events to donnamarie93@gmail.com by
the 15th of the month for inclusion in the Announcements.**

Announcements



Senator Jeff Jackson's Gameplan Phone Bank

Phone Banking

Advent Coworking

933 Louise Ave, Suite #101, Charlotte, 28204

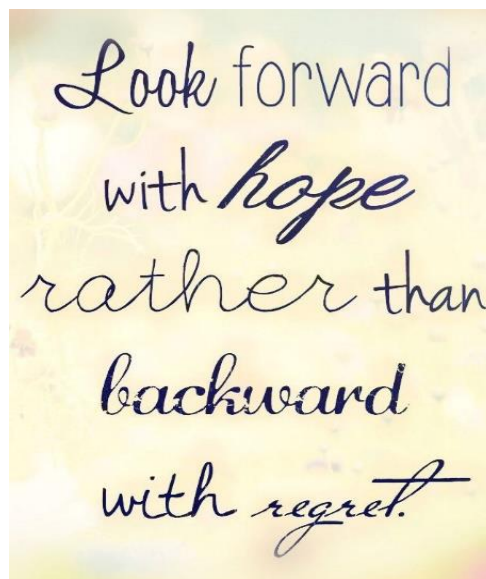
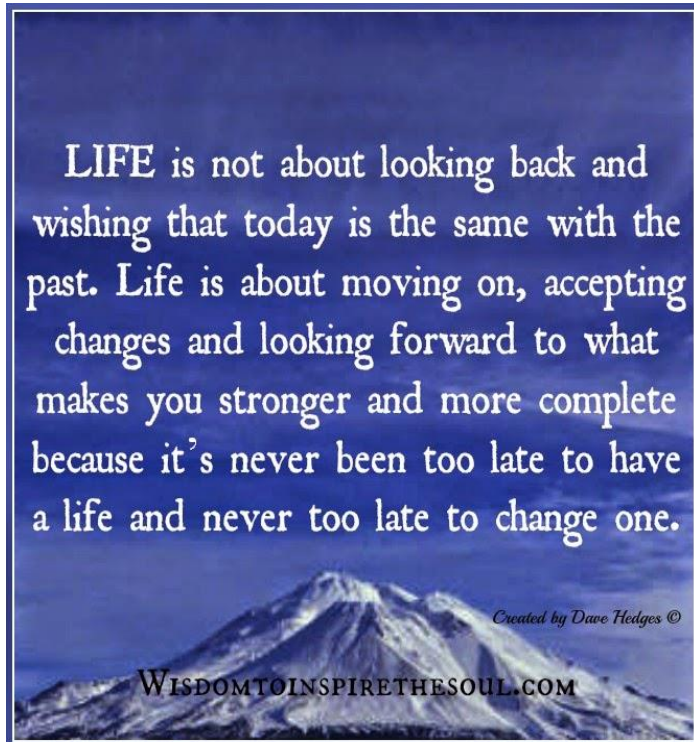
Purpose:

- Targeting voters in the most flappable districts across the state and letting them know there's an election this November 2nd.
- They've got a great challenger running in a competitive race who deserves their support as a voter and a volunteer.
- This challenger could be one of the keys to unlocking the governor's veto which would dramatically shift the political landscape.

Sign up here <http://www.jeffjacksonnc.com/gameplan-phone-bank>

Happenings Gallery!

Food for thought...



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