

# Message from the President

Greetings to all,

I am grateful and honored to serve as the President of Middlesex County NAACP Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the oldest civil rights organization in the nation.

I want to thank the membership of this branch for entrusting me with the leadership of the branch, Unit 2018-B, and the establishment and oversight of our Youth Council Unit 2939-B of the Connecticut State Conference of NAACP Branches and the National Association.

I am honored to stand on the shoulders and the great legacy of those who have come before me in this community to lead the branch and youth council to bigger and better attainments within the communities in Middlesex County. I am also very humbled to accept this important responsibility to uphold the National Association's mission, vision, and game changers for improving a society in which all individuals have equal rights and opportunity without discrimination based on race.

We are living in some perilous times that would make us question who we are as a people and can we really make change that is meaningful, just, equal, and fair for all. I believe we can. Once America is taught its true history, then meaningful change can happen for a better nation. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has always been "Speaking Truth to Power." We are currently in what I call a second wave of the Civil Rights Movement; however, I don't believe the "Black Lives Matter Movement," will take as long as the civil rights movement to make significant change in our nation. I call it the "**Conviction of the Spirit Man.**" To these truths that we hold to be true, in accordance with the Constitution of these United States, that all men are created equally. Institutionalized racism, injustice, inequity, and inequality towards African Americans and people of color in these United States continues to be an unreadiness in this nation. It is time for change. Will you join us in the fight for change, for a greater nation for all people?

Membership is and always has been the lifeblood of the organization. I encourage you to join our membership and, particularly, to join the ranks, with so many others, by becoming a life member. See why on our webpage. Your membership will allow you to join our monthly meetings that take place every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., currently via ZOOM.

It has been a long time coming. Please browse our website at [www.middlesexctnaacp.org](http://www.middlesexctnaacp.org) to learn more about the NAACP, the branch, our programs, and events. We take great care to align our activities to the needs in our community in accordance with the National Game Changers set for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We know that our success is made possible from our great collaborative partnerships in our communities and the collective efforts of our volunteers who serve on the branch executive board as committee chairs, our members, and others in the community who help us accomplish this work.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and for hopefully joining the cause for change and a better America for all people. Thank you.

Yours in the Struggle, I am,

*Faith M. Jackson*

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