

Akron 2018-2019 City-Wide Kwanzaa Celebration

Kwanzaa: A Celebration of the Nguzo Saba

(An African-American Value System)

Umoja (Unity) – Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Hosts: Students With A Goal & Kwanzaa Committee * Time: 6:00 P.M.
 Location: Summit Lake Community Center, 380 W. Crosier St., Akron, OH 44311
 Contact: Christian Bates 234-206-1935 & Baba Kwabena Shelton / 330-573-2774



Kujichagulia (Self Determination) – Thursday, December 27, 2018

Host: Mt Calvary Baptist Church * Time: 6:00 P.M.
 Location: 442 Bell St., Akron, OH 44307
 Contact: Baba Kwame Williams / 330-338-1085



Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility) – Friday, December 28, 2018

Hosts: Project Ujima & Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. ETL Chapter * Time: 6:00 P.M.
 Location: The Alpha Center, 662 Wolfe Ledges, Akron, OH 44311
 Contact: Lakesh Hayes 529-5672 & Tony Brown / 330-252-0214



Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) – Saturday, December 29, 2018

Host: NAACP * Time: 3:00 P.M.
 Location: Buchtel Community Learning Center, 1040 Copley Rd., Akron, OH 44320
 Contact: Dr. Lathardus Goggins II / 234-542-0939



Nia (Purpose) – Sunday, December 30, 2018

Host: Emanuel Christian Academy & Kwanzaa Committee * Time: 3:00 P.M.
 Location: 350 S Portage Path Dr., Akron, OH 44302
 Contact: John Smith / 330-957-4599 & Kwa Hill / 330-322-9630



Kuumba (Creativity) – Monday, December 31, 2018

Host: Greater Akron/Canton Association of Black Social Workers * Time: 5:00 P.M.
 Location: Unitarian Universalist, 3300 Morewood Fairlawn, OH 44333
 Contact: Lillie R. Jackson / 330-999-0312



Imani (Faith) – Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Host: Akron Rites of Passage Institute Council of Elders * Time: 3:00 P.M.
 Location: Y.M.C.A., 888 Jonathan Ave., Akron, OH 44306
 Contact: Baba Earl Holmes / 330-867-5122



Sponsored by: The Akron African-American Cultural Association
 P.O. Box 8332, Akron, OH 44320 * Phone: (330) 388-8354 * Website: www.akronafricanaculture.org



LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

*It is often referred to as the "Black American National Anthem"
It is a song written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson in 1899
and set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson in 1905.*