

WILLINGBORO & VICINITY BRANCH NAACP



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***LEADING IN THE FIGHT FOR
EQUALITY, EQUITY AND JUSTICE***

Proudly serving the following municipalities: Beverly,
Burlington City, Burlington Township, Delanco, Delran,
Easthampton, Edgewater Park, Florence, Hainesport, Mt.
Holly, Riverside, Westhampton and Willingboro.

HISTORY OF THE WILLINGBORO & VICINITY BRANCH NAACP

BRANCH FOUNDING

The Willingboro & Vicinity Branch NAACP was founded by the late Dr. Charles Gibson of Burlington, and the late Mr. Arthur Waples, Sr. of Camden. It was established in 1940 in Burlington City at the home of Dr. Gibson, who served as the branch's first president. The executive committee consisted of a determined group of people, both black and white, who were active participants in the Civil Rights Movement. One of the branch's earliest and most successful acts of resistance led to the desegregation of Clair's Pharmacy in Burlington City, where Black people were prohibited from sitting at the lunch counter. Dr. Gibson and Mr. Waples organized a sit-in demonstration and the owner reopened the lunch counter, accepting Black people, on June 10, 1943.

MEMBERSHIP

In 1963, Rev. Willie R. James was elected president of the Willingboro & Vicinity Branch. He is the founder and former president of the Burlington County Community Action Partnership. Under his leadership, the branch's membership increased to 3000 members. He organized demonstrations resulting in the desegregation of public schools, banks, corporations and other businesses. Since then, there have been many presidents who have significantly contributed to our communities. In 1998, Rev. James was re-elected as president. He resigned in 2007 and is recognized as President Emeritus of the Willingboro & Vicinity Branch of

the NAACP. Most recent leaders and their terms of office are:

- 1990-1993: Lillian Williams
- 1993-1997: Beatrice H. Admore
- 1997-1998: Herman Robinson
- 1998-2007: Willie James
- 2011-2012: Reva Foster
- 2013-2016: Kyra Price
- 2017-2021: Samantha Whitfield
- 2021-present: William Weston, Jr.

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & COMMUNITY

Take your advocacy one step further. As a member of the NAACP, you're making it your personal goal to ensure that our community thrives in every aspect including education, economics, health and wellbeing, and racial justice. Thriving in the NAACP looks like:

- Providing scholarships for students, grants for Black entrepreneurs, and much-needed resources when disaster hits
- Fueling local volunteers who drive culture and change in communities across the country
- Amplifying the voice of Black America to make sure solutions to our most pressing issues are equitable
- Joining a committee and working with activists and organizers in local NAACP branches
- Organizing marches, rallies, and direct action campaigns to bring attention to local issues
- Supporting access to quality education, healthcare, economic opportunities
- Participating in voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns
- Attending national events, regional conferences, and trainings to sharpen your advocacy and leadership skills (offered at a discounted rate)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

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BRANCH GENERAL BODY MEETINGS

Please join the Willingboro & Vicinity Branch at our next general body meeting, held on the **second Tuesday of each month** on Zoom, and quarterly, in person, at the Mount Holly Friends Meetinghouse at 81 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060. **Meetings start at 7:00 PM.**

BRANCH CALENDAR & EVENTS:

<https://www.naacp-willingboro.org>

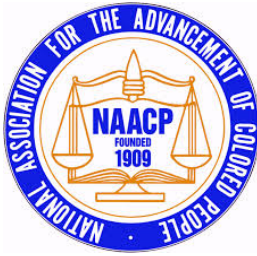
<https://www.naacp-willingboro.org/events>

NATIONAL UPDATES & TRAINING SESSIONS:

<https://naacp.org/sign-up>

NAACP STORE:

<https://naacpstore.org/>



ABOUT THE NAACP

Founded on February 12, 1909, the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is the nation's oldest, largest and most widely recognized grassroots-based civil rights organization. Its' more than half-million members and supporters throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization, and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

The vision of the NAACP is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

The principal objectives of the NAACP shall be:

- **To ensure** the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens
- **To achieve** equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States
- **To remove** all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes
- **To seek** enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights
- **To inform** the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination
- **To educate** persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise thereof, and to take any other lawful action in furtherance of these objectives, consistent with the NAACP's Articles of Incorporation and this Constitution.