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## President's Message 51st National Education Conference

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

**We are delighted to announce that the 51<sup>st</sup> National Education Conference will convene July 27-31, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor.**

We will gather for the first in-person conference since the Conference in Minnesota in 2019. But, despite the COVID-19 virus, despite the shutdowns of public gathering places—including our workplaces and schools... You showed up and You showed out! All across the country, APRI chapters remained vigilant and determined to ensure that our people were signed up for the 2020 Census, and were ready for the 2020 election. In addition, you made sure that our communities were able to receive food, Covid-19 vaccinations, PPE, and other necessities.

APRI co-founders Asa Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin recognized and extolled the values of collective bargaining for working people, and the values of voting rights for all people. It is outrageous to realize that today, more than 50 years later after the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, we are faced with the same disproportionate impact of systemic attacks on voting rights as we were BEFORE the Voting Rights Act passed.

***"With what politician will you agree in November if they don't get off their fannies and do something?!!!"***

These profound and provocative words of Brother Rustin provide an excellent opportunity to accelerate our efforts to *Agitate, Educate and Organize* our communities from ***Now until November! The Power of the People IS The Power of the VOTE!*** This Conference will focus on using our Voice and our Vote to be counted in the November Election. We must not give in to the trickery and treachery of those who continue to threaten to strip us of our hard-earned rights.

**We have negotiated a rate of \$149.00 per night (single or double occupancy). The cut-off date for this rate is July 5, 2022. We urge you to secure your hotel accommodations NOW by logging onto the hotel link below:**

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/BWIRB/G-SBA9>. You may also book your room directly by calling the Hyatt Hotels reservations line at 877-803-7534 or call direct to 410 528 1234 and give code: G-SBA9 or APRI National Education Conference.

Call your Brothers, Sisters, Family and Friends! We will learn together and have fun together...looking forward to seeing you in Baltimore!

In Unity,

Clayola Brown, President