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Speaker 1 (00:00:33):

I last

Speaker 2 (00:01:35):

Asby here prayer. Oh, father God. Now who knows more about us than we do ourselves. Oh, father bless us now. And stand by us, Take us in the loving arms and strengthen us. Let our spirit come upon us Lord and be with us as we have this service remembering and thinking about our brothers and sisters who fall along the way, the name of our father. God, we pray. Amen.

Speaker 1 (00:02:17):

Be the last

Speaker 2 (00:02:30):

Of course we want have a presentation For Ella baker, her niece, Carolyn Brockington.

Speaker 1 (00:02:54):

Hello everyone. Hello. Um, my name is Carolyn

Speaker 3 (00:02:58):

Brockington and actually Ella baker was my Grande. Uh, so a grand aunt I'm her Grande. So, uh, to me, she's on Ella and uh, always will be, um, but I'm happy to be here to stand in her for her. And I'm sure she would be honored today, you know, and Ella never so thought the spotlight, she didn't think it was important to be under the spotlight. She thought that she should support people, their ideas and, uh, move people forward. So I think that, uh, today is a day to celebrate not only that, but that you need to reach your hand down to someone and support them, bring them along the way. Uh, she told me a lot of stories, good, bad indifferent. She taught me a lot, but she did tell me a lot about the civil rights movement. And she would tell me when I was little, some of the stories of people chasing her in cars and willing to kill her, just because of the color of her skin.

Speaker 3 (00:03:54):

And as a kid, you know, that's obviously to anybody that's frightening. So I would say to her, how could you do that? How could you put your life on your line for that? And she would tell me that, what kind of person would I be if I didn't stand up for what I believe in? So she maybe understand that if you have a purpose in life, it's to stand up for what you believe in, then tell others, um, you know, that everybody ask you gonna be when you grow up. So she asked me, what did I wanna be? And I told her that I wanted to be a doctor. And she said that when she was growing up in Littleton, on North Carolina, that

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black children weren't, couldn't be doctors and she wanted to be a doctor, but she was told that she couldn't be. So she instilled in me that you can be whatever you want to.

3 (00:04:43):

And as I grow older and I went to medical school and then I graduated, um, it was because of her and the people that came before her and stood strong and died that I can be a doctor today. I can be the director of the stroke center of one of the largest medical centers in New York. So it's cause of her. And I honor her every day because it is because of her and other people like her, that I can do what I love to do every day, actually in New York, I live in her apartment where she lived in New York city. So I'm surrounded by her stuff. And she has lots of stuff. She kept every single paper that she ever wrote on or got a receipt from a store. She kept those, she kept newspaper clippings that she clipped. And she also made a small book for me up to things that she wanted me to remember during my life so that I would understand what was important.

Speaker 3 (00:05:42):

But the last thing I'm gonna say is that she liked to sing a lot. And so we used to sing, uh, we sang many songs, but one of the songs was this little light of mine. And, uh, originally I didn't understand what that meant, this little light of mine. What is that supposed to mean? Uh, but she said to me that it means that everyone has a light inside of them and that it's up to them to foster that light, to make it as bright as it can be and to use that light, to shine for other people, to shine the path for them to walk on. So that's what I try to do every day. I wanna impress upon you that you should do that every day and you should have others do it as well. So on behalf of Anella and, uh, others like her, I just wanna thank you for coming out today and we wanna celebrate her life. Um, so thank you very much.

Speaker 1 (00:06:53):

Ready.

Speaker 2 (00:07:05):

And now we have a presentation for James Foreman by dinky.

Speaker 3 (00:07:17):

Hi. Hi, I'm dinky roly. I am, uh, one of Jim's ex-wife I think, uh, Mildred might be here as well. Um, so I just wanted to say, uh, a few things about Jim, uh, in this meeting, we've tried to be honest about what we accomplished and what we couldn't do in that spirit. I wanna talk about Jim foreman, many wonderful warm tributes have been made to Jim at this meeting. I suspect if we asked everyone in SNCC

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who was recruited by Jim to stand up, we'd all be on our feet. He recognized the talent in each of us and encouraged us to use it in S Nick. He gave us each the space to learn and to develop our skills, our knowledge, our commitment. He had brilliant foresight. He insisted on communications. He installed the Watts line. When it was a new technology, he bought a be of new cars, the Sojourner motor fleet.

Speaker 3 (00:08:21):

He insisted on having a professional printing press. He urged people to write, write, write reports and keep diaries. He also insisted on sweeping the floor, which you've all heard about. In many stories here, he held the organization together. He understood the connection between racism and capital *<affirmative>* and how to build relationships in the donor and political and labor sectors. What we don't talk about is what happened to Jim in 1974, after being poisoned with amphetamines, by a COINTELPRO agent in the black Panther party, Jim suffered a schizophrenic breakdown. He had a brain weakness for schizophrenia that he had battled successfully on three previous occasions. For the next few years, he was like, what people call a crazy person paranoid. Certain that dangerous emissions were coming from refrigerators. That food was poisoned. There was a time when he came home weekly to pick up money and food from me while he wandered from place to place, unable to settle down, miraculously, his amazing brain gradually managed to heal itself.

Speaker 3 (00:09:32):

His neuron pathways reorganized and he emerged as a new person. He looked different. Physically. Those of you that knew him, no saw that he was shorter. He was smaller. His voice was different. His politics became more mainstream. He spent years working with labor unions, the democratic party, and especially advocating for aid hood for DC. He was gentle non-confrontational nevertheless, many of his former comrades walked away from him. A few did not. And along with his family, supported him until his death from cancer. Many people are frightened and confused by mental illness as SNCC that veterans we have not done well in taking care of our walking wounded. It's too late for Jim, but I hope we can do better for others. And I've asked the freedom singers to help us sing. Will the circle be unbroke his favorite song?

Speaker 2 (00:10:43):

The there's a, Now this one is sort of tricky, cause I don't know. Who's supposed to speak for Howard in. Can I get a volunteer? Somebody who knows a little bit about Howard in speak his name,

Speaker 4 (00:11:57):

I must begin By expressing great sadness For the fact that Howard Zin Needed a spokesperson to be recruited from his Memorial, your audience. Let me Discipline my own Feelings at this point And go on

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to Tell you a very Brief story About out Howard And me And Spelman college. Some of you know That Howard in was Part of that Fascinating In many ways, Courageous And often very helpful gathering Of white scholars Who even before 1960 Had chosen for a variety of reasons To bring their lives down to the south. Most of them originated in the north, some originated overseas, But who wanted to come to offer whatever their gifts were. And in some cases, one of their major gifts was simply the possession of a PhD, which would help the black schools In the accreditation battles that they fought for a long, long time To be recognized as schools that needed to be Accredited. Howard came to Spelman in that grouping Sometime before I met him, I'm fairly certain. It was In the mid of the 1950s. Howard was a real believer in atory democracy And None of the black schools at that point, Encouraged participatory democracy.

4 (00:15:26):

Indeed, they were very frightened trouble and sure about what to do with something like participatory democracy, As a result, Howard got into a good deal of trouble At Spelman. He not only encouraged His students To participate in the rising movement among students at black schools and university, But he encouraged his students to be consistent And to challenge injustice wherever they found it. And therefore Some of his students, Including Alice Walker, Wanted to challenge the injustice that they found on their own campus. And as they raised their voices about such things, While at the same time being involved in the struggles Off campus, The administration Spelman Made it very clear That if the students continued that They would be in trouble, They would lose scholarships. They would be kicked out. And how it's in Was considered to be An agitator, An instigator, And generally bad For the status quo And through a long Sequence of Actions that I will not try to go into. Now, Howard was essentially kicked out Of Spelman college. I was living in Atlanta, involved in the movement At that time. I had no connection with Spelman at that time, But knew Howard

Speaker 4 (00:18:53):

Newton. Lynn Knew many of the beautiful students who were on that campus and the Morehouse campus and the Morris brown campus and the Clark campus and the ITC campus, my late wife, rose Marie, and I We're very close to those students. And I was asked by some friends to join them in a delegation to president Albert Manley of Spelman college To ask him if he would not rethink decision that he had made about how it's in Manly would not. And the deed was done Several years after, As I finished my own law long, long delayed work on my doctorate at the university of Chicago, Almost at the moment That my dissertation was accepted. And my assurance of participating in the commencement for the June, 1955 Graduation at the university was assured In ways that I still don't know The origins of now, somehow president Manley discovered My number And called me And asked me if I would come to Spelman college To be the chair of the history department, The position that

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Howards in Had been pushed out of, As I talked over with my wife, rose Marie, We came to The decision that I wanted and needed to be with those students,

Speaker 4 (00:21:27):

But that I would go only as a faculty person And not take that role that Howard Had had as chairperson of the department. Of course, in those days, no such thing as chairperson. Uh, And I was about to tell Dr. Manley that when we decided it was absolutely important for me to contact my friend Howard and see what he thought about this situation. I called him And this was Howard in, This was his spirit. Howard said, Vincent, You must go there. Those students in the AU center and at Pelman particularly need as many black male presences as they can get on those campuses,

Speaker 5 (00:22:48):

PhD,

Speaker 4 (00:22:59):

But do not go simply as a faculty person. If you go on that campus, you must take some power with you. And the faculty role is not powerful enough Said my chairperson role wasn't powerful enough, but maybe you in the chair role would have a different kind of result than I did, but whatever the case is, he said, Vincent, go, that's where you should it be.

Speaker 4 (00:23:44):

There was never, uh, an ounce of statement of resentment leading him to say, no, don't have anything to do with them. The Howards in who loved his students was sending me to his students. And I never forgot that conversation never will forget that Howard's in. We had many, many times of connection of working together that I will also never forget. And so, even though I am sad that there was no one to speak, but someone wandering in as it were, I am glad that I'm here to speak because I love and respect and have such tremendous appreciation for the man, for the scholar, for the teacher and for the outspoken caller for a more democratic society. But I'm honored to be asked to be a voice for how it's in on this occasion. Thank you

Speaker 2 (00:25:33):

One more time. One more time. One more time. One more time. Well, to be sermon one more time. One more time. If was here today, if foreman was here, if Ruby Dar was here today, if Howard was here today, these all words you would here say, Lord, I I'm glad to be in the number. Come one more time. More time. One more time. One more time. One more time. More time to be in one more. If Jimmy, Travis was he, if was, if Sam block was, if today, mama today, Lord, to be one more, one

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more time, one more time. One more 1, 1, 1 more time to be in one more. Now we have a prepared video

Speaker 1 (00:29:38):

And you, the, the

Speaker 6 (00:31:24):

Discovery that there is a way out of, you know, much or what is wrong with our lives.

Speaker 1 (00:31:31):

There's no better. I,

Speaker 7 (00:32:09):

I question America. It's the, the, in the, the Why we have to, with our telephones off the cause our lives be threaten. Cause we want to live human beings in a,

Speaker 8 (00:32:40): When

they grave,

1 (00:32:45): We,

it,

Speaker 7 (00:33:28):

The method of a freedom democratic party is only beginning. And it is beginning on the basis that it believes that a political party should be open to all the people who wish to surprise to its principal.

Speaker 9 (00:34:03):

Now, in this country, it says majority rules. We are 80% of the majority of this. We are 80% in this county and we have the right to rule this county. We have the right to rule this county and we're gonna rule it.

Speaker 7 (00:34:17): I

don't care how poor

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Speaker 9 (00:34:17):

We are and how black we are. We're gonna govern this county.

Speaker 1 (00:34:28):

I'll keep

Speaker 10 (00:34:38):

Situation that will occur. Namely, there will be a mob at the courthouse and we want to get used to this, used to people cheering at us. And we also want the white students who are being, who are playing the mob to get used to saying things, calling out epi, calling people ni

Speaker 1 (00:35:06):

No,

Speaker 7 (00:35:06):

No shooting,

Speaker 1 (00:35:09):

No over

Speaker 11 (00:36:11):

That day, that was nothing. But to win blowing the leftover programs and scattered liver across the way

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2 (00:38:31):

A hair is turning great. That lady told me Our knees Don't move. Like they used to move

Speaker 1 (00:38:46):

Well, call the

Speaker 2 (00:38:47):

Name. Sometimes We have angst that we can't tell where they coming from.

Speaker 1 (00:38:55):

Talk to her.

Speaker 2 (00:38:59):

And sometimes pain is our middle name, But We ain't dead Lady that told me to say that We ain't dead well, But if we ain't dead, What can we say? That we can commit ourselves to in these next years to come? How many gonna live? At least 15 years? I never leave 15. So What can we do To keep in contact with one another? What can we do To out holler sometimes What can't we do sometimes getting ready for 15 years when the colored people of the country will outnumber the white people in the country. It time for us to be thinking about because they've been splitting us up all the time. That's right. Every time we get together, a group of us get together, we get split up. So we got 15 years To get ready to vote together and vote some folk out office, Put a few colors you in there, Not cause black people Thinking black, being black and thinking about the poor people. Well, can I get some discussion? Well, we gotta have an hour On economics On social development, on economic development, On political correctness.

What can we do to keep or bring alive a new SNI?

Speaker 1 (00:41:11):

That's right.

Speaker 2 (00:41:13):

Aren't we interested in doing it? I've been down to south Georgia. I so long, sir. Who can I call it? Working like I'm working. Who can I call it? Thinking about the things I'm thinking about? Who can I call or come down and help us do some board registration?

Speaker 1 (00:41:31):

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Me

Speaker 2 (00:41:33):

That said me, you're the first one to come up and talk.

1 (00:41:36):

<laugh>

Speaker 2 (00:41:41):

Who's the second. Say something on this subject. We got just hour do All, all our people who pass in the name of all those people who bring it to your heart to say something about what we commit ourselves to do from him.

Speaker 3 (00:42:01):

Well, I will be brief. Uh, my name is Pam Jones and I was in Pinola county in, uh, 1964, Batesville, Mississippi Crenshaw, Mississippi. And I had been in SNCC since I was 14. Um, first time I was arrested, I was too young. They had to let me go. But what I wanna say is really, um, when you look behind you, uh, most of us have never left SNCC. So as well, understand that this circle that has not really been broken should just start moving again.

Speaker 2 (00:42:43):

Yes, that's right.

Speaker 3 (00:42:45):

You know, everybody just getting step together. And as those things arise that we need to speak to and move not to be afraid. You know, some of us, and I will say us because we are all in this circle, got real comfortable and afraid to give up again. And then some of us <affirmative> never allowed ourselves to have a lot because the system, in order to have a lot, we had to sell out or do something that was different from what we believed in. So we could lay that to a side right now. And just once again, act is one and we will be further ahead than we think there is a, uh, law of non-attachment that we all need to practice. And when you don't practice things happen, like you lose your home or your aunt gets sick and you have to move or you lose your stuff. That's in storage or you leave your husband or your wife and you look up and those things that you sold out for or held onto his precious aren't there anymore. But guess what is there? You, your history, your love and your determination that you will not be oppressed and you will not oppress your brother. So I, I say let's live again in that. And through that, keep on keeping on, we shall not be moved,

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Speaker 3 (00:44:31):

You know, sitting here and watching All of our brothers and sisters who have passed, Made me just feel more resolved. I was the person who has Charles to bring this up today. A lot of young people have been saying, Well, how do you organize? What do you do? And we have here This tremendous resource Of all the years of experience Of all the new generation coming up, We are here together. I will be ashamed If we walk out of here Without establishing a way to continue What we worked for for so many years, especially Given what's coming up this fall. These people, these racist fascists are going to try and destroy The efforts that brought Obama into power. And they are gonna try, they are gonna target The, in the districts that they think Had come in on Obama's hotels and they feel that they can get rid of, And we cannot pass by this opportunity to Forms some kind of continuation. That's what Bob Zelner called it. And this young lady that I just met today spoke about her and her friends and how they feel that we need to get out there. I'm gonna let her speak for herself. But I hope that what we can resolve is that we will commit to walking out of here again together

Speaker 3 (00:47:01):

In action and let's form, let's make a concrete commitment to do that.

Speaker 3 (00:47:14):

I'm a good Southern girl and a good Catholic girl. I go where I'm told I had no intention of speaking, but Theresa made me come up here. So, um, several of us have been talking and I, it's not my idea. There are lots of people in this room. Who've been talking the folks from Philadelphia. If you're here, uh, the folks from gathering of justice, uh, Jessica Levy, if you're here in the room, uh, we have been talking and we want to be in communication with SNCC, with our elders, with those who've paved the way for us, for those who are, it was Gina Belafonte, who said that there are those of us who are TWS. We're no longer young <laugh>, but we're not quite elders. So, you know, for the TWS and for the young people, we're talking about developing a website that we can put the information of what we are doing, cause people are doing it and communicating. And so we wanna talk with some of the folks in the committee about how we can continue to communicate that information. So we're gonna be looking for you too. So thank you.

Speaker 3 (00:48:20):

Hi, my name is Irma Wilburn and I'm from Albany, Georgia. And I'm gonna be as brief as I can. I thank God for what I've had witnessed this weekend. And mainly the first that really stands out is, uh, Harry Belafonte. I met Harry when I was like 16 years old and had I known the depth of this man. I would've

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placed myself at his feet to learn. Uh, and, and I I'm just overjoyed to know his passion. I don't want us to leave here without having really heard what was in this man's heart, because he really summed up

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who we are. I saw last night as I was, uh, reading my Bible Bible, a, a passage that talked about a new Jerusalem, an old world that passed away a new world. That's that's beginning. And, and God said, I will dwell among you. I will walk among you.

Speaker 3 (00:49:10):

You, you will be my people. So I'm, I'm looking at it. I'm thinking, well, who's our leader. And I know that it's God he's saying that we are a people that he can lead. Don't forsake the ways of the original sake. These people SCC. These people had the mind of Christ. When you talk about the oppressed, when you talk about sowing your life into that commitment that's of Christ and, and don't get again, infested with the lust of the flesh and the things that will destroy us. We have to March power. We have to be more vocal than the tea party. We have to have a strategy, hallelujah, that works. We have to leave here with

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an agenda to tackle these problems. I work in a jail that's 90% black, young males. I see the hopelessness. This thing hurts me. This thing bothers me. And if you don't know what's going on in, in, in this country, when it comes to the prisons and the jails, they are disenfranchising, our people, we are worse off and I don't care what you say. People think, well, I, you know, I think we're better off. We are worse off people I've come it. I see it. Our children are dying. Our communities are dying and we better wake up. We better not leave here. No, just having come and got a good feeling. We better leave here with a plan.

Speaker 3 (00:50:31):

I'm just very blessed to be here. There are a couple of things that come to mind. Number one, that the problem with racism is that it clips the wings of ego. The problem with racism is that it eclipses the wings of Eagles, and it allows mice to roar. And the wings of Eagles shall never be clipped and mice should not be allowed to roar. That's the first thing. Secondly, my Bible tells me that there's one blood of mankind. One race of mankind. The concept of race is not a genetic one. It is a political, economic and social distinction for the purpose of allocating economic resources. Don't get it twisted it. So when we separate black ones from white ones, and this ones from that ones recognize that it is all about humanity. Who said that the problem with the civil rights movement was that it tried to wake up a sleeping people.

Speaker 3 (00:51:48):

You have to wake people up to their humanity first, and then you will get action. The reason that we were able to have a civil rights movement is because a white only sign and a color only sign is clear and unequivocal to the average brother on the street, right? The policy was clear. And so now we are in an advantage because we are in a technological age that brings together the family of mankind in a second, in a nanosecond. And I invite the organiz, the organizers of this assembly to not let the people that are in this room, some who have registered and some who have not leave this room without making sure that every single individual that has come to this function has got their name, address, email, telephone number, or something in some, uh, tangible medium with somebody in this organization. That's number one, number two, happily.

Speaker 3 (00:52:58):

We do have such a thing called the internet. You can put together a webpage on, on a dime, just ask any kindergarten child. I'm a technically challenged baby boomer. So don't ask me, but I'm inviting you to know that there are people that can easily do that. Everybody in this room has had a different, but similar experience with this last 50 years or wherever it is that you fall on that spectrum. And so therefore there's not a monolithic kind of a policy, not a monolithic kind of a solution, but there are

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many solutions based on where you are and what you, what you bring to the table. A website that has a, a way for you to capture that kind of information

Speaker 12 (00:53:47):

Would be very, very expedient, very, very efficient, and very, very doable, quickly. Nextly. And finally, I would say that it is also important for, uh, for all of the people that are, there is such a thing called meetups. I don't know if you've ever heard of, but it's a, it is a national kind of a web, uh, presence. This allows you to put a, uh, an idea out there to say, I wanna meet people of like minds.

Speaker 12 (00:54:19):

If you can, if in your local community, you can just identify what small topic, whether it's tea parties or whatever it is that you want to. That goes home with the furtherance of the cause. You can create a forum with yourself. You don't have to have a leader. You're the leader, I'm the leader, create the meet, create the meet up for you to create those kinds of, uh, small enclave of people to then call us for others to get something done. We need not leave this place with all of this collective wisdom, such that with all of the technology and everything else that we have at our disposal that we say, well, what are we going to do? We know what to do now, the question that comes, whether or not we are going to do it. Get is I'm a dead I, the C your email and your, and get it back to the front. Anybody.

Speaker 3 (00:55:33):

Good afternoon. I am Mrs. Margaret Rose Murray, Margaret Rose Murray. Yes, And I have been living in this community, the triangle area, specifically Raleigh, North Carolina for the past 54 years. I am 78 years young.

Speaker 3 (00:56:07):

I say that with regard and respect for all of us here, but for the past 45 now going on 46 years, we have had the opportunity to teach young minds to guide them. We have a preschool and an elementary school right here in Raleigh, in west Raleigh, the preschool in Southeast Raleigh, the elementary school. Why do I mentioned this? Because I see sitting before me, young people, children, children who need to understand the struggle within their framework of knowledge. I also see here before me, young people who are parents and older people who are grandparents like myself and great grandparents, what do we do to stem the tide? We begin to tell them the truth. And we begin to tell them to speak truth to power. We try our very best, many times to be examples, but we have to strive to be better examples to our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren help them to know that truly tomorrow they will lead this world. And if we do this, if we work together, break down all of those barriers that we put between each other and get our organizations, get our churches, our Moss, our synagogues, to express

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what it is that we need to do to become enriched, to become a stronger human FA family. And to not just talk at all, walk it all. Thank you.

Speaker 2 (00:58:15):

We got 10 minutes left.

Speaker 3 (00:58:19):

Good afternoon, everyone. Good afternoon. My name is Tari while Muhammad, and I'm a part of the regional education team for the Highlander center. So don't clap for me, clap for home. So we have been working throughout the Southeast with, um, intergenerational groups around various topics, including economic justice, democratic participation, environmental justice, and race justice. And oftentimes I am considered to be an elder in the room and I'm under 40 years old. It's not right. I'm not ready. <laugh> so I ask you please, um, to take time to come and work with us because we want to learn. I was politicized when I was 17, because of people like Reverend orange and Hollis Watkins. And so I ask you, please, if you have young people that are convening that are trying to come up with strategies, we need each y'all. We need each other. That's the only way we gonna be able to make it. Um, the other thing that I want y'all to know is that the United States social forum is happening in June. There are people that are organizing around the country And we need y'all to be there. We're gonna try up with some national strategies around various topics it's happening in Detroit. There are some sisters out in the lobby, um, that have, um, information come on right here. Jordan has some information that she can give you about the us social forum. You can Google it. That means, look it up in the internet.

Speaker 3 (01:00:03):

You can call us, you can call Highlander. We'll give you the website. We just need each other. We need y'all. Um, and my family I'm taught that, um, old men are for counseling. Young men are for war, but do con told me she's still a warrior, and I need to stop saying that. So I'm saying, y'all we need y'all for counseling for thank you Really short. I just wanna say that. I think the Spirit's out there. I mean, look, what happened with Barack Obama? I mean, people, young people, old people were working like crazy for him. We can tap. We're all getting discouraged with. I just flew to North Carolina just to, to do voter reg. So, you know, it'll happen. So we just need a structure if you need help, put it out there. Cuz I'll come

Speaker 4 (01:00:59):

I'm I'm Alan Haer from, uh, Michigan and the, uh, old students for democratic society. Two weeks after this conference in 1960, there was a meeting in Ann Arbor on human rights. And SNCC people came up

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to meet with the students for democratic society. That's this 50 years in Michigan is gonna be honored. And I wanna extend an invitation to anyone here who can come to Ann Arbor, the 28th of April to the 1st of May to join in a celebration of the movement and developing the strategies for going forward. And particularly on the 1st of May, president Obama is coming to Ann to deliver a commencement address in the movement in Ann Arbor and around is developing a human circle around the stadium that we can put forward all the vision of the movement from everything we've learned in this 50 years to have a unified complex multi-issue multigenerational statement to the lead leadership as to what really is the leadership that we need now in this country, you're all invited to this, uh, gathering and this expression. I hope people can come that will feed in also to the United States social forum, which people in Ann Arbor, Detroit are very involved in organizing. You're all invited to a next step. Soon, Speaker 3 (01:02:31):

I believe in local empowerment, but sometimes local people have to ask for help from outside. So gal and I's stand here in memory of Jim foreman, Josephine Butler, and for all Julia hos and Julius ho all the others who struggled in the district of Columbia for extending the voting rights to, to we the citizens of the district of law Columbia, because we cannot do it. It has to be done by the citizens of the 50 states and we are not citizens of a state. And so I ask for your support for whatever measures come up, that to give us statehood or anything less that will give us senators and a Congressman, uh, Gail may wanna go for statehood, but I will compromise on a, on a Senator to senators and a congressperson. And I ask for your help because we have no power to do anything in the district of Columbia. Thank you. I go for compromise only when I absolutely have to. And considering that my mother and father came from outside, Dohan Alabama made sure that we understood what was at stake. I think I'll put my money on having my full rights as a tax paying citizen and in the memory of all those who came before us, I'm also in New Jersey. And I would say, make sure that this movement lives and moves up at Northeast Carter, where it is needed so badly. Thank you.

Speaker 4 (01:04:11):

What I would like to see is some education. Pardon? We should be teaching how to organize. We need more teaching. What I'm saying is we got all these things to do, but who recognizes? Who's the gatekeeper that community who understands that we have to go to where people play, pray and work, who understands the really, the things, how to do the things that we want to do. I work in the prison system and we got more young men killing themselves. We ain't going to worry about some disease and stuff. We killing each other. They need help. They need help. They need help. Nobody's think of that low playing thing, social a worker. We need more SCO workers than we need anything else. If we wanna save those young men, and this is something we are crying out for, we need more and we especially need more males. You know, the average social worker is from the community way out. They're white and they're young women who are rich. And they talking to our young kids who are killing each other.

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Please, please give a thought to this. And the rest of us should start really teaching the young folks how to do what it is that we were doing. Don't just send 'em out there to do it. Tell 'em how to do it.

Speaker 2 (01:05:51):

My name is Charney Bromberg. I was with core in Madison county, Scott county in Ranken county from 1964 to 1967. I asked the chairman if he would let me speak last so that I wouldn't interrupt the flow, but I wanted to put some names of those who passed from the fourth congressional district into the record. I will just read their names without comment. James Farmer, executive director of core C Co chin, who was afraid of nothing and no man, George Raymond Jr. Project director of the third fourth congressional district, James cheeks, who died last week. Edward drain my partner, Stuart Deon, Jo Lee, Dan Evans, GU Peterson, Clarence Peterson, Luci Peterson, Charles Buckner, Henry Lorenze Henry Schwartz child.

Speaker 1 (01:07:07):

Thank right now, black and white Right now. Amen.

Speaker 7 (01:10:19):

In the,

Speaker 1 (01:10:41):

The,

Speaker 13 (01:11:01):

I want you to know that I've talked to my national office today and they want me to tell you that we don't need nigga business. These are stories that help us support the white citizens. Count the council that is dedicated to keeping you and I second class citizen,

Speaker 1 (01:11:40): You

can, and you can the, the

Speaker 14 (01:12:57):

Be on my window.

Speaker 6 (01:13:28):

You know, I think one of the things that, um, made the, uh, the, the, uh, delegation of the re the freedom democratic part is so hopeful. You know, so expectant was the fact that people had made a

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discovery, you know, a discovery that there is a way out of, you know, much of what is wrong with our lives

Speaker 14 (01:13:59):

Lord, and you, no, I hate

Speaker 7 (01:14:30):

I question America, is this a miracle, the line of the free and the home of the brain, why we have to speak with our telephones off of the hook? Cause our lives be threatened dance because we want to live it peace and human beings hold

Speaker 14 (01:14:52):

Up and be brave, but I could hold my when they, oh, it

Speaker 7 (01:15:50):

Freedom, democratic party only beginning. And it is beginning on the basis that it believes that a political party should be open to all of the people who wish to survive to principle, no segregation, no over me over me. And before

Speaker 9 (01:16:25):

Now in this country, it says majority rules. We are 80% of the majority in this. We are 80% in this county and we have the right to rule this county. We have the right to rule this county and we're gonna rule it. I don't care how poor we are and how black we are. We're gonna govern this county,

Speaker 7 (01:16:45): Me and

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Speaker 10 (01:17:00):

Street situation that will occur. Namely, there will be a mob at the courthouse and we want to get used to this, used to people cheering at us. And we also want the white students who are being, who are playing the mob to get used to saying things, calling out EPIS, calling people, niggers, and

Speaker 7 (01:17:20):

My grave and shooting. No, no shooting, no more shooting, no more shooting over me over me and, and free. And no morning, no morning. Me and all freedom

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Speaker 11 (01:18:32):

Had set that day. There was nothing but to win blowing the leftover programs and scattered liver across the way.