

The Alliance

The Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony is dedicated to promoting unity, justice, equal opportunity, ethnic awareness, cross-cultural understanding and appreciation for diversity.

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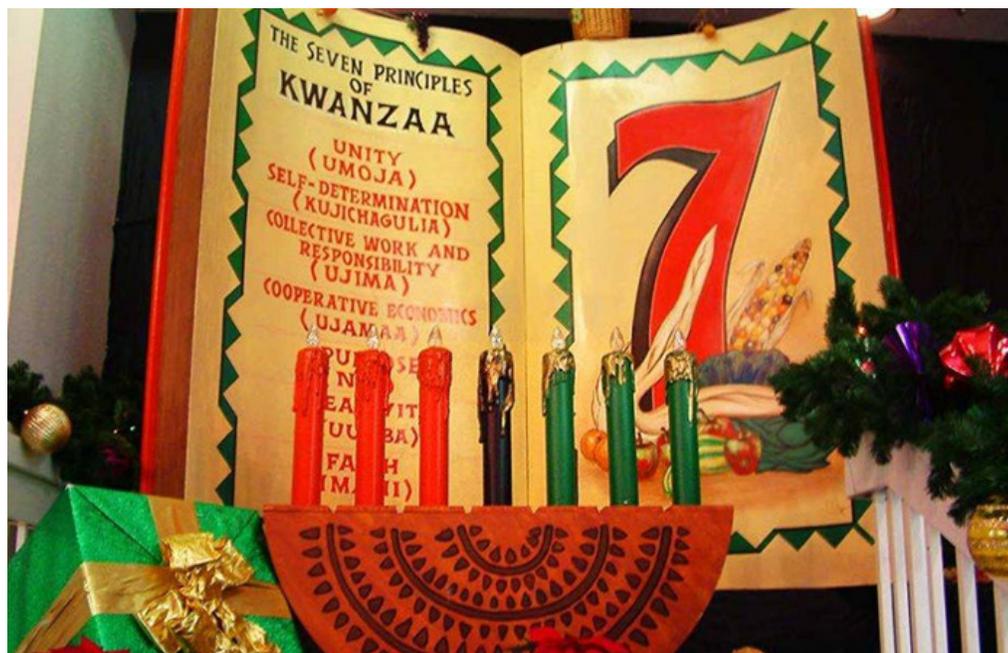
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Community to Celebrate Kwanzaa on Sunday, December 22

Everyone's warmly invited to this free annual event on Sunday, December 22, at 3:30 pm. to celebrate the rich history of African Americans and 400 years of Imani ("faith in God, self, ancestors, community"). The West Michigan Jewels of Africa troupe will be featured, along with an exhibit of artifacts and images from the Kingdom-Grier collection. Following the program, refreshments will be provided by **ACEH**.

At 2 pm, Mama Jewel of the West Michigan Jewels of Africa troupe will lead a one-hour master class of simple African dance and drum techniques. The suggested donation for the class is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Both events will be at Maple Avenue Ministries, 427 Maple Ave, Holland.

The 7 principles of Kwanzaa are Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination, Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith).

Thanks for Dues, Donations to support ACEH



Welcome! to new members **Jane** and **Lawrence Dickie, David Lee, Maura** and **Bill Reynolds, Rose** and **Marc Southard**, and **Deb** and **Jon Van Duinen** and their children **Claire, David, Jacob, and Eli**.

And thanks to renewing members **Andree Keneau** and **Eugene Biegelman, Fran** and **Bob Hamilton, John** and **Sharon Kleinheksel, Marie Singer, Alice** and **George Ward**, and the **City of Holland Human Relations Commission** and **International Relations Commission**.

ACEH is very appreciative of generous financial donations from **Audrey Bloemendaal, Eleanor** and **Luis Lopez**, and **Maura** and **Bill Reynolds**. Thank-you to **Grace Episcopal Church** for its contribution to the ACEH Housing Rally/No More Tents.

Please consider joining ACEH as we work together to make West Michigan a place where all are welcomed and respected. Your support lets us continue our outreach, programs, publications, advocacy, scholarships, and two social gatherings where people of all cultures can come together.

The ACEH dues are: **Individual: \$20 one year; \$35 two years; Couple/Family: \$30 one year; \$50 two years; Nonprofit: \$40 one year; Business: \$75 one year.**

In lieu of, or in addition to, paying dues, you may make a pledge of service to ACEH. Checks should be made out to ACEH and sent to Treasurer Al Minert, c/o ACEH, Box 3007, Holland, MI 49422-3007. To pay online, go to www.harmonyalliance.org and follow the prompts. To check if your membership is current, contact Herb Weller at hpweller@comcast.net

Founding member of the Alliance Dies in Arizona



Lloyd Newson, a founding member of ACEH, died of cancer December 10 in Arizona where he had lived for a number of years. He was 63 years old. In Holland, he operated a tailor shop on Douglas Avenue; in Phoenix, AZ, he drove a city bus and continued to be involved in diversity activities. He was a kind, warm man and a strong supporter of equity and inclusion.

Lloyd "Lowryder" Newson was a talented musician, playing guitar in bands in Chicago and elsewhere. He is survived by members of his extended family and his long-time companion, **Odessa Hurd**, also

one of ACEH's founders; we send our sympathy especially to her. She has suggested memorial contributions be made to ACEH at www.harmonyalliance.org or mailed to Box 3007, Holland, MI 49422-3007.

Three Holland Museum Events in January Will Offer More Insight into “Us versus THEM”



Discrimination and Stereotyping of Immigrant Populations

Thursday, January 9
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Holland Museum

Presented by
Sarah Yore-Van Oosterhout,
Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates

A powerful exhibit of images and artifacts from popular culture—images that for years have stereotyped groups of people—is on loan to the Holland Museum from the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia at Ferris State University, Big Rapids. The exhibit is open until February 22, 2020, and the Holland Museum (31 West 10th St) has organized a variety of accompanying events, free to the public:

Thursday, Jan 6, 7 pm: “Discrimination and Stereotyping of Immigrant Populations,” presented by Sarah Yore-Van Oosterhout of Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates, Holland

Thursday, Jan 16, 7 pm: “Understanding Us versus THEM” by Dr. David Pilgrim, founder and director of the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia.

Thursday, Jan 30, 7 pm: “Why Do We Hate THEM? Because we can’t forgive the people we have wronged.” by Dr. Charles Green* of Hope College.

* Here is the link to Dr. Green’s Oct 2 talk at the Faith, Race & Community Lecture Series “Getting Race Right”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynhAkz3oVMs&feature=youtu.be>

Home Repair, Energy Efficiency Funding Available

Need to fix up your home? Want to save money on your heating bill? A surprising number of low-cost loans, grants, rebates, and other assistance programs are offered to low- and moderate-income homeowners and rental properties for home repairs and energy conservation. Some are only for residents of the city of Holland; others are statewide programs.



They include weatherization, property improvements, utility rebates, Homecor grants for repairs and energy improvements, energy retrofits, home repair funds for various projects, landlord energy efficiency upgrades, Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity home repair, veteran’s home repairs, and handicap ramps, and Solid

Rock Ministries volunteer labor services for safety and home improvements in homes of low-income families, individuals with disabilities, senior citizens, and single parents.

Click on either link for programs, qualifications, services offered, contact info:

<https://www.cityofholland.com/DocumentCenter/View/1830/Holland-Energy-Retrofit-Alternative-Programs>

<https://www.cityofholland.com/845/Home-Energy-Retrofit-Program>

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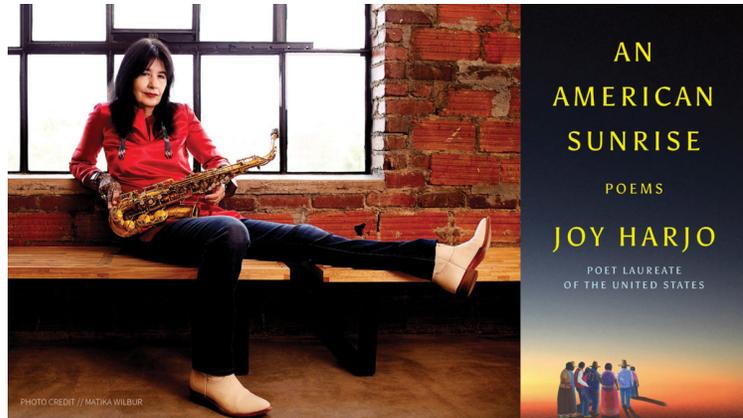
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What do people get wrong about Native Americans?

By Joy Harjo, the first Native American U.S. poet laureate (2019), musician, playwright, and author of a new book of poetry "An American Sunrise." She is a member of the Mvskoke (Creek) tribe.

"A lot of images of Native Americans are based on fairy tales or Wild West shows. We are human beings, not just people who have been created for people's fantasy worlds. There's not just one Native American. We're diverse by community, by land, by language, by culture. In fact, we go by our tribal names, and there are 573 tribal nations." –quoted in TIME, Sept 2-9, 2019.