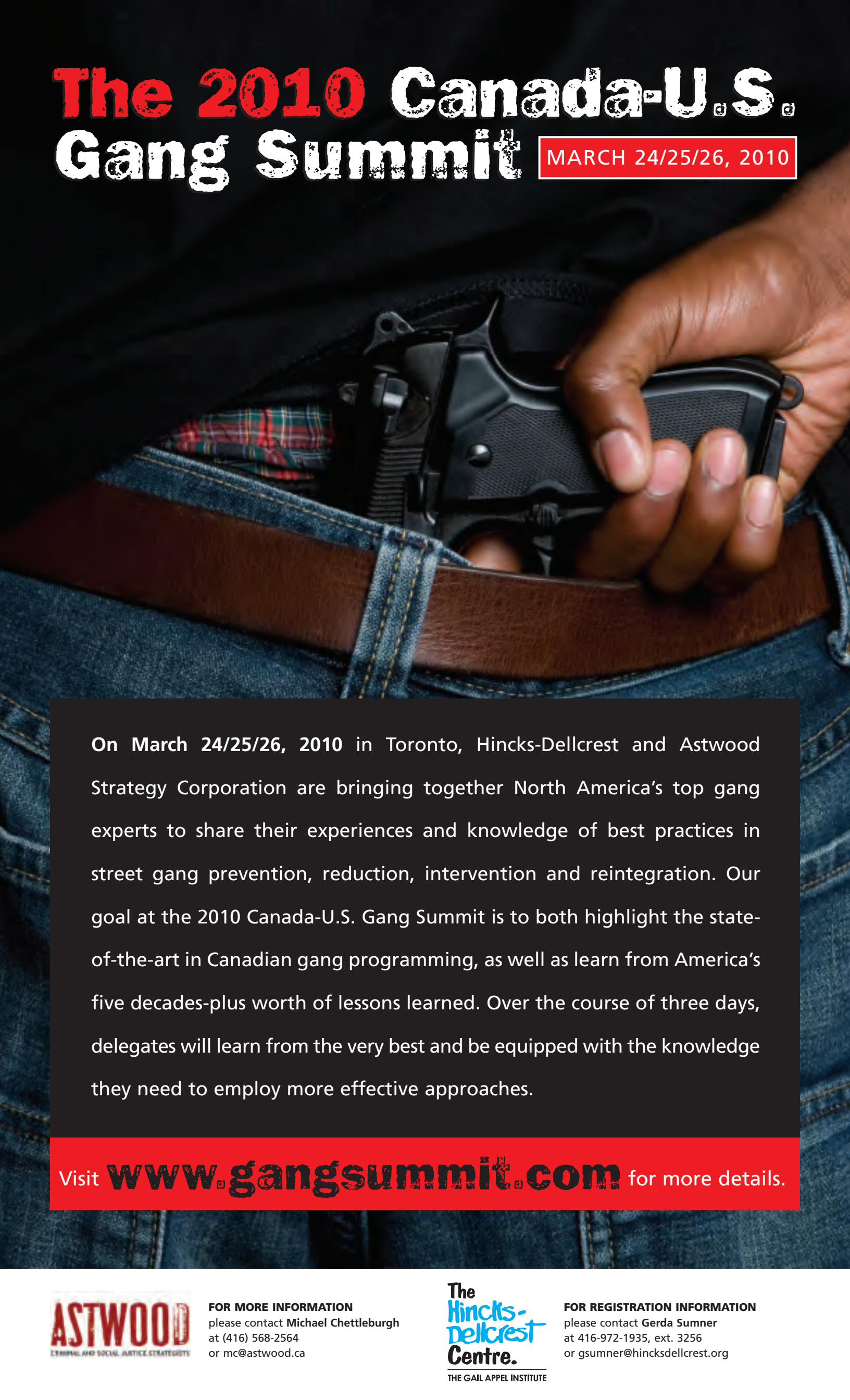


# The 2010 Canada-U.S. Gang Summit

MARCH 24/25/26, 2010



On March 24/25/26, 2010 in Toronto, Hincks-Dellcrest and Astwood Strategy Corporation are bringing together North America's top gang experts to share their experiences and knowledge of best practices in street gang prevention, reduction, intervention and reintegration. Our goal at the 2010 Canada-U.S. Gang Summit is to both highlight the state-of-the-art in Canadian gang programming, as well as learn from America's five decades-plus worth of lessons learned. Over the course of three days, delegates will learn from the very best and be equipped with the knowledge they need to employ more effective approaches.

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## TEAM U.S.A.



**Dr. Irving Spergel, Professor Emeritus, University of Chicago School of Social Services Administration.**

Dr. Spergel is the world's leading gang researcher, first working with gang members in New York City in 1952. Over the span of his distinguished career, Dr. Spergel has written more than 100 books, articles, monographs, and other publications. His major contribution is the internationally acclaimed and U.S. Department of Justice and Canadian NCPC endorsed "Spergel Model," which calls for a coordinated approach that encompasses law enforcement, community groups, schools, social service agencies, and governmental organizations.



**Father Gregory Boyle, Executive Director, Homeboy Industries**

Established in 1988 in East Los Angeles and well chronicled in the international media, including CBS's 60 Minutes, Father Gregory Boyle runs the world's largest and most successful gang intervention program, the \$10 million a year Homeboy Industries, which boasts over 350 former gang members as employees in several non-profit businesses, including Homeboy Bakery, Homeboy Silkscreen, Homeboy Maintenance, Homeboy Merchandise, and Homegirl Café. A renowned speaker and gang consultant to major governments, Father Greg has worked with thousands of gang members in his career and is the leading North American advocate on gang member redemption and reintegration.



**Lisa Taylor-Austin, Gang Expert Witness and Psychotherapist, USA**

Lisa Taylor-Austin is a court approved criminal street gang expert witness in 14 states and is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Connecticut, a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in New York, a Nationally Certified Counselor and a National Forensic Evaluator. She began her career working with gang members of some of the most notorious gangs in California (Santa Monicas, V13, Culver City Boyz, Helms Street, Crips and Pirus) and has over the course of her career worked with over 2,000 gang members in a mental health and trauma counselling, conflict resolution, and gang exit/renunciation role. Frequently quoted in the American media, Lisa's particular expertise is the culture, psychology, language and structure of criminal street gangs in the United States.

**Abdul Malik Aziz, Co-Chair, National Exhoodus Council, Philadelphia, USA**

A former gang leader and drug dealer from Philadelphia who spent 14 years of his life behind bars, Malik Aziz is founder of the National Exhoodus Council (NEC), a nationwide campaign comprised of formerly incarcerated individuals who have emerged from the criminal, drug or gang culture and are now coordinating community-based prevention, intervention and re-integration programs in more than 50 U.S. cities. Since founding Exhoodus, Malik and his team have worked with thousands of at risk and gang involved youth, informing them of the dangers of gangs and a criminal lifestyle and providing the tools they need to make healthy decisions.

**Derrick Johnson, Co-Chair, National Exhoodus Council**

Derrick Johnson, a.k.a. "Pastor D", is also co-founder of the National Exhoodus Council and is testimony to the notion that one can be redeemed from prison to a position of power and influence. At 17, he was convicted of a fatal shooting and later at 31, for robbery, and spent almost 13 years inside prison, 6 of those in solitary confinement. He is president and founder of The Prison Brake Network (PBN), which helps ex-convicts make a successful re-entry into society, and is pastor of one of the fastest growing churches in Delaware.



**Jack A. Cole, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition**

Jack Cole knows about the war on drugs from several perspectives. Cole retired as a Detective Lieutenant after a 26-year career with the New Jersey State Police. For twelve of those years Cole worked as an undercover narcotics officer. His investigations spanned the spectrum of possible cases, from street drug users and mid-level drug dealers in New Jersey to international "billion-dollar" drug trafficking organizations. After retiring, Cole dealt with the emotional residue left from his participation in the unjust war on drugs by working to reform current drug policy and currently heads LEAP, made up of current and former members of the law enforcement and criminal justice communities who are speaking out about the failures of our existing drug policies.



## TEAM CANADA



**Dr. Anthony Hutchinson, Executive Director, Brampton Neighbourhood Resource Centre.**

As a former homeless youth and street gang member in Vancouver and Toronto who turned his life around to become a University Professor and now head of the Peel Region's largest front line human services organizations, Anthony Hutchinson's story of redemption is breathtaking. Anthony was instrumental in establishing two successful programs for gang-involved youth, the ROSE Program and Hoodlinc, and over the course of his career, has worked with hundreds of gang involved youth. A recipient of many awards, including most recently Planet Africa's Community Development Award, Dr. Hutchinson will inspire and motivate you to think differently about gangs and gang members.



**Rick Osborne, Director, Youth Mentorship, Astwood Strategy Corporation.**

By all rights, Rick Osborne should not be alive today to tell his story, yet he is. Rick descended from a life as a comfortable upper middle class teenager to a runaway, drug addict, rape victim, street gang member, full patch member of one of the world's most feared outlaw motorcycle clubs and eventually to a 25 year federal prison veteran. Surviving several attempts on his life, Rick remarkably was able to exit the gang, turn his life around, and use it for productive purpose to help youth avoid his many mistakes. Rick's compelling story is matched by his speaking style, and will leave an indelible impression on delegates for years to come.



**Theresa Campbell, Director of Safe Schools, Surrey District School Board**

Theresa Campbell is a recognized national and international expert on school safety and school-based risk and threat assessment. Over the course of her career, Theresa has developed comprehensive, multi-disciplinary tools and programs that address substance use, violence, gangs, bullying and other issues, and currently is implementing the NCPC-funded Surrey Wrap program, which targets gang involved youth and their families in Surrey B.C. In 2007 she was recognized by the NCPC for her innovation and creativity in crime prevention and in August 2008 in the United States, was awarded the prestigious Frederic Milton Thrasher Award for Superior Service in Gang Prevention.



**Larry Morrisette, Executive Director, Winnipeg Aboriginal Youth Housing Renovation Project/ Ojijita Pimatiswin Kinamatwin**

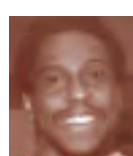
Profiled extensively in the national media, Larry Morrisette is one of Canada's leading gang exit professionals, with a special expertise working with First Nations and Métis gang members.

A former North Winnipeg gang member and troubled youth himself, Larry has dedicated his professional career to helping hardcore members of perhaps Canada's largest street gang, the Indian Posse, exit the gang life through elder mentorship, re-connecting with Native culture, and the teaching of highly marketable home renovation skills.



**John Sawdon, Executive Director, Canadian Training Institute**

John Sawdon is a leading Canadian expert in street gangs, conflict resolution, crisis intervention, trauma support, workplace safety and violence prevention. In 1983, he founded the Canadian Training Institute to provide training, research and consulting assistance in these areas to justice and human services organizations, and in 2004, established the country's most successful gang exit program, Breaking the Cycle, which has helped 150-plus young people from Toronto's most dangerous communities leave their street gang.



**Jam Johnson, Executive Director, neighbourhood basketball association, Toronto**

Growing up in Montreal with a talent for basketball, Jam landed scholarships to two Division 1 colleges in the United States but instead, chose to apply his talents within his community which was dealing with acute violence. However, harsh financial realities resulted in Jam using his natural charisma to become a full-fledged, street-smart hustler with a network of drug-dealing friends numbering in the hundreds. Later, he managed to exit the drug business and return to working with marginalized youth. He is a founder of the acclaimed H.O.O.D.L.I.N.C. (Helping Out Others Develop Life in Neighbouring Communities) Youth Organization and R.O.S.E. (Real Opportunities For Success in Education) program and in 2008, Jam established his own registered charitable organization, neighbourhood basketball association, to address the serious issues affecting at-risk youth and those involved with street gangs.



## SPECIAL FEATURES

### **CBC Moderated Debate:**

#### **Drug Policy in North America: A War on Drugs or a War on Reason?**

The gang problem is inextricably linked with the illicit drug problem, an industry estimated to produce \$100 billion plus in illegal revenues for gangsters every year in North America. The 2010 Canada-U.S. Gang Summit will be concluded with a stimulating debate about the pros and cons of North American drug policy, moderated by a well-known CBC personality, and featuring Jack Cole, Executive Director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) and a Canadian law enforcement executive (TBD).

### **Homie Panel:**

#### **Stories from Inside the Gang**

In this moderated panel discussion, two Homeboy Industries employees and former gangsters from Los Angeles' most gang infested communities of East and South Central L.A. will join two former Canadian gangsters – Andrew Bacchus, a former leader of the Vice Lords Gang in Toronto's Jane-Finch and Junior Moar, a former member of the Zig Zag Crew from North Winnipeg and now Canada's light heavyweight boxing champ – who will share their stories and highlight their path to redemption.

### **Awards Ceremony:**

#### **Irving A. Spergel Award of Excellence**

Astwood Strategy Corporation will be awarding one Canadian and one American with the first ever Irving A. Spergel Award of Excellence, recognizing a career of exceptional achievement in gang prevention, intervention, provision of social opportunities and community mobilization.

### **Delegate Opinion Survey:**

#### **Help Shape Gang Policy in Canada!**

Each one of our delegates will be issued a credit card sized remote polling device at registration. During the course of the Summit, a series of 60 to 80 key policy questions will be issued to their entire delegation. Once prompted, delegates will use their polling device to answer each question, with results summarized in real time. At the end of the Summit, a summary of findings will be produced and sent to key federal, provincial and territorial policymakers across the country.

### **Voices from the Hood:**

#### **Spoken Word Performance**

Day One will be capped by a spoken word performance from several youth from Toronto's highest risk communities. Through their compelling poetry, these young people will reveal life in the hood and in the gang and their stories of survival.

### **Poster Presentations:**

#### **Profiling Innovative and Emerging Community-Based Gang Programs**

The 2010 Canada-U.S. Gang Summit will feature a selection of poster presentations from organizations and other front line social services that deliver innovative and promising gang prevention, intervention, re-integration and community mobilization agencies.

### **Meet and Greet:**

#### **Networking Opportunities**

Join us for lunchtime and after hours networking sessions, where you can meet our speakers and network with other gang practitioners.



# SUMMIT PROGRAM

DAY ONE – Wednesday, March 24	DAY TWO – Thursday, March 25	DAY THREE – Friday, March 26
<b>7:30 Registration</b>	<b>8:30 Day Two Opening and Polling</b>	<b>8:30 Day Three Opening and Polling</b>
<b>8:30 Summit Grand Opening and Welcome to Delegation</b> Michael C. Chettleburgh, Conference Chair	<b>8:45 Opening Keynote:</b> Dr. Irving A. Spergel, Professor Emeritus, University of Chicago School of Social Services Administration	<b>8:45 Opening Keynote:</b> Dr. Leena Augimeri, Director, Centre for Children Committing Offences, Toronto
<b>9:15 Opening Keynote, Lessons Learned From the World's Most Successful Gang Exit Program:</b> Father Gregory Boyle, Executive Director, Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles, USA	<b>9:45 Truth for Teens:</b> Rick Osborne, Director, Astwood Strategy Corporation	<b>9:45 2000 Gang Members and Counting:</b> Lisa Taylor-Austin, Psychotherapist and Gang Expert, Milford, Connecticut, USA
<b>10:15 Refreshment Break and Poster Session</b>	<b>10:30 Refreshment Break and Poster Session</b>	<b>10:30 Refreshment Break and Poster Session</b>
<b>10:45 Breaking the Cycle:</b> John Sawdon, Executive Director, Canadian Training Institute	<b>10:45 USA Speaker</b> TBD visit <a href="http://www.gangsummit.com">www.gangsummit.com</a>	<b>11:00 Straight Talk - Key Factors for Success on the Front Line:</b> Andrew Bacchus, Vice President, Astwood Strategy Corporation, Toronto, Ontario
<b>11:30 Observations From the 'Hood and the Field:</b> Dr. Anthony Hutchinson, Executive Director, Brampton Neighbourhood Resource Centre	<b>11:30 Working with High Risk Youth on the Frontlines:</b> Jam Johnson, Executive Director, neighbourhood basketball association, Toronto	<b>11:30 Moderated Debate, Drug Policy in North America: A War on Drugs or a War on Reason?</b>
<b>12:00 Lunch (on your own) and Poster Session</b>	<b>12:00 Catered Networking Lunch and Poster Presentation</b>	<b>1:00 Conference Close</b>
<b>1:30 Homeboy Panel:</b> Four reformed gang members will share their compelling stories and describe their path to redemption.	<b>1:30 1st Annual Irving A. Spergel Award of Excellence Ceremony</b>	
<b>3:00 Refreshment Break and Poster Session</b>	<b>2:00 Canada's Dirty Little Secrets:</b> Larry Morrissette, Executive Director, Winnipeg Aboriginal Youth Housing Renovation Project/Ogijita Pimatiswin Kinamatwin	
<b>3:30 School-Based Risk and Threat Assessment:</b> Theresa Campbell, Director of Safe School, Surrey District School Board	<b>2:45 Refreshment Break and Poster Session</b>	
<b>4:15 Voice From the 'Hood - Spoken Word Presentation:</b> Introduction by Pamela Grant, Executive Director, Youth Challenge Fund, Toronto	<b>3:15 The Power of Redemption:</b> Abdul Malik Aziz and "Pastor D" Derrick Johnson, Co-Chairs, National Exhoodus Council, Philadelphia, USA	
<b>5:00 Polling and Day One Adjournment</b>	<b>4:15 Polling and Opinion Surveying</b>	
	<b>4:30 Day Two Adjournment</b>	

