

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN

The Canadian Negro Women's Association

APRIL 6th-8th 1973

Westbury Hotel

ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED

Coloured Women's Club Inc. Montreal
Hostess of Union United Church, Montreal
The More the Merrier Club, Montreal
Black Community Development Project, Montreal
Black Action Movement, Winnipeg
Community Club of North Buxton
Esther Chapter No. 2 Order of Eastern Star, Hamilton
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Black Professional Women's Group, Dartmouth N.S.
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The Eureka Club, Toronto
Toronto Negro Colour Guard Ladies Auxiliary, Toronto
The Canadian Negro Women's Association, Toronto



THE CANADIAN NEGRO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

In 1951, the Canadian Negro Women's Club, later to be known as an Association, was formed in Toronto, "to be aware of, appreciate and further the merits of the Negroes of Canada."

The founders of the Canadian Negro Women's Club (Association) in 1951: President—Mrs. Kay Livingstone; Executive Recording Secretary—Mrs. Aileen Williams; Treasurer—Mrs. Audrey Grayson, were keenly aware that Canadian society was not especially sensitive to minority problems. The Canadian Negro Women's Association, has dedicated itself, for the last twenty-two years, to the task of public education, especially regarding the Negro, and to a host of public and private ventures designed to assist members of the black community, and sensitise members of the white community.

The Canadian Negro Women's Association has established scholarships and bursaries to encourage students; worked in joint projects with: The Women's Section of the United Nations Association of Canada, Toronto Branch; The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews; A Chapter of B'nai Brith; canvassed in aid of the Community Chest; played hostess for Citizenship receptions at City Hall; have supplied wheel chairs for both white and black children; are members of the Local Council of Women and have recently taken part in a study of the Status of Women.

Internationally, the Association has a distinguished record of working with UNESCO, and raised enough funds to build a chalet in Ghana; helped to raise funds for the relief of Biafran children; gave money for the Committee for Concern for South Africa; sent supplies to the Greek Disaster Fund; and raised funds for the Unitarian Save the Children Fund.

The Canadian Negro Women's Association has through the years sponsored large public events.

Three of these outstanding events occurred in 1958, 1961, and 1969. On 15 March, 1958, The Association held its First Annual Banquet, which was timed to mark the first recognition in Canada of Canadian Negro History Week.

On 14 October, 1961, The Canadian Negro Women's Club (Association) held its Tenth Anniversary Banquet and Ball at the King Edward Hotel, and used the occasion to honour distinguished blacks.

And, on 30 October, 1969, the great black minister, Dr. Howard Thurman, retired Dean of Marsh Chapel, Boston University, honored the Association by speaking on "The Search For Freedom."

Today, The Canadian Negro Women's Association prepares to play its part by initiating the National Congress of Black Women on 6th, 7th and 8th of April, 1973. In its twenty-two years of existence, the Association has found its own awareness, has deepened the sensitivity of many Canadians of all communities, and prepares for years of further service.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Black Women have, over the past 300 years, made a viable contribution to the growth and prosperity of this country. The knowledge, the courage, the unshakeable faith and determination of these women, our pioneers, has been the bulwark of the development of our life style.

These characteristics are strongly evidenced in the overwhelming response to the call to the "Congress", to engage in an exchange of exchange of ideas, a communication of points of view and to undertake the serious consideration of issues vital to the Black community.

On behalf of the Canadian Negro Women's Association Inc. I extend to all a very sincere "Welcome" and express our hope that each of you will be an active participant. The success of the Congress can only be measured by the input of the delegates."



STEERING COMMITTEE

Aileen Williams Eugene Allen Kay Livingstone Verda Cook

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