



Black Men Unifying Black Men

Us Helping Us = Unity

If Not Us, Then Who? If Not Now Then When?

Too often, we have heard, we have to do something about the events that are occurring on our streets. This senseless killing is just off the chart, especially the senseless police killings that go unpunished. To add to the dilemma, the political climate is like something we have never seen before.

Look at the conditions surrounding educational institutions as the questions are being raised as to why? Why is it that in the year of 2017 education and the state of education is worse than it was 50 years ago? Look at the communities that we claim as our communities and yet, where is our ownership of the communities?

The above statements and questions are just some of many as to why Black Men Unifying Black Men has become another symbol of hope. The inception of Black Men Unifying Black Men has come about because of the issues raised.

Misconceptions will always be, regardless as to how clear something may be, or how fogged it may be. I will do the best that I can to be as clear as I can by giving some description of this group of Black Men.

Black Men Unifying Black Men is not at all a statement suggesting that we only are working with Black Men. If anyone should come to this conclusion, they are far from the truth.

Since I was one of the ones sitting at the table for the very first unity breakfast that was held for Black Men only, I have been giving the task to write about what this group is about.

First and foremost, I want to thank each and every one of these Black Men for not just allowing me to be a part of such a wonderful journey. I want to thank each of you for trusting me with the task to share with others as to what we are about.

Black Men Unifying Black Men is a vision that was created by a small group of Black Men. The vision seemed simple and yet it was challenging because of what would have to happen.

However, because each of these Black Men agreed that the vision was right, they each signed on as if creating a new hope of saving ourselves and our communities. Yes, I am sure by now the question is how?

The agreement was that we would reach out to Black Men of all ages and backgrounds and bring them together to break bread and share discussion. As one member stated, "once we get to know one another, it is harder to pull the trigger on one another".

So from a very small group of us, we decided that at least once a month we would host a unity breakfast for Black Men only. We decided that we would host it at a Black Owned Business. So once a month, at Terra Café, on the corner of 25th and St. Paul Streets from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon we will host our meeting.

Every month we have anywhere from 25 to 40 Black Men discussing and debating the plight and the plot of Black Lives. Much discussion and much debate takes place within this two hour period.

These monthly discussions have helped to shape the direction as to how we are moving and the mission we have agreed upon. Of course, our monthly facilitator who is Dr. Andrey Bundley emphasizes the need for each of us to know our lane.

The reason as to why I mentioned this is because, when every man works from his comfort zone, of where he is best talented, our rewards will be greater. Again, the goal is simple yet the challenge is great because our aim is to unite every man.

In simple terms we want to create a network that every Black Man who is a part of Black Men Unifying Black Men will benefit. It is our belief that once we start supporting and working with one another the ripple effect will cause the tidal waves of bringing our communities together as never before.

We believe that if Black Men would work to unite ourselves that we will be able to work to unite our communities. We believe that there are thousands of Black Men here in the city of Baltimore who understand the need and the benefit of us uniting. Together we make this pledge to you.....join us to help us to help you.

Our mission, as to the objective of our goals, should be clear. We want a community that is free from fear. We want a community that provides a decent education. We want a community where our seniors can enjoy the sunshine from their porches.

To accomplish a mission and to reach an objective one must have a strategic plan. We do and it is to unite Black Men to solve the problems of the communities we live in. After all according to any Religious Scholars, it is men who are the protectors and providers. However, if we do not unite ourselves...how do we save ourselves and our children from those who are hurting us?

Those of you who will hear us we ask that you will join us. We need to hear your concerns and your opinions. It is only when we hear one another's concerns can we actively address each. Unity is our key to freedom.....join us.