

# GET INVOLVED

You have an important role to play in this work. To join our effort, please visit our website and click on the Join Us button on the left. The following are four additional actions you can take to support the fair rebuilding of the Gulf Coast.

- Please circulate the **Petition for Fairness & Opportunity** in your organization and community and return the signed petitions by September 20th. Copies of your petitions will be delivered to the appropriate elected officials in Washington D.C. Download the petition at <http://www.linkedfate.org>.
- In religious services, call attention to the continued suffering of the Katrina victims and to our shared responsibility to help these individuals and families.
- Write op-eds and letters to the editors of your local and regional newspapers calling for a greater federal response to the plight of the hurricane victims. Please visit our site for helpful media tools to craft messages to elected officials and the media.
- Send a letter from your organization or religious group to your members of Congress or visit Congressional offices urging the federal government to step up its efforts to rebuild communities in the Gulf Coast and provide adequate assistance to the hurricane victims, including those who have been displaced.



## Current and ongoing efforts supported by the Alliance:

- The Petition for Fairness & Opportunity
- “Drowning on Dry Land” African American clergy bus tour of the Gulf, organized by the Gamaliel Foundation
- Katrina commemorative worship services
- Policy briefings addressing environmental and economic justice issues in the Gulf Coast
- Press conference and policy event in Washington D.C. in the fall to present our demand for action to the federal government
- Lessons Learned Report: One Year After Katrina and Rita
- Weekly Research Updates
- Thematic Research Reports
- NAACP Housing Report
- Calendar of events marking the Katrina land fall anniversary
- Opinion editorials in regional and national newspapers
- Maintaining the “Linked Fate” website

# Season of Prayer and Call to Action



For additional information on these recommendations and other suggestions to help, please visit our website at: <http://www.linkedfate.org>.

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DISPLACED PERSONS

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The National Alliance  
to Restore Opportunity  
to the Gulf Coast  
and Displaced Persons

## ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

**The National Alliance to Restore Opportunity to the Gulf Coast and Displaced Persons.** A coalition of faith based, civil rights and humanitarian organizations.

We invite you to help us renew the call for more thoughtful, vigorous action from the federal government to address the significant unresolved challenges facing the Gulf Coast and those affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

### **The Alliance's primary organizers include:**

Center for Social Inclusion

Earth House Center

Equal Justice Society

Gamaliel Foundation

Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity

M.O.S.E.S.

Opportunity Agenda

Policylink

Smart Growth America

## PETITION FOR FAIRNESS & OPPORTUNITY

We, the undersigned, have gladly given of our time, talents, and resources to help bring aid and comfort to the Gulf Coast region. We stand for thousands of other churches, synagogues, mosques, and other communities of spiritual practice, for hundreds of organizations, non-profit and for-profit, and countless individuals that have done the same. We will continue to contribute as we can.

However, given the enormity and complexity of the crisis that continues to confront Katrina and Rita survivors and communities, we recognize that our ability to affect broad, permanent restoration and healing is severely limited. The federal government must do much more to restore hope and opportunity to our brothers and sisters inside and outside the region. Recognizing that our fates are inextricably linked to theirs, we hereby endorse the Opportunity Platform of the National Alliance to Restore Opportunity to the Gulf Coast & Displaced Persons:

- Rebuild the Gulf Region and ensure that the people of New Orleans never again face the devastation wrought by failed levees and decimated wetlands;
- Ensure the right of displaced Gulf Coast residents to return to real opportunity by significantly improving upon the conditions that existed prior to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, conditions that embodied the racial and economic inequities of the nation;
- Provide opportunities and support for displaced Gulf Coast residents who cannot or will not return and support for the communities that have so generously received them;
- Bring federal resources to the region without taking funds away from programs that already serve people in need; and
- Establish an independent commission with regional and national representation to guarantee transparency and fairness in the rebuilding process.

To obtain a full copy of the petition please visit: <http://www.linkedfate.org>.

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