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Bro. Fairchild's Corner:

Washington, DC – September 27, 2014 - President Barack Obama announced that more than 100 mayors, county officials and tribal nations have accepted the "My Brother's Keeper Community Challenge." This is the next step, following President Obama's Fatherhood Initiative, in organizing and building upon the work of community leaders to improve outcomes for youth in America.

The Challenge is not a new federal program, but rather a call to action for leaders of communities across the Nation to build and execute comprehensive strategies that ensure:

- All children enter school cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally prepared;
- All children read at grade level by third grade;
- All young people graduate from high school;
- All young people complete post-secondary education or training;

- All youth out of school are employed; and
- All young people are safe from violent crime.



(Student/mentee thanks Brothers of Omega Psi Phi at Panel Discussion Moderated by Bro Thabiti Boone)

Brothers Thabiti Boone and Fairchild will meet with Broderick Johnson, Director of the President's My Brother's Keeper Initiative to determine how best the Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee can work with the President's My Brother's Keeper Initiative to achieve mutually agreed upon goals of enhancing the quality of life for Fathers, Families and Boys. Submitted by Brother Robert Fairchild.///



(Bro Boone with Mothers of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown)

This Newsletter

Washington, DC – September 27, 2014 – **This newsletter will share information from each District each quarter** about their Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiatives. It comes as a result of our collective desire to share what Chapters are doing world-wide to enhance, educate and engage fathers in closing the gap of father absence in the lives of their children; and, in mentoring primarily young African American men, helping them to live a life of aspiration, hope and productivity.

The process: District Fatherhood and Mentoring Chairmen are asked to submit *One Fatherhood Activity* and *One*

Mentoring Activity from their District for each quarter to: Brother George D. Taylor (geodtaylor@sbcglobal.net), International Fatherhood and Mentoring Committee, Marketing and Public Relations.

The submittal dates are as follows:
 December 15, 2014, for Publication January 1, 2015
 March 15, 2015, for Publication April 1, 2015
 June 15, 2015, for Publication September 1, 2015
 September 15, 2015, for Publication October 1, 2015
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(Rev Al Sharpton Speaks)

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Host Fatherhood Issues Forum

Washington, DC – September 25, 2014 – Several thousand constituents from across the country turned out in Washington, D.C. to hear from their congressional representatives and

attend Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Fatherhood Forum entitled: **Fatherhood: Impacting the Lives of Fathers, Men and Young Boys.** CBCF Issues Forum was hosted by CBC member and Brother the Honorable James Clyburn, III of South Carolina.

The conference was filled with evidence and information about the role and place of the father in the life of his children and family. Issues discussed included the work and role of the church, law, finance, relationship building, and just being there.

A strong challenge to the church was made by former NBA Player and author Etan Thomas who said, "Young people are not getting the mentorship they need in church."

The presentations ended with two students/mentees who expressed great thanks and appreciation for the male mentors who entered their lives.

Panel moderator Thabiti Boone, President Obama White House Champion of Change and the International Representative of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. led the national discussion with an impressive panel consisting of Brother Earl Wilson, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Etan Thomas, former NBA Player and Author, *Fatherhood: Rising to the Ultimate Challenge*;

Byron Hurt, Member Omega Psi Phi, Award-winning Filmmaker Speaker, Writer, Activist; L-Mani S Viney, Member, Kappa Alpha Psi, Director Guideright Mentoring Program; Kenrya Rankin Nassel, National Activist, Author African American Women Celebrate Fatherhood in the Age of Obama; Esau White, Student,

Howard University and member Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Also present and making opening remarks about the Forum and the role of the Fraternity was newly elected Grand Basileus, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Antonio F. Knox, Sr.

With him and seated in the audience were several members of the Fraternity including the immediate past Grand Basileus Dr. Andrew Ray and Brother Robert Fairchild, Chairman of the International Committee on Fatherhood and Mentoring of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Future Issues to Include:

An Omega Profile: (At least one personality from the committee will be featured)

From Around Omegaland:

Past Events by District:

Future Events by District:

College and University Outreach:

Partnership Collaborations:

Special Announcements:

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