

12th National Black Land Loss Summit

"Still Fighting, Still Farming, Still Eating"

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities,
against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world,
against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6:12



Hosted by
Black Farmers & Agriculturalists Association
The Concerned Citizens of Tillery
The Land Loss Fund

April 8-9, 2011

**Tillery Community Center
Tillery, NC**

&

**Halifax Community College
Weldon, NC**

"A Landless People Is A Hopeless People"

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Background

We emphasize that we are “still fighting” because for centuries, a fighting spirit has been essential to preserving Black landownership and land retention in America. This year’s Summit will help provide understanding and awareness for the origins, development, outcomes and repercussions of the historic *Pigford Class Action Lawsuit*; context for the issues that contribute to Black land loss; the economic effects of land loss on rural communities, and will also provide support and agrarian knowledge for Black farmers and landowners across the country. This year there will be action oriented plenaries focused on how to increase the number of young Black farmers, land use diversification, promoting rural community gardens as a means of building food sovereignty in “forgotten communities” and improving healthy eating among Black communities.

Black farmers have been struggling for decades to stay on their land and remain in farming. The Black Land Loss Summits are intended to help reverse the decline of the Black farmer by bringing recognition to the problems and working to regain lost land.

According to a December 2001 report, by then North Carolina **Congresswoman Eva Clayton**, presented to the Congressional Black Caucus entitled *A Summary of the Struggle for Fairness and Justice for Black Farmers*, in 1992 African Americans operated only 1 percent of the 1.9 million farms in the United States. Clayton states that, “One percent --- 18,816 --- is a paltry number when African Americans comprise 13 percent of the total American population. These numbers have declined since 1992”.

A separate article by Spencer D. Wood and Jess Gilbert published in the *The Reviews of Black Political Economy* (Spring 2000) entitled, “Returning African American Farmers to the Land: Recent Trends and a Policy Rational” states, “... the overall percentage loss from 1920-1997 of U.S. farms operated by Blacks is 98 percent, whereas the percentage loss for whites over the same period was only 65.8 percent.”

In 2010, Archie Hart of the N C Department of Agriculture stated, “This is a comment relative to all the helibolu about finding an offset for potential funding for Pigford 2... this is relevant to North Carolina but not exclusive. The comment is this -- how is the 70% loss of farms, 67% loss of land-nearly 300,000 acres or 1.2 billion dollars of lost assets to the African American community to be offset?”

The Concerned Citizens of Tillery’s Land Loss Fund: A Brief History

The Land Loss Fund (LLF) was organized in March 1983, with the impetus spirit and tenacity of Matthew and Florenza Moore Grant in Tillery, North Carolina. They brought together a racially mixed group of farmers, educators, academicians, social workers, businesspersons and other interested individuals to organize the Land Loss Fund as the threat to the historic Tillery Resettlement Farms, Halifax County, NC became evident. **LLF has since united with the Black Farmers & Agriculturalists Association (BFAA)**, a non-profit, grassroots, volunteer organization seeking to improve the social, educational and economic welfare of the people whose lives are being affected by the threat and the continued loss of family owned land, especially in rural African-American communities.

PAST SUMMITS:

- 1997 *Black Land Loss: And Then There Was None***
Keynote Speaker: Marcus Tillery, Ph.D., NC A&T State University
Special Attendees: U.S. Congresswoman Eva Clayton (NC-1), NC State Senator Frank Ballance
- 1998 *Committed to Saving African American Farmers, Landowners and Communities***
Keynote Speaker: U.S. Congresswoman Eva Clayton (NC-1)
- 1999 *Justice for Black Farmers***
*Workshops focused on **Pigford v. Glickman Consent Decree** and farmers' actions and strategies to rectify the ills of the Decree, as well as their long-term survival and the unification of family farmers across the nation. Educating youth was also a key issue.*
- 2002 *Steps To Healing the Land***
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Alton Thompson, Dean School of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences
NC A&T State University, Greensboro, NC
- 2003 *Controlling Our Destiny From the Land to the Man***
Kernersville, NC – Emory Campbell, Keynote speaker
- 2004 *Revitalizing the Black Family Farm to Rebuild Rural and Urban Communities***
Keynote Speaker: Stephon Bowens
- 2005 *Land Up Close and Personal - The Basis for Economic Development***
- 2006 *The Value of Land In a Post Katrina America***
- 2007 *Returning Black Farmers to the Land: A Gathering of Minds to Develop a New Strategy***
Keynote Speaker: Pearlie Reid, USDA
- 2008 *Ten Years After Pigford-Moving Forward***
USDA's Sherie Hinton, and Scott Mexic,
- 2009 *A Vision For The Future***
Welcome to North Carolina – Sen. Ed Jones, 4th NC Senatorial District
Rep. Angela Bryant, 7th NC House District
- 2010 *Save The Land – Benefit & Rally***

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMIT ARE TO ASSIST WITH

- Reversing African American agricultural land loss
- Increasing the number of Black farm families in operation
- Assisting petitioners in the appeal process under the Consent Decree
- Increasing awareness of the reparations issue
- Developing an inventory of what farm families produce
- Creating a directory of all Black landowners in both rural and urban areas
- Influencing and impacting agriculture education at the secondary and collegiate levels
- Help farmers diversify for success
- Begin the healing of family and children
- Exploring international opportunities for Black farmers

SUMMIT AGENDA

Friday, April 8, 2011

ARRIVAL, HOTEL CHECK IN, SUMMIT REGISTRATION FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2011

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| Arrival and Registration | 4:00pm | Tillery Community Center |
| 4:00 5:30 | Meet & Greet | Light Refreshments |
| | Tours of the Remembering Tillery History House | |
| 5:30pm | Showing & Discussion | |
| | Documentary – <i>We Shall Not Be Moved: The History of the Tillery Resettlement Farm</i> | |
| 6:30pm | Dinner (included in registration) | |
| 8:00pm | Head for Hotels for a Good Night's Rest | |

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011

Breakfast on Your Own

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| 8:45am – 9:00 | Registration | Call to Readiness | Welcomes |
| 9:00-11:00am | The Real Story of Pigford I and II – | | |
| | Gary R. Grant | Attorney Rose Sanders | Dr. Ridgley Mu'min, |
| | Portions of the Documentary – <i>The Snake In The Reparation's Grass</i> | | |

“History rewards all research.” We may choose to ignore it, but ignorance has its price. **By July** of 2001, approximately 40 percent of the class members in the Black farmers’ lawsuit against the USDA (Pigford v. Glickman) had been denied. Only \$8 million in debt relief had been forgiven of the over \$500 million that was forecasted. Only 500 million of the promised \$2.5 billion had been dispensed to the claimants. No stolen land had been returned to the Black farmers. Most of the farmers that went in Track B had been offered pennies on the dollars of damages caused by the USDA, and Attorney Alexander Pires is proclaimed as some type of hero. The Black farmers asked for their land back. Instead, they were offered \$50,000 and most, where were actual farmers, never got that. They had to prove individually that they were discriminated against as though they were not a “class.”

11:00

THE WISE CLASS ACTION

THE DENIAL OF CLASS CERTIFICATION AND ITS AFTERMATH

Presented By: Stephon J. Bowens, Attorney at Law of Bowens Law, PLLC

The Wise Plaintiffs filed a class action lawsuit against the United States, more specifically the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) on October 19, 2000, on behalf of a punitive class of African American and women farmers who alleged that USDA unlawfully discriminated against them on the basis of their race and/or gender as these small family farmers sought to obtain loans, loan servicing, or non credit related benefits, and that USDA further discriminatorily failed to process or investigate these farmers complaints of discrimination pursuant to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (“ECOA”), 15 USC § 1691 *et seq.*, and/or the Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”). Although ECOA contains a two year statute of limitations, Congress extended the statute of limitations for certain discrimination cases against USDA between January 1, 1981 and October 21, 2000. *See* 15 USC § 1691e(a) and 7 USC § 2297 Note: Congress extended the statute of limitations as a result of USDA’s unilateral dismantling of the civil rights investigative unit in the early 1980’s.

In 2008 the United States District Court in Washington, D.C. denied class certification in the *Wise* case. In subsequent months, the D.C. court returned the *Wise* Plaintiffs to the federal courts of North Carolina. Once class certification was denied the federal district courts of North Carolina severed the *Wise* Plaintiffs’ individual cases.

During the presentation we shall discuss in context the impact of the denial of class certification and severance of the cases in light of the most recent Supreme Court rulings affecting discrimination claims.

11:45

Summations & Preparations for Lunch

12 :00 Noon

LUNCH (included in registration)

1:00 – 1:30pm

"Living, Dying, and Thriving: Family Life and the USDA"

Dr. Waymon Hinson (OK)

Against the larger picture of white privilege, this presentation presents in clear terms the devastation to the African American farmer and family when facing the relentless pressure of discrimination and land loss. The impact of discrimination on the life and health of the farmer, spouse, and adult children will be presented. Factors which serve to protect the family against its destruction will also be explored.

1:30 – 2:00pm

Land Loss, Confusing Statistics, & Economics of Land Ownership

Dr. Spencer Wood, (KS)

This presentation will provide a statistical overview of what has happened to black-owned farms and farmland while also discussing how the definitions behind the statistics have changed. These changes, in many ways, are good ones, however they do make direct comparisons across years of the Agricultural Census difficult. Second, this presentation will discuss why land ownership is so important by distinguishing wealth from income and providing historical examples of how black-owned wealth has been crucial to the long struggle for

4:00pm

Building the Coop Buying Clubs with the City Cousins

Presenters - Dorathy Barker, Operation Spring
Plant and

Dr. Ridgley Mu'min, Muhammad Farms

4:30 – 5:30pm

Where Do We Go From Here? Planning for the Future

Gary R. Grant and Eddie Wise (NC), and Willie Wright, Research
Associate (TX)

Seemingly, not a lot has changed at USDA. While USDA secretaries and new administrations come and go and assure us that things are better and changes are being made, we are constantly being reminded by those who seek to use the USDA offices across the country that quite to the contrary things are still pretty much the same. BFAA and those who believe in its vision, principles and goals must reinvigorate for a battle that is far from over. This session will open up for ways to address the still discriminatory actions by USDA agents against Black farmers and other people of color as well as seeking ways to protect the “true family farm”, no matter what color.

5:30pm

Adjournment

A MAN CALLED MATTHEW AWARD



Honoring
Matthew Grant
August 25, 1918 – December 29, 2001
*Beloved Husband of
Florenza Moore Grant*

Matthew Grant was best known for his quiet strength, his unsuspecting humor and unpolished intellect; as a man of few words, a man who worshipped his family and as a man gifted with courage, insight, vision and of impeccable character. This generous successful farmer and invincible freedom fighter was a man of unwavering faith, and a man always looking for ways to lift his community educationally, politically, and economically. He was a man always anticipating the good in every person he knew and encountered.



(Photo taken 2000 by John Ficarra)
Moore-Grant Family Farm
Tillery, NC

About the Man for whom the Award is named...

Matthew Grant was born in Potecasi, (Northampton County) North Carolina, to Godwin and Dollie Bowser Grant. His father died when Matthew was six years old, and his mother re-married Linwood Edgar Earley, when Matthew was twelve years old. His birth, 50 years after slavery and Reconstruction, and just prior to World War II and the ensuing Great Depression, held deep and abiding political significance.

As the youngest of nine siblings, the depressed rural atmosphere of his home and school was alive with oral history about slave ships from Africa docking off the coast of the Atlantic Ocean, and the auctioning of slaves in nearby Murfreesboro. There were long arduous hours in expansive fields just miles away from Nat Turner's Bloody Revolt in Southampton County, Virginia, and just acres away from the treacherous Dismal Swamp where slave ancestors once found their only mortal escape.

Even though the Grant family owned their own farmland, former slave plantations flourished as unscrupulous "share-cropping" and day labor camps for Black farm workers. A string of 23 eastern North Carolina counties had been born literally overnight, stretching from the northernmost tip of the state back to Raleigh, and out to the eastern shores of the Atlantic Ocean.

It was from this backdrop that Matthew met and married his beloved wife, Florenza Moore in 1940, forming a partnership that was as political as it was loving and romantic. These two resourceful and assertive visionaries were individual in their personalities and persona, and formidable in their unified pursuit of justice and economic freedom.

Their goal was to educate their six children and other nieces and nephews, who through different family hardships grew up in the Grant home. Matthew and Florenza acquired their first farmland in Tillery, North Carolina under then President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "New Deal Resettlement Project" in January, 1947. By the early 1970's the Halifax County FmHA plan to take back black-owned land was well underway.

The Grant Family fought back.

The effective struggle against racism at FmHA and USDA for the past 30 plus years, by Matthew Grant and others, led to more than 12,000 black farmers being awarded more than \$600 million dollars in federal reparations. The compensations were not nearly enough.

With all that the Grant Family helped to accomplish for other black farmers, their agreement with USDA for reparations, signed in 1996, has yet to be honored.

Matthew and Florenza's, "House By The Side of the Road" served as a haven of security, love and education for the weary and the brokenhearted; for students and researchers of many nationalities and cultures from around the world. It was a loving and peaceful place to convalesce and to die for their elderly parents and finally for Matthew and Florenza in 2001, within five months of each other. The bodies of this loving couple are entombed in a marble sarcophagus where their vegetable garden use to be on their farm in Tillery

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A Man Called Matthew Award

A Man Called Matthew Award was established in 1988 in honor of Matthew Grant, veteran farmer and entrepreneur. Matthew was graduated from Potecasi Elementary School, April 19, 1935, and was graduated as one of the “Best All Around Students” from Creecy High School, Rich Square, North Carolina, May, 1939. He obtained a certified machinist degree from Hampton Institute (now Hampton University), Hampton, Virginia in 1942, and earned his certified Barber’s License from Harris Barber College in Raleigh, North Carolina in 1960.

The Award is Designed to pay tribute to other outstanding individuals who support community-based economic development through African American land retention, family farm sustainability, and the development of youth entrepreneurial leadership.

Past recipients include:

Frank Ballance, Jr., (1988) NC – Attorney, former NC State Representative

Anita Earp, (1990) NC – Staff Attorney for Land Loss Prevention Project

Steve Wing (1997) NC - Associate Professor and Epidemiologist, UNC-CH

Timothy Pigford, (1999) NC - Farmer and lead Plaintiff in the now historic

Pigford vs. Glickman and USDA class action.

Eddie Slaughter (2002) GA - Farmer and 1st Vice-President of BFAA

Stephon Bowens, Esq., (2003) NC - Executive Director

Land Loss Prevention Project

Mikki Sager (2005) NC - Director The Conservation Fund

Ridgley Muhammad (2006) GA - Muhammad Farms - Nation of Islam

Lloyd Wright (2007) MD - USDA’s Civil Rights Division

Spencer Wood (2008) KS – Professor of Sociology

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Agriculturalists Association (BFAA - 1997), the Executive Director of the internationally acclaimed Concerned Citizens of Tillery (CCT) for the past thirty-two years, the director of the National Land Loss Fund (LLF), and Director of the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network (NCEJN). The son of the late Matthew and Florenza Moore Grant (deceased 2001); Mr. Grant was reared on a family farm in the New Deal Community of Tillery Farms, located in Halifax County, North Carolina. Holder of a BA degree from North Carolina College (now NC Central University), Durham, NC, Mr. Grant was a teacher in the Tillery community, Halifax County School System for 12 years, and also worked with the New York City

Department of Human Services at one time. Grant has appeared on CBS' 60 Minutes' "Pork Power" in 1996, several appearances on North Carolina Public Television's NOW, and has appeared on numerous other media. He has authored and co-authored several papers on the decline of the Black farmers in America including, "And Then There Were None" and "The Last Plantation: Black Farmers and Racism." He has also co-authored several papers on the destruction of the environment by corporate hog growing facilities. Grant delivered the 2009 commencement address to the graduating class at the school of public health at UNC Chapel Hill, "Social Responsibility in the Age of Obama." He is also featured in the documentary *Environmental Heroes*, aired March 2010 on UNC Public Television.

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Faya Rose Toure

- Faya Rose Toure is a civil rights attorney, education activist, songwriter, and playwright living in Selma, Alabama. She is the mother of three children.
- She is president and co-founder of the 21st Century Leadership project for youth across the South. 21st Century uses the L.A.C.E. (Leadership - Academics - Culture - Economics) philosophy.
- Rose Sanders was Alabama's first African American woman judge.
- Rose Sanders has also co-founded CARE (Coalition of Alabamians Reforming Education). In response to CARE's recommendation, Rose Sanders was appointed

by the Governor of Alabama to co-chair the state Commission of Standards, Performance and Accountability which is drawing up a blueprint for education reform in Alabama.

- Rose Sanders co-founded McRae Learning Center where children learn to read at age 3 and 4.

- Also, she has co-founded the National Summit Against Tracking and the Miseducation of Children which convened at Spellman College in Atlanta, Georgia, in the fall of 1996.



Dr. Ridgley Mu'min and Sister Ann Muhammad

Dr. Ridgley Abdul Mu'min (Muhammad) was born in Winston-Salem, N.C. in 1951. He received his bachelors and masters degrees in Agricultural Economics from N.C. A&T State University. He received his Ph. D. in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University. He has a minor in Finance with a specialty in Systems Science. He was an Assistant Professor of

Agricultural Economics and Principle Investigator on small farm research projects at North Carolina A&T. Along with numerous papers and publications he has written four books. He writes feature articles in the Final Call Newspaper and other Black newspapers related to food security and the survival of the Black farmer. He lectures at colleges and universities on the African origins of agriculture and the agricultural functions of the pyramids of Ancient Egypt along with giving food security and survival seminars to churches and community organizations.

Dr. Ridgley is presently the Minister of Agriculture and farm manager of a 1600 acre farm southwest Georgia owned by the Nation of Islam. He is also the Agricultural Economist and Vice-President of the National Black Farmers and Agriculturists Association. He is the founder of the Kemetic Research Institute of Science and Technology located in Bronwood, Ga.

He has been a guest lecturer at a number of colleges and universities such as City College of New York, N.C. A&T, Georgia Tech, N.C. State, Virginia Tech and Duke.

He has been a guest on a number of syndicated radio talk shows such as the Gary Byrd Show, the John Arnold Show, the Tom Pope Show and Democracy Now Resistance Radio. He is a frequent guest on the Patricia Crayton TV Show. On behalf of the Black farmers in their struggle against the USDA, he has testified in Federal Court, the Congressional Black Caucus and the House Agricultural Subcommittee. Books published include: "Amen: The Secret Waters of the Great Pyramid", "Image of the Beast", "No Farms, No Food", "I Will Not Apologize: Resurrection of the Master Architect" and "Recipes For/From Life".

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Stephon J. Bowens, Esquire

Stephon J. Bowens is a native of Raleigh, North Carolina. He completed his undergraduate education at North Carolina State University in May of 1990. While in undergraduate school he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, with a minor in Business Management and a certification in Criminal Justice. He is a graduate of North Carolina Central University School of Law, class of 1994, where he distinguished himself academically by receiving the American Jurisprudence Award for the highest academic achievement in Professional Responsibility. He has carried forward that same regard for ethics and professionalism in the practice of law. He is a 1996-1997 Education Policy Fellow with the Institute for Educational Leadership based in Washington, D.C., and sponsored

locally by The Public School Forum. He is a former member of the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Law Section Council of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Mr. Bowens is licensed to practice in the state and federal courts of North Carolina and the federal courts of Washington, D.C. He has appeared and argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the District of Columbia Circuit, as well as the North Carolina Court of Appeals. His practice areas include agricultural, education, civil, business and commercial litigation, administrative and regulatory law, local government, land use, and real estate law, government relations, environmental, civil rights, and housing law.

Mr. Bowens is presently the managing member of Bowens Law, PLLC, where he practices full time with his colleague, Ms. Saleisha N. Williams. He is a former associate with Blanchard, Miller, Lewis, and Styers, P.A., and the former Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers' Land Loss Prevention Project.

Waymon Hinson



Waymon Hinson is a family psychologist who currently lives in Oklahoma. He earned his doctorate from the University of Mississippi in 1982 and was on the faculty at Ohio Valley University and Abilene Christian University from 1982 to 2008. He currently serves as adjunct faculty at Alliant International University, San Diego, CA. He has been involved as a researcher and advocate for African American farmers and families since 1993. He has presented at local, state, and national conferences on white privilege, the history of Black farming in the US, and the impact of discrimination by the USDA on the health and well-being of farmers and their families. He presently works in family policy development for the Chickasaw Nation.

Spencer D. Wood



Spencer D. Wood, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of Sociology in the Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work Department at Kansas State University with teaching and research responsibilities in inequality and research methods. Wood's research specialty is in racial and ethnic inequality and the sociology of food and agriculture. He is currently participating in several projects promoting food production networks, urban agriculture, and health disparities. Dr. Wood is an affiliate of the American Ethnic Studies program at Kansas State University and part of the technical advisory committee of the North Central Region of SARE. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2006.

Dorathy E. Barker



Mrs. Dorathy Barker is an African American female farmer, and has lived in Oxford, North Carolina since 1976. Mrs. Barker is a co-founder of Operation Spring Plant, Inc. (OSP). She is currently the Executive Director for OSP, where she has been actively involved in all OSP programs and has been a major contributor in each of the organizational accomplishments.

Mrs. Barker's professional objective is to act as a leader and advocate for economically distressed rural farmers and farm families in North Carolina and the Southeast. Mrs. Barker spends the majority of her time addressing the needs and concerns of socially disadvantaged Americans, limited resource and small family farmers in her outreach service to the community. Mrs. Barker has traveled nationally and internationally promoting food safety and food sovereignty, and is currently managing a staff of six persons.

The mission of Operation Spring Plant Inc. is to provide an environmentally safe food product, technical and financial assistance to minority, limited resource and small family farmers, who need to engage in timely seasonal planting activities; and who need marketing outlets for the sale of their crops and to sustain their farming livelihood and operation.

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Crystal Matthews is a Staff Attorney at the Land Loss Prevention Project (LLPP) located in Durham, NC. Matthews, a 2008 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law, joined LLPP in October, 2008. Since that time, Matthews has handled a variety of land-related cases, including foreclosure prevention, estate planning, heir property issues, boundary disputes, and several others under LLPP's SmartGrowth Business Center. Matthews' Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill formed the foundation for Matthews' desire to handle the business-related cases. The purpose of her presentation will be to highlight LLPP's history and accomplishments, as well as to introduce the SmartGrowth Business Center as a resource for low-resource North Carolina farmers and landowners.

Scott Muhammad



Scott Muhammad has been teaching agriculture to children since 2002. He apprenticed with Marcellus Brooks and Rev. James Bevel in Pembroke, Illinois, cultivating assorted vegetables on 20 acres of organic land. He managed the Greene County Farmers Market in Alabama in 2009 where he developed a relationship with the county's farmers. Muhammad co-directs Students for Education and Economic Development (SEED Inc) in Eutaw, Alabama with his wife, Erica Henry. SEED operates an 8-week summer Farm School for

children and will be initiating a 16-week Apprenticeship Program this season matching adult apprentices with master farmers in Greene County, Alabama.

We have deluded ourselves into believing the myth that
capitalism grew and prospered out of
the Protestant ethic of hard work and sacrifices.
Capitalism was built on the exploitation of black slaves
and continues to thrive on the exploitation of the poor.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

THANK YOU for participating in the 12th **National Black Land Loss Summit**. The Summits are a valuable educational tool not only for farmers but also for the general public. Farm groups, advocates, academics and supporters from all across the country attend the Summits, enriching the experience for all. We especially want to recognize Barbara Reynolds Demery, Doris Taylor Davis, and Naeema Muhammad, the staff of the Land Loss Fund, for their hard work. Thanks also to our sponsors and financial supporters, we appreciate your contribution. But most of all thank you for attending the Summit. By coming together our resolve is strengthened, our spirits renewed, and our commitment to justice emboldened.

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