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*Activists Building Community
Relationships in the South*

ABOUT SARN

Mission Statement

SARN develops campaigns and projects in the South to end racial disparities in criminal justice, economic opportunities, education, environmental justice and health care. We're a network of activists who cross the lines of race, gender, class, age and immigration status to challenge divisions in the movement to end white supremacy.

Our History

SARN originates from the Challenging White Supremacy Workshop (CWS) Online. When the online workshop ended in December 1998, approximately 20 Southern participants in 7 states organized the founding conference of SARN. The conference was held in June 1999 at the historic Highlander Center in New Market Tennessee.



1999 SARN founding conference

For the first decade, SARN activism included labor-community organizing through Triangle Jobs with Justice; closing the education achievement gap through Strong Parental Involvement in Community Education (SPICE); and the Ella Baker Tour from 2008-2010 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

In December 2010, SARN made the leap of faith to expand into AL, GA and SC. Theresa El-Amin moved to Columbus GA to work on the expansion. In 2011, SARN recruited over 20 new members in Georgia and established a regional board of directors. Thanks to support of the UNC School of Law, SARN received its tax exempt IRS letter in October 2012.

CONVERSATION ON RACE

SARN is a regional membership organization founded in 1999 based in Durham NC. SARN expanded to Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama in 2010.

"Conversation on Race" is our signature community forum. In summer 2014, building on the "Case for Reparations" by Ta-Nehesi Coates (The Atlantic, June 2014), a "Conversation on Race and Reparations" was held in Durham and Columbus supported by William "Sandy" Darity (Duke) and Akinyele Umoja (GSU).

Conversations on "race and criminal justice", "race and economic inequality", "race and education", "race and environment/housing" and "race and health care" have been organized.



Conversations on race and criminal justice were held in October 2014 and November 2014 in Durham and Columbus respectively.

"Conversation on Law Enforcement and Community Trust" is scheduled for January 27 in Columbus GA. (www.projectsarn.org)

Conversations on race and economic inequality scheduled for February 19 and February 24 in Columbus and Durham, respectively.

Agitate, Educate, Organize!

FORWARD TOGETHER!

SARN joined the HKonJ (Historic Thousands on Jones Street) coalition founded by the North Carolina NAACP State Conference in 2006. The movement to change public policies using a 14-point legislative agenda became the Moral Monday movement with non-violent civil disobedience at school board meetings in Raleigh NC and at the North Carolina Legislative Building on Jones Street in Raleigh.

The Moral Monday movement gained national attention under the leadership of Reverend William Barber, President of the NC NAACP State Conference. In 2014, Moral Monday Georgia formed. SARN joined MMGA to support

legislative priorities for voting rights, workers rights, quality education for all, access to quality health care, and reforms to juvenile justice and criminal justice policies that deny human rights to formerly incarcerated citizens.



On Sunday, March 8, 2015, SARN will join thousands at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma AL to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday in 1965.

We pledge to move forward to protect the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement. We will take...

NOT ONE STEP BACK!