



HAPPY NEW YEAR !!! HAPPY 2007 !!!

Not long ago, we sent via email our NEW YEAR'S greetings to some of our members. To our other members, we send a similar well-intentioned greetings wishing you and your families a healthy, prosperous and peaceful 2007. May this year bring an end to the sufferings of our people in Africa and the world at large.

The UNITED AFRICAN CONGRESS, Inc. thanks all of you for your continued participation, cooperation and support. We want to remind you that, the growth and power of the United African Congress Inc. do not depend on any single member, or a few individuals, but on all of us working as a TEAM.

During 2006, the United African Congress, Inc. continued to strive hard to move forward with some programs and to render assistance where and when needed. One of our members was practically denied the opportunity of gaining acceptance into the 1199 SEIU Foreign Born RN Program for 2006. The timely intervention of UAC Inc. made it possible. In appreciation, the student wrote:

“Permit me to express my sincerest gratitude and thanks for your hard fought advocacy that finally resulted in my acceptance and enrollment into the Foreign Born RN Program effective June 5th, 2006... After seeking your assistance when I had no one to seek my interest, you honorably and aggressively wrote a powerful letter stating issues that exposed as well as raised the issue of discrimination based on my race as an African with no contacts or connection to the levels and centers of power that could go to bat for me... The initial result was my admission into the program on a three months basis. Your very forceful and outright rejection of their proposal forced the Institute to grant me full and unconditional leave of absence to enroll into the program”.

After about four years battling with the Agency for Childrens' Services (ACS), another member of UAC Inc. was successful in getting back his daughter released to the family with the help of the United African Congress, Inc. working in conjunction with another Advocacy group.

Working together with the United Nations, had led to the United African Congress, Inc. being considered by NEPAD of the African Union for a position as a Sixth Region covering the Diaspora and other areas not currently covered within a region.

Around mid 2006, the President and National Spokesperson, Mr. Sidique A. Wai attended the United Nations Habitat World Urban Forum held in Vancouver, Canada where "we made a valuable contribution that earned us instant respect and credibility among the 10,000 delegates from 100 countries".

In September, we hosted our second annual Millennium Development Goals Award honoring three selected African Heads of States. Soon thereafter, Mr. Wai traveled to Michigan on invitation by a group interested in the activities of the United African Congress, Inc. A request has been made for UAC Inc. to establish a branch there similar to our other chapters in Fairfax, Ohio and Atlanta, Georgia.

Towards the end of 2006, the Police Commissioner, Honorable Raymond R. Kelly appointed Mr. Wai as Administrative Community Relations Specialist (NYPD Community Affairs Bureau) which gives our president wide exposure to all of the communities and constituencies in New York City.

While a lot has been accomplished, there is still more work to be done. More positive results will only be achieved when we all join forces to work together. The greater the number and the more effort we make, the lesser the burden on each of us.

The United African Congress, Inc. is for all of us. For those who are not yet registered members, please come and join us. Please don't wait to be contacted before you act. In addition, any suggestion from any member is always encouraged. If you know, see or hear about something that you consider important for the organization, say something.

Finally, the UNITED AFRICAN CONGRESS, Inc. invites you to attend a GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING on Sunday, March 25, 2007.

Place: **NEW YORK STATE OFFICE BUILDING
ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, jr.
163rd WEST 125th STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10027**

Time: 3:00 P.M. prompt
Please come and also bring a friend.
For further information, please contact:
212-620-9852 212-685-2848 718-825-1039

Once again, HAPPY!!! HAPPY!!! HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

VERY !!! VERY !!! VERY IMPORTANT !!!

***In the wake of the horrible fire disaster that befell the
MAGASSA and SOUMARE families at Woodycrest, Bronx,
New York, the UNITED AFRICAN CONGRESS, Inc. is appealing
to everyone for help.***

Please send any financial and other forms of assistance to:

***MAGASSA - SOUMARE FAMILY FUND
371 EAST 166TH STREET!
BRONX, NEW YOIRK 10456
CONTACT PERSON: MOUSSA MAGASSA
TEL: 718-293-4775***

The UNITED AFRICAN CONGRESS, Inc. has already jumped started this Fund with some initial contributions. Both **Sheikh Moussa Drammeh** and **Imam Soleimane Konate**, the UAC, Inc Bronx Vice President and Deputy Spiritual Leader respectively have been helping to coordinate all supporting efforts.

Thank you very much for your support, donations, contributions and prayers.