

## Reserve These November Dates for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration ❖ November 3-8, 2009

This November will be thirty years since the Greensboro Massacre.

On November 3, 1979, five young justice-loving people were killed and ten others wounded by a paramilitary-type group of Klan and Nazi members who were given a green light by the local police, city officials and federal agents to perpetrate a violent attack on political activists, labor organizers and community leaders challenging an unjust status quo.



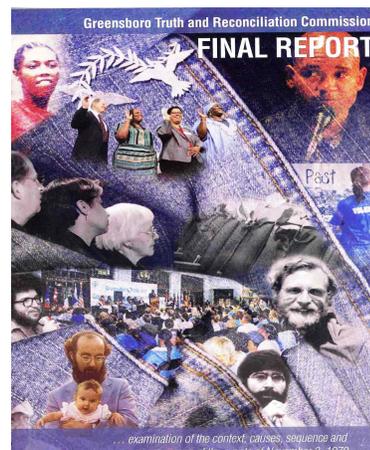
Funeral March for five slain in Greensboro, November 1979

Help us commemorate this tragic civil rights atrocity in November. We will tell our stories as we renew our commitment to continue the struggle along all the rich and varied paths that our lives have taken. Help us celebrate our victories of the past three decades, November 3-8, 2009, in Greensboro, North Carolina.



Over the years our struggles have had a significant impact on opening pathways to a more just, equitable and caring world. Greensboro is the home of the Greensboro Truth and Community Reconciliation Project that birthed the first Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the United States.

The Commission issued its Final Report in May 2006. However, until we lay to rest the misconceptions, distortions and lies of the past that continue to block our progress in the present, we can never advance toward being a democratic, just and peaceful society. *We need healing and unity based on truth as we continue to apply ourselves vigorously to the unfinished work of social, racial, economic and environmental justice.*



*The 30<sup>th</sup> commemorative anniversary of the Greensboro Massacre can have a powerful impact on the movement for social, racial and economic justice not only in the southern region but in the nation.*



Workshops, healing ceremonies, cultural presentations, storytelling, and discussions of current critical issues such as just immigration policy, youth organizations, black and brown unity, and community-based labor organizing are on the agenda for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Left: Immigration rights rally, Greensboro, NC. Rev. Nelson Johnson, *Beloved Community Center*, was main speaker.

### ***Make Plans Now to be in Greensboro November 3-8, 2009 : Reserve the Dates!***

Below is a sketch of the commemorative program. The final program will reflect further discussion and consultation with program sponsors.

#### Tentative Schedule

##### **Tuesday, November 3, 2009:**

Election Day in Greensboro. Personal day of commemoration and healing, for survivors from Greensboro and out of town and their friends and family. Grave site service and community meal.

##### **Wednesday, November 4, 2009:**

Healing ceremonies continue for the whole community and include special groups such as the Morningside residents traumatized in 1979 and street organizations trying to make peace today.

##### **Thursday, November 5, 2009:**

Programs centered on workers and community organizing. Themes of healing and building unity incorporated into this and all other commemoration activities. BCC will present its labor and community work, along with others from out of town who are leading advanced, outstanding initiatives.

##### **Friday, November 6, 2009:**

Focus on Black/Brown unity and Immigration. Again, showcasing of outstanding work locally and from around the country. Multi-cultural evening performances and entertainment.

##### **Saturday, November 7, 2009:**

Day devoted to a celebration of the Truth and Reconciliation process. Greensboro's T&R process displayed, along with presentations from truth initiatives from elsewhere in the U.S. and other countries. An evening program will be devoted to honoring the Greensboro Justice Fund.

##### **Sunday, November 8, 2009:**

Commemoration program ends with an ecumenical service at Faith Community Church.

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