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It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to everyone marking Black History Month in Edmonton.

Black Canadians have a long history in Canada, dating back to the exploration of new France, through the Loyalist influx following the American Revolution; the Underground Railroad of the 19th Century; and more recent immigration from all corners of the globe, especially the Caribbean Basin. This month gives us a chance to reflect upon the diverse strands that make up the black Canadian experience, to highlight the pioneers in the development of our nation, and to celebrate the achievements of black Canadians in contemporary society.

I would like to commend the members of the Edmonton Chapter of the National Black Coalition for their efforts to foster understanding and respect in Canada. I am certain that the many events planned to commemorate this month will be of interest to everyone.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable celebration of Black History Month.

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.

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Message from Honourable Ed Stelmach Premier of Alberta

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to extend warmest greetings to the Edmonton Chapter of the National Black Coalition of Canada during Black History Month 2011.

Many different nationalities call Alberta home, and collectively they make up a vibrant cultural mosaic. I believe that our strength lies in the diversity of our people, and I am proud to live in a province with such robust, connected communities – each of them alive with tradition, family and friendship.

Every year during the month of February we honour the legacy of Black men and women who have helped to make Canada the culturally diverse and prosperous nation we know today. Albertans from all cultures and backgrounds will attend events in our capital city from January 22 through March 12 to discover the fascinating, inspiring stories of Black people and events that many of us didn't learn about in our schoolbooks.

Understanding the cultural, social, political and economic contributions of these Canadians of African and Caribbean heritage can create an improved sense of unity and contribute positively to the quality of life in Alberta. My sincere thanks to the organizers and volunteers whose hard work has made possible the impressively wide range of Black History Month events taking place in Edmonton. You are shining examples of cultural pride and community spirit.

Enjoy the celebrations!

Ed Stelmach

February 2011





Message from His Worship Mayor Stephen Mandel

On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, Alberta's Capital City, I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone celebrating the heritage, traditions and culture of African-Canadians throughout February 2011, Black History Month.

This month is an important opportunity for the City of Edmonton to recognize the past and present contributions African-Canadians make to our city in areas such as education, medicine, art, public service, economic development, politics and human rights. Edmonton has been greatly enriched by people from many different ethnic backgrounds and it's important we take time to celebrate the history of those who played a key role in building this city.

Thank you to the National Black Coalition of Canada – Edmonton Chapter for working hard to ensure that the history of Black people is kept alive. As a nation with such diversity, all histories need to be known and all voices need to be heard. Your ongoing efforts to foster communication and solidarity among African-Canadians will help ensure we can live in social, racial and cultural harmony.

I wish you all the best for a successful and memorable Black History Month 2011.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Mandel".

Stephen Mandel
Mayor



**Message from the Honourable Lindsay Blackett
Minister of Culture and Community Spirit**



On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I would like to extend my best wishes to all who join me in celebrating Black History Month 2011.

History gives us the benefit of other people's life experience, teaches us to share their struggles and successes, and shows us just how bravely their dreams stack up against the odds. History introduces us to those heroic ones whose shoulders we stand upon, where the view of our own future is greatest.

For all Albertans, particularly those of us of black heritage, Black History Month is an occasion for reflection. And always – always – for celebration!

My warmest thanks to the organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and participants in this year's Black History Month activities. Your dedication to diversity enriches life for all Albertans.

Lindsay Blackett
Minister of Culture and Community Spirit
MLA, Calgary-North West



On behalf of my colleagues in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, I'm pleased to offer my support for Black History Month activities and celebrations throughout the Capital Region, and my gratitude to the National Black Coalition of Canada – Edmonton chapter, for organizing these events.

It's important that the contributions of all people be acknowledged and recognized; in that way, Black history is very much Alberta's history.

I wish you continued success.

George Rogers, MLA
Leduc-Beaumont-Devon



NATIONAL BLACK COALITION OF CANADA-EDMONTON

Black History Month reinforces the importance of creating “a climate of understanding and mutual respect for the dignity and worth of each person, so that each person feels a part of the community”. It allows us to learn, acknowledge and celebrate a rich and diverse history.



February is the time that the National Black Coalition of Canada reaches out to the community at large to share our cultural contributions that makes Canada so great. We are proud to promote cultural diversity in Alberta.

On behalf of the Executive of the National Black Coalition of Canada and myself we are inviting you to join and participate in the month's events as we work to raise awareness and promote **Peace, Unity, Friendship and Community Wellness** for all.

In closing it is my hope that we will continue to respect each other, work hard, focus on our youths, empowering them to be role models in the community so that they can lead the future.

Yvette McFarlane
(President of NBCC)



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Across Canada and the United States, February is recognized as Black History Month, a time of reflection and celebration of Black heritage and culture.

Black Canadians have a remarkable history in Canada. More than escaped slaves, athletes, and entertainers, Black Canadians have been explorers, translators, soldiers, scholars, entrepreneurs, and community leaders starting from the time long before Confederation. Alberta has its own rich Black history, from the Black Americans who established farming communities like Amber Valley and Keystone (later named Breton) to heroic figures like the southern Alberta rancher John Ware and Calgary hockey player Jarome Iginla, who became the first Black player in National Hockey League history to be made team captain.

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25 Years of NBCC's Gospel Night

by Mr. Arthur Clarke

The First "National Black Coalition" Black History Month Gospel Concert was held in February 1985.

This "Gospel Night" was the brain child of then President Mr. Michael Broodhagen. At that time as Vice President I volunteered and took on the challenge of heading the program. We started with 3 choirs from churches with predominately black congregations in Edmonton. Shiloh Baptist Church the oldest recorded black congregation in Edmonton, West Edmonton Seventh Day Adventist Church (the only black Adventist Congregation in Edmonton) and Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) the most vibrant multinational church with a strong Caribbean flavor. Gospel music is an integral part of our heritage, all the way prior to Emancipation.

The church became the focal point of the Black Community, to praise and worship God. The first two Gospel Night concerts were held at a previous location of Shiloh Baptist Church. Seating capacity became a concern from the second concert. The third concert was moved to Bethel to accommodate more patrons. The concert became popular and we began to experience over crowding. The fourth concert was moved to the Provincial Museum Theater with a seating capacity of approximately 500. Following that, the concert was moved to the Jubilee Auditorium and has been consistently held there until now. With a capacity for massive growth in patrons, came the opportunity for growth in participation. White choirs were invited and were pleased to participate. Some of the white choirs that have participated in Gospel Night include West Edmonton Christian Assembly, Evangel Pentecostal Assembly, North American Baptist College Choir, Kiwanis Singers, First church Of The Nazarene and The Park Pentecostal Church Choir of Sherwood Park with Sister Agnes Brown a great Director and Entertainer. Along with regular church attendees our patrons at the Jubilee became multiracial and multicultural.

In 1994 we introduced Gospel Night to the Calgary community at the Jubilee Auditorium. A committee was established in Calgary to do the ground work, while the administration was done from the NBCC office in Edmonton. The starting of Gospel Night in Calgary gave birth to an active chapter of the National Black Coalition in Calgary. Gospel Night continues to be one of the most important events that NBCC presents to the community. We thank our participants, volunteers and supporters who make this possible.

DID YOU KNOW?

Shiloh Baptist Church is 100 Years Old!

Shiloh Baptist Church now located at 10727-114 Street Edmonton, Alberta established in 1910 as the first Black Church in Edmonton and the **oldest Black Baptist Church in Western Canada**. At first, when opened, Shiloh was made up of mainly Blacks who had moved from the United States. Back in 1910, Shiloh was a place for Black people who were not welcome at other churches. The Congregation has grown to include members from all cultural backgrounds, while still maintaining its original Black Gospel roots. All are welcome there.

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Saturday, January 22, 2011 - 6:30 PM

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***NBCC* Black History Month 2011 Launch - Church Service**

Featuring – Essence of Praise – Streets of Gold – Bethel Church Choir

Location: Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) 9950 - 148 Street Edmonton AB (Corner of 149 Street)

Saturday, January 29, 2011 - 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

FREE

***NBCC* Opening Ceremony**

Official Opening with Dignitaries (1:00 PM to 3:00 PM)

Non Stop Entertainment; African Drummers/Dancers/ Hip Hop Singers/Steel Drums/Rap Artist and others

Vendors: JANA/Barbados Association/Epicure/Health Services/Statistics Canada/ Afrika History Library Project and others

Location: Londonderry Mall - East Court 137th Ave. & 66 St.

Contact: NBCC 780-425-0319 or Joanne at 780-633-0854

Sunday, January 30, 2011 - 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

\$15 - Adults

\$10 - 12 & under

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***NBCC* Celebration Brunch**

Location: Marcus Garvey Center for Unity 12526 – 126 Ave.

Contact: NBCC 780-425-0319 or Joanne at 780-633-0854

Saturday, February 05, 2011 to Saturday, February 19, 2011

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Location: TU Gallery 10718-124 Street Phone: 780-452-9664

Contact: Darren Jordan

Saturday, February 05, 2011 - 9:30 AM

\$15.00

JANA BHM Breakfast

Special Guest: Mayor Stephen Mandel

Location: Marcus Garvey Center for Unity 12526 – 126 Ave.

Contact: JANA 780-423-5262

Saturday, February 12, 2011 - 1:00 PM

Test your knowledge at the 19th annual AfroQuiz

Location: Stanley A Milner Library Theatre, 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square, Downtown Edmonton

This event is brought to you by the Council of Canadians of African and Caribbean Heritage.

Contact: Siyani 780-716-3859

www.ccach.org/afroquiz

Saturday, February 12, 2011 - 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

\$20.00

***NBCC* 25th Annual Black History Month Gospel Concert**

Essence of Praise – Streets of Gold – New Season of Praise – Fresh Manna Fellowship Choir

All Nations Full Gospel Choir – Soul Fuel – Shayla Long – Cheryl Allen – Divine Singers – North Seventh Day Youth Choir

Location: Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium 11455 – 87 Avenue

Contact: Ticketmaster 780-451-8000 Jubilee Auditorium 780-427-2760 NBCC 780-425-0319

Sunday, February 13, 2011 - 11:00 AM

FREE

One Accord Fellowship - Church Service

Location: One Accord Bible Fellowship 10802-93 Street

Contact: 780-425-6310

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Saturday, February 19, 2011 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

\$15.00 Adult - \$5.00 Children

One Accord Fellowship - Brunch

Location: One Accord Bible Fellowship 10802-93 Street

Contact: 780-425-6310

Sunday, February 20, 2011 - 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

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South Seventh Day Adventist Gospel Skate

Location: Sports World 13710 - 104 Street

Contact: NSOPministries@gmail.com

Sunday, February 20, 2011 - 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

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Location: World Health Downtown 10303 Jasper Avenue

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Location: Cornerstone New Testament Church of God 9620 - 109 Avenue

Contact: 780-426-2646

Saturday, February 26, 2011 - 3:00 PM

FREE

St. Vincent & Grenadine's Taking Control of my Health

Speaker: Faith Grant

Location: Marcus Garvey Center for Unity 12526 - 126 Ave.

Saturday, February 26, 2011 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

FREE

Africa Center Black History Month Celebrations

Event will showcase Dignitaries, African cuisine, Speakers, and Music

Location: African Center (located at the former Wellington Junior high school) 13160 -127 Street

Saturday, March 12, 2011 - 6:30 PM Adults-\$50, Seniors & Youth-\$40, 12 & under-\$20, 4 and under is FREE

***NBCC* NBCC Black History Month Awards Banquet & Dance**

Location: Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center 11727 KingsWay Northwest

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Meet a Pastor



Rev. Dike Odimuko, B.Eng., M.Div.

Resident Pastor, All Nations Full Gospel Church, Edmonton

Born in Vancouver, Canada, Dike gave his life to the Lord Jesus while in High School in Nigeria in 1988. While serving as a Youth Leader in his local church and about to run from the service of God, he received a clear call from God for ministry in 1992.

In the same year, Dike proceeded to University to study Engineering and successfully graduated with Honors in 1997 with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Civil Engineering specializing in Structures. While in University, Dike was fully engaged in the work of ministry serving as a leader in campus Christian fellowships and church youth groups.

A year after graduation he returned to Canada and joined All Nations Full Gospel Church (ANFGC), Toronto ON under the leadership of Dr. Samuel Donkor, founder and Senior Pastor of All Nations Full Gospel Churches International. He served at various times as a Pianist, Worship Leader, Music Director and Bible Study Teacher, Cell Leader, and handyman in the Toronto and Hamilton branches of the church.

In 2002, Dike received his “marching orders” from the Lord for full time ministry. He joined the staff of the All Nations church in Toronto as an associate pastor in February of that year. Since then he planted a church (ANFGC London) and pastored the same until he moved to Edmonton in 2006. By the grace of God, under his leadership, ANFGC Edmonton has grown from a handful of people to over 200.

Dike has a burning desire to see those around him flourish in their chosen field of endeavor and this is reflected in the messages he preaches. He also has a passion for developing strong leadership for the church and expounding sound doctrine-**he believes an uneducated church is a danger to society.** Dike is married to a lovely wife, Eziaku, who has a passion for reaching out to young women and establishing sound family relationships. Dike and Eziaku are blessed with two daughters, Abigail and Esther.

Imhotep Austin November 3, 1983 – September 29, 2010

This year our community sadly said goodbye to Imhotep Austin, who passed away at the age of 26 after a short but courageous battle with colon cancer. Imho, who was always passionate about new business ideas and ventures, had begun pursuing a career as a mortgage broker with Dominion Lending Centre and was the creator of Best Edmonton Mortgages Team. He worked alongside Sterling Real Estate to help find clients the best mortgage to fit their needs and aid those who believed they would not be able to qualify for a loan. In the past, he also worked as a manager for many Bell locations, including West Edmonton Mall and Southgate. On the weekends, he could be found deejaying at a variety of venues including Monkey Island.



However, even with his busy schedule, he found time to be involved in the community. As education and being a positive role model were very important to Imho, for many years, on Saturdays, he would tutor youth with the Council of Canadians of African and Caribbean Heritage (CCACH). While there, he developed a strong bond with the children he tutored and his fellow tutors. During Black History Month, he also often served as the master of ceremonies of Afro Quiz, a Jeopardy-like quiz show with questions about Black history hosted by CCACH.

In his free time, Imho was a sports fanatic. He played soccer, in St. Albert, with The Rummies and coached and played basketball with the Edmonton Skyhooks. His love of basketball was honed and developed during high school, when he led his school, Archbishop MacDonald, to the provincials. He rounded out his sports by devoting his Sundays to NFL football and watching his beloved Pittsburgh Steelers.

Above his career and sports, family was Imho's top priority. His son was the centre of his life and the reason behind many of his business decisions. Even with his busy schedule, he always made it to family activities and events.

He is greatly missed by his girlfriend, son, siblings, relatives, friends, and all of those people who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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As the New Year is before us and resolutions are being made, let us begin by reflecting upon the rich history of our past as we celebrate Black History. Looking back enables us to appreciate our past, enjoy the present and anticipate the future. Earlier this year I took sometime to reflect upon my own journey as a Husband, Father, Pastor, Community Leader and most recently my newfound addiction to officiating Football at the Canadian Amateur level. My experience as a third year official has taught me an important lesson that needs to be applied to all of life. In football that lesson is simply this, "Make the Right Call". Like many of us, over the years I have been making calls in all areas of my life. Many of those calls were good, but others were highly questionable. Ninety-five percent of the calls I make in life could have been made by a reasonably intelligent eighth-grader. However, I believe that I am most valued for the other 5 percent, the tough calls, and the right calls.



The right call for me as a:

1. Husband is to protect the covenant relationship of my marriage at all cost.
2. Father is to be actively engaged in the lives of my children on and off the field.
3. Pastor is to lead God's children with clean hands, pure heart and a right spirit.
4. Community Leader is to let my Christian light shine so brightly that the non-church may see the good works and glorify God in heaven.
5. Football Official is to encourage our young athletes to: (1) Respect themselves and their opponents at all times and play the game of football in a safe environment. (2) Represent our community well by paving the way for others who may be thinking of putting on the stripes. Remember, no complaining unless you are part of the solution and regardless of the sport of your interest, no official, no sport. (3) This is a great way for me to keep learning (no two games are the same), meet new people and stay in shape physically.

What exactly is the right call?

It's a decision you know you should make, but you often hesitate to make it for a host of reasons some good and some not so good.

As we begin 2011 with numerous resolutions, along with the celebration of Black History Month, let us resolve to make the right calls. Make the call for reconciliation, forgiveness, unity, grace, understanding and peace. Make the call for ourselves, our families, our friends, our communities and most importantly make the right call for our Lord.

Every call that I've made in my life had the following things in common:

- 1. It required much energy, time and prayer.**
- 2. It demanded a risk.**
- 3. It was questioned and criticized.**
- 4. It cost me greatly.**

Every time I've had to make a tough call in my life, it lifted my leadership to a higher level. In other words, it led to a breakthrough. I'm not telling you what I heard, I'm telling you what I know. Friends, you are only one call away from a breakthrough. Isn't that encouraging? You get a breakthrough by making a call you don't want to make even though it's the right call to make. And when you make that call, you suddenly take yourself, your church or your family to a whole new level. So go ahead. Make that call you've been putting off. Then fasten your seatbelt and prepare to rise to new heights.

Sincerely,
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Civilians are appointed to the Commission to represent the citizens of Edmonton. In January 2011, two new commissioners will join the Edmonton Police Commission – Ms. Cathryn Palmer and Mr. Keli Tamaklo.

Ms. Palmer is a highly regarded management consultant in the health, social services and voluntary sectors. Mr. Tamaklo is a seasoned financial advisor with extensive experience working with diverse cultural groups including First Nations and African Canadians.



Police commissioners proudly represent the diverse makeup of our community. As an African Canadian, Mr. Tamaklo has resided in the countries of Togo, Ghana, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, South Africa and Kenya. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with a Diploma in Education from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana, he moved to Canada to continue his post-graduate studies. Mr. Tamaklo holds a Masters of Business Administration from the University of New Brunswick.

For several years, Mr. Tamaklo was a chief executive officer and a chief financial officer. Mr. Tamaklo is currently the program manager for Aboriginal and Global Health Research, at the Department of Medicine for the University of Alberta. In this role, he works with a research group committed to improving health and minimizing the incidence of chronic diseases in unique and diverse populations in Canada and around the world. He is also a board director for the Africa Centre and the past president of the Ghana Friendship Association of Edmonton.

The Edmonton Police Commission is pleased to acknowledge Black History Month and the important role it plays in building respect and understanding for Canada's multicultural society.



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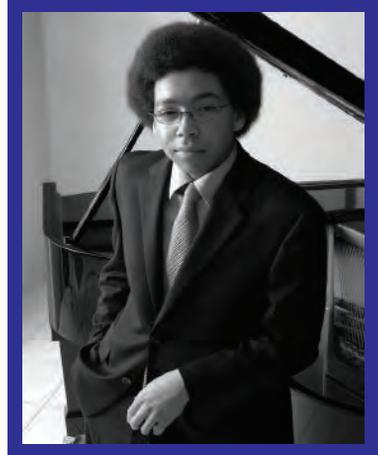
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James Clarke

At just 19, pianist James Clarke is another amazing young star of the Edmonton jazz scene with his fine trio recording to prove it. "

-Roger Levesque, The Edmonton Journal

At a young age, James Clarke is beginning to garner the attention of the Edmonton jazz community. James is a talented young pianist who has just entered the second year of the Jazz Performance program at Montreal's McGill University, having graduated from Macewan University last year.



Even though he is just in his third year of college, he is already beginning to establish himself as a promising talent. Under the teaching of CBC Galaxie Rising Star, Chris Andrew, he has already performed with veteran Edmonton musicians such as Dave Babcock, Anna Beaumont, and Sheril Hart. Most recently entering the studio with Juno-nominee Sandro Dominelli, and veteran bassist John Taylor, James has completed and all-original EP, Kingsley Crossing, and has his first full-length album in the initial stages.

Born and raised in Sherwood Park, James began his musical studies at age 4, taking his first classical piano lessons through a family friend. He continues his classical studies today with Shelagh Scott, but jazz has become his main focus. James has also studied under Dr. William Richards and Torben Holm-Pederson at Grant MacEwan University. While at Macewan, he was the recipient of the Rawlco Radio Music Scholarship. Now at McGill, he has entered the studio of Montreal pianist John Roney.

At age 20, James is making a name for himself as a bright young talent in both classical and jazz. He recently awarded the Clarence "Big" Miller Award from the National Black Coalition of Canada (Edmonton) for his contributions to the Edmonton music scene. As a classical musician, he was awarded the Rose Bowl scholarship in the 2008 Sherwood Park Music Festival – a prize given to the top performer of the festival. James has a particularly strong interest in jazz. He plays in numerous jazz ensembles around the Edmonton area, and regularly performs at the Haven and Yardbird jam sessions. James is also an artist of U22, an organization which promotes outstanding young talent, with which he was featured in a CBC television documentary. 2010 marked his second performance in the Edmonton International Jazz Festival with the James Clarke Trio.

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