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CBCF to Host its 47th Annual Legislative Conference

Exploring today's issues from an African American perspective, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference (ALC) is set to take place September 20 - 24, 2017 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington D.C. This year's theme is: And Still I Rise.

This year's event is expected to attract more than 10,000 participants from around the nation and will offer 100 forums on public policy issues facing African Americans and the global black community. The conference theme, "And Still I Rise" reflects a legacy of resilience that emphasizes the collective strength of the black community to rise above continued racial inequalities. Congresswoman Robin Kelly of Illinois and Congressman Marc Veasey of Texas will serve as honorary co-chairs of this year's conference. In addition, Presiding Bishop of the

Church of God in Christ, Inc. (COGIC), Charles Edward Blake Sr. and legendary GRAMMY® award-winning powerhouse, Pastor Shirley Caesar are set to headline the Annual Legislative Conference (ALC) Prayer Breakfast.

The ALC is also a time to network and have fun! Networking and special events include the Exhibit Showcase with an on-site employment fair and free health screenings; the Prayer Breakfast, National Town Hall, Gospel Extravaganza, the Annual Celebration of Leadership in the Fine Arts, which honors the contributions of individuals in the performing and visual arts who have influenced our history and inspired generations; and the culminating event, the Phoenix Awards Dinner, which supports the Foundation's mission critical programs including education, economic development, health and research.



**Black
PRWire**

Launches a

**Church
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-Deadline to submit is September 15th-

Calling all churches and ministries! Black PR Wire, the nation's first and largest Black news distribution wire service, is launching a *Church Directory* and wants you to be included! An online resource booklet, the *Church Directory* will allow churches throughout the nation to promote their ministry and services.

"Black PR Wire welcomes all faith-based ministries to be listed in the *Church Directory*," says Bernadette Morris, CEO of Black PR Wire. "This is a great opportunity for churches to increase visibility.

It also enables faith-believers to discover a church home online."

Churches and ministries interested in being listed in the online directory may download and complete the form listed found on blackprwire.com, then submit it to bmorris@blackprwire.com. Deadline for submission is September 15, 2017. The directory will be available starting October 2017. All listings are free of charge.

For more information on being listed, please call 1-877-BLACKPR.



Black PR Wire, Inc. is a premier news distribution service center that delivers to the very core and pulse of the Black community. The company holds a comprehensive listing of over 1,200 Black-owned

publications and media, as well as provides services to social service and grassroots organizations and influential leaders throughout the United States and the Caribbean. Plus, we provide our services in

English and Creole. To find out more about Black PR Wire, Inc., call us toll free at 1-877-BlackPR or visit the website at: WWW.BLACKPRWIRE.COM.

"There is POWER in the Wire... At Black PR Wire, we distribute the news our media can use!"

POWER PROFILER: SUZANNE SHANK, CHAIRWOMAN, CEO AND FOUNDING PARTNER, SIEBERT CISNEROS SHANK & CO., LLC

A 29-year veteran of the financial services industry, Suzanne Shank is the Chairwoman, CEO and Founding Partner of Siebert Cisneros Shank & Co, one of the nation's top minority and woman owned investment firms. During her tenure as CEO, Siebert Cisneros Shank has grown from a start-up firm in 1996 to one which has completed over \$1.2 trillion in financings for municipal issuers and \$1 trillion in corporate bond and equity transactions. The firm holds the distinction of being the top ranked minority and woman owned municipal bond underwriter for 18 years and the first to be ranked in the top 10 among all firms as lead manager. Shank has crafted financing structures, credit strategies and investor outreach plans for numerous large- scale municipal bond issuers nationally. As CEO, Shank manages the financial, regulatory, and operational aspects of the firm in addition to selected client coverage.

Prior to her financial services career, Shank was a Structural Engineer for General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division, working on noise mitigation projects. While there, she served as an interface with the United States Navy, assisting with negotiating contracts with General Dynamics' top client.

Shank is a graduate of The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania with a Masters of Business Administration degree in Finance, and the Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. FINRA securities registrations held include the Series 7, 24, 52, 53, 63 and 79. In addition, she has received numerous awards and has been recognized by *U.S. Banker Magazine* as one of the "Top 25 Women in Finance", by *Essence Magazine* in their Power List, by *Black Enterprise* as one of the "50 Most Influential Black Women in Business" and one of the "75 Most Powerful Blacks on Wall Street".



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This section is designed to keep you in the know and on the go. Check out some of the latest happenings in Black communities throughout the country this month.

MEAC/SWAC Challenge

September 3, 2017
Baton Rouge, LA
meacswacchallenge.com



Dallas Riverfront Jazz Festival

September 1-3, 2017
Dallas, TX
tbaalriverfrontjazzfestival.org



Erykah Badu Ruben Studdard Melanie Fiona

Made in American Festival

September 3 -4, 2017
Philadelphia, PA
madeinamericafest.com



Migos



Pusha T Rapsody Ari Lennox

Boyz II Men & Kenny Babyface Edmonds Live

September 4, 2017
Pomona, CA
ticketmaster.com



Boyz II Men Kenny Babyface Edmonds

Aries Spears Comedy Show

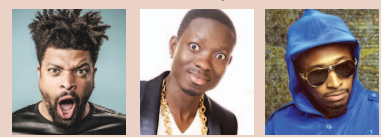
September 8-9, 2-17
Cincinnati, OH
liberty.funnybone.com



Aries Spears



Bruce Bruce John Witherspoon Damon Williams



DeRay Davis Michael Blackson Eddie Griffin

I Love the '90s: The Party Continues Tour

September 16, 2017
Chicago, IL
ravinia.com



TLC



Biz Markie All-4-One



O-Town Sugar Ray's Mark McGrath

Black Book Expo

September 22, 2017
New York, NY
blackexpoamerica.com



Soul Food Truck Fest

September 30, 2017
Austin, TX
soulfoodtruckfest.com



The Rolling Rooster

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