

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Partial list:

Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights (Greenville, MS), Black Workers for Justice (Rocky Mount, NC), North Carolina Public Service Workers Union-UE Local 150 (Raleigh, NC), Student Action With Farmworkers (Durham, NC), Southern Coalition for Social Justice (Durham, NC), Justice at Smithfield Campaign-UFCW (Raleigh, NC), Southeast Regional Economic Justice Network (Durham, NC), Freedom Road (Durham, NC), North Carolina Justice Center (Raleigh, NC), Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) (Toledo, OH, North Carolina and Florida), North Carolina Environmental Justice Network (Tillery, NC), North Carolina Public Service Workers Union – UE Local 150 (Raleigh, NC), UFCW Local 1529 (Indianola, MS), Straight Words Communications (Chicago, IL), Crecen (Houston, TX), Coalition de Derechos Humanos (Tucson, AZ), US Human Rights Network (Atlanta, GA), Quitman County Development Organization (Marks, MS), Advocates for Environmental Human Rights (New Orleans, LA), Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (Houston, TX), Pax Christi Texas (Houston, TX), Coalition of Immokalee Workers (Immokalee, FL), Farm Workers' Movement of Texas (Houston, TX), Southwest Workers' Union (San Antonio, TX), Border Network (Houston, TX), America Para Todos (Houston, TX), Amnesty International Southern Regional Office (Atlanta, GA), Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance (MIRA) (Jackson, MS), CARE (Selma, AL), ACLU of Mississippi (Jackson, MS), Malcolm X Grassroots Movement (Jackson, MS)

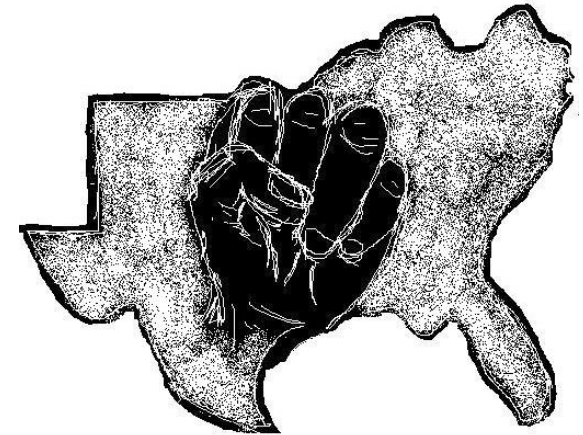
PAST CONFERENCES

SHROC I - Sept 19-21, 1996, Oxford, MS
SHROC II - Dec 4-6, 1998, Jackson, MS
SHROC III - Dec 1-3, 2000, Atlanta, GA
SHROC IV - Dec 5-8, 2002 Miami, FL
SHROC V - Dec 10-12, 2004 Memphis, TN
SHROC VI - Dec 8-10, 2006 Houston, TX

SHROC VII Registration
c/o Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights
213 Main Street
Greenville, MS 38701

7TH BI-ANNUAL

SOUTHERN HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZERS' CONFERENCE



SHROC VII

Join human rights organizers and social justice activists, students, youth, faith leaders, workers and union leaders in...

**DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 12-14, 2008**

Radisson Hotel Research Triangle Park
150 Park Drive
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Note: Conference site is wheelchair-accessible

www.shroc.org

BACKGROUND

THE GOAL OF SHROC is to bring together human rights organizers to discuss common issues and develop more effective strategies for building a human rights movement in the Deep South.

THE GOAL OF SHROC VII is to solidify the Southern Human Rights Organizers' Network (SHRON) and continue to build broad southern-based coalitions to combat human rights violations in the southern region and forge an agenda for social change.

SHRON serves as an important link between US Southern human rights struggles and those in the Global South. The primary goal of the network is to develop innovative and practical methods of organizing across the region. Another important objective is to strengthen the capacity of civil rights and social justice organizations in the Deep South. This would enable these organizations to expand their programmatic work beyond civil rights and social justice campaigns to more effectively address international human rights issues.

The reality of globalization demands that the US southern human rights struggle connects with struggles in other parts of the world. Through SHRON, activists and organizers will work together across the region to build an anti-racism movement that adheres to a human rights framework in its struggle toward justice.

Everyone should be aware of their individual and collective human rights and have the capacity to defend them. SHRON uses a collaborative approach to fighting injustice by encouraging activists from the anti-racist, women's rights, children's rights, disability rights, and gay rights movement to come together as a unified force. This collective working approach also extends beyond national borders, as we share common struggles in the US South with those in the global southern region.

WHY THE SOUTH?

Now more than ever, we must continue to build a human rights movement in the South, where...

- Slavery was born and is alive and well
- Workers do back-breaking work for low wages
- Democracy was held hostage and thousands were forced into silence and invisibility
- Racism, sexism & homophobia are alive & well

WHY NORTH CAROLINA?

We chose Durham as the site for SHROC VII because it is the birthplace of many human rights and social justice struggles. From the human dignity sit-ins of the 60's in Greensboro, to the 21st Century environmental justice struggles in Tillery, North Carolina has a rich history of resistance and victory. In North Carolina, African American and other oppressed workers are fighting to rid their workplaces of human rights abuses and other injustices. We stand in solidarity with those workers and their families, as they fight to improve the quality of life at work and at home. North Carolina's soil is stained with the blood of activists, murdered by the Klan. The fight back legacy of today insures they did not die in vain. SHROC participants will commemorate these martyrs with a new resolve to network, strategize and build a southern human rights movement. Direct actions will be planned and participants will show their support for local human rights struggles. Plenaries and workshops will feature the voices of those who suffer daily indignities and are involved in making a difference. Workers, environmental justice activists, faith leaders and labor leaders will tell their stories. Youth activists will deliberate during the youth summit. They will let all participants know the importance of youth participation in this movement. Come to SHROC, where human rights activists join with civil rights and social justice activists to discuss common issues.

ISSUES:

- Post-Katrina Human Rights Issues
- Immigrants Rights
- Slave Plantation Workplaces
- Environmental Justice
- Hate Violence
- The War in Iraq
- Women's Rights as Human Rights
- Voting Rights / Felony Disenfranchisement
- Global Lock-out of the Working Poor
- Death Penalty & Racism in the Criminal Justice System
- Juvenile Justice

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- **Youth Summit***
- **Environmental Field Trip**
- **Cultural Explosion**

**By registration only.*

REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-Registration DEADLINE:

NOVEMBER 24, 2008

FEES

\$25.00 - Standard

\$10.00 - Disabled/Student/Limited Income

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

(Limited scholarships available--must apply by Oct. 24, 2008)

SEND THIS FORM TO:

Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights

SHROC VII Registration

213 Main Street

Greenville, MS 38701

Phone: (662)-334-1122 instate; (888)-949-9754 toll free

Fax: (662)-334-1274 E-mail: shroc@bellsouth.net

PAYMENT

Make checks/money orders payable to:

Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights

(Memo: SHROC VII)

LODGING

Radisson Hotel Research Triangle Park

150 Park Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

(800)-333-3333 (toll free), (919)-549-8631 (in state)

\$69.99 plus tax single/double occupancy room, per night

When Booking your room, say you are with SHROC VII

Reservation deadline: November 24, 2008

SPECIAL NEEDS

Any person with disabilities or having other special needs (e.g. dietary) who would like to attend the Conference, should contact us at least five (5) days in advance at (662)-334-1122.

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PRIMARY LANGUAGE: English Spanish Creole
Other _____

I would like to attend the December 12th Youth Summit