

THE FAITH TO REBUILD

THE 33RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SERVING THE UNDERSERVED



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Dear Members and Friends:

We're going to New Orleans. Will you join us?

In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina produced the greatest natural disaster known to this country. Against great odds, the people of New Orleans and throughout the Gulf Region have struggled to rebuild, and there is still a long way to go.

Shortly after the disaster, the Federation launched our *Community Development Relief and Rebuilding Fund* to support the credit unions and their partners in the Gulf Region. Thanks to the generosity of CDCU members and the Federation's donors, we raised almost \$1 million to aid the rebuilding and financial recovery of community development credit unions and their partners. In February 2006, the Federation's Board of Directors took the further step of relocating our 2007 conference to New Orleans in order to add our support to the rebuilding effort.

We hope you will all join us in New Orleans where you'll have the opportunity to see first-hand both the devastation from the storms and the progress made by "people helping people" – the credit union motto. Come early or stay late, and join the volunteer rebuilding efforts! Share the New Orleans spirit, as the Federation holds our own second-line march through the French Quarter! Hear the words of inspiration from some of the nation's most outstanding community-builders, including Rev. Dr. DeForest "Buster" Soaries and Bill Strickland! On Friday evening join us for the high-point of our annual event, the Annie Vamper Awards Gala, which this year will also honor the major donors who made possible our \$1-million Community Development Relief and Rebuilding Fund.

From the time our Faith-based Credit Union Conference opens on Thursday morning at the historic St. Louis Cathedral to the closing ceremonies of our 33rd Annual Conference on Serving the Underserved, we guarantee you will have an unforgettable time. There is no place in the world like New Orleans – and no more important time to be there.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Eunice J. Rogers
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Day by Day



Bill Strickland
Founder, Manchester Craftsmen's
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Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church
of Lincoln Gardens



Rodney Hood
NCUA Vice-Chairman



Gigi Hyland
NCUA Board Member

Wednesday, June 6

NCUA Outreach Task Force "Town Hall Meeting:" We encourage anyone coming to our conference to make plans to attend an 8:00 am "Town Hall" discussion with NCUA Board Member Gigi Hyland. This is an important opportunity for CDCUs to present their unique perspectives to help shape the agency's policies on serving people of modest means. (Register separately with NCUA.)

Pre-Conference Ninth Ward Tour

To fully experience New Orleans in its rebuilding mode, join us on Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 pm for a special pre-conference tour of New Orleans' Ninth Ward, the predominantly low-income community that was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The tour will look at current reconstruction efforts, including a visit to a new community center being built by ASI FCU and their non-profit affiliate A Shared Initiative, Inc. This tour will be an emotional experience, and certainly not one to be missed. **Cost for box lunch and transportation on the tour is \$25. Pre-registration is required.**

Our local hosts will also arrange volunteer work opportunities for anyone who would like to lend a hand. Volunteering opportunities will be available before the tour on Wednesday morning, June 6, 2007 and after the conference on Saturday afternoon, June 9, 2007.

Thursday, June 7

The Federation's **7th Faith-based Credit Union Conference** kicks off with an opening convocation at the historic St. Louis Cathedral in Jackson Square, steps away from our hotel. A highlight of the day will be the opening address by Rev. Dr. DeForest "Buster" Soaries, former Secretary of State of New Jersey and the catalyst for the D-Free debt-management program, the church's housing initiative, and other community development activities.

Six breakout sessions will address regulatory and compliance issues; volunteer and staff development; membership growth and expansion; credit union/church relations; and other challenges encountered in serving underserved communities.

NCUA Board Member Rodney Hood, whose career in community development also embraces missionary work in Africa, will conclude the faith-based conference and initiate the Federation's **33rd Annual Conference on Serving the Underserved** at a lively reception.

The Federation's Youth Credit Union Program (YCUP) also kicks off its conference with a brief presentation by some of the most successful CDCU YCUPs in the country.

Cap the day by joining us on our very own Mardi Gras parade through the streets of the French Quarter (weather permitting).

Friday, June 8

Technical workshops, policy plenaries, and inspiring presentations make for the fullest day of the conference. The day begins with our very own "town-hall" discussion with NCUA Board Member Gigi Hyland. After a round of workshops, participants will be treated to a luncheon keynote address by Bill Strickland. Recipient of the "genius" award of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Mr. Strickland founded and runs the world-famous Manchester Craftsmen's Guild and Bidwell Training Center, which prepares young people for higher education, retrains adults, and has regenerated one of Pittsburgh's most neglected neighborhoods – a true success story in community development.

Breakout sessions on Friday will look at innovative ways CDCUs are serving underserved populations through affordable mortgages, financial education, and alternatives to predatory lending. Workshops will also look at how to strengthen your credit union by focusing on compliance issues, succession planning, and fundraising. Another highlight is a special track for credit unions interested in starting their own YCUPs or expanding existing ones.

In the evening, we will go off-site for the **Annie Vamper Awards Gala**, where we will honor the heroes of the CDCU Movement with the 15th Annual Annie Vamper "Helping Hands" Awards. This year we will also present our Community Development Impact Awards to the foundations whose significant contributions made the Federation's Community Development Relief and Rebuilding Fund soar to nearly \$1 million: the National Credit Union Foundation and the Jewish Funds for Justice.

Saturday, June 9

On Saturday, the Federation will hold one of our most important business meetings in years, with an organizational restructuring and election of our leadership.

CDCU Youth Credit Union Programs will present their annual Show & Tell immediately after the Business Meeting.

The closing luncheon will look at the progress of rebuilding efforts underway in New Orleans, ending the conference on an inspirational note. The afternoon is free for attendees to enjoy the city or to participate in additional volunteer work.



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Schedule at a Glance

Schedule is subject to change

Pre-Conference Events

Wednesday, June 6

- 8:00am NCUA Outreach Task Force
"Town Hall Meeting"
(register separately with NCUA)
- 9:00am Volunteer Rebuilding Opportunity (optional)
- 1:00pm Ninth Ward Tour (pre-registration required)

7th Faith-based Credit Union Conference

Thursday, June 7

- 8:00am Breakfast
- 9:30am Opening Ceremonies – St. Louis Cathedral
Speaker: Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.
- 11:15am Workshops
- 12:30pm Luncheon Presentation
- 2:00pm Workshops
- 3:15pm Exhibitors Showcase & Coffee Break
- 4:00pm Plenary: *The Faith to Rebuild*



33rd Annual Conference

Thursday, June 7

- 5:45pm 33rd Conference Welcoming Reception
Speaker: NCUA Vice-Chairman, Rodney Hood
- 7:15pm Federation French Quarter "Mardi Gras" Parade

Friday, June 8

- 8:00am Exhibitor Showcase & Continental Breakfast
- 9:15am Outreach Dialogue
Speaker: NCUA Board Member Gigi Hyland
- 10:45am Workshops
- 12:00pm Luncheon Presentation
Speaker: Bill Strickland
- 1:30pm Workshops
- 2:45pm Exhibitor Showcase & Coffee Break
- 3:30pm Workshops
- 5:00pm Regional Caucuses
- 7:00pm Annie Vamper Awards Gala –
Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel

Saturday, June 10

- 8:00am Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00am Annual Business Meeting of the Federation
- 10:45am YCUP Show & Tell
- 11:45am Closing Luncheon & Plenary:
Progress and Prospects for Rebuilding New Orleans
- 1:30pm Conference Adjourns