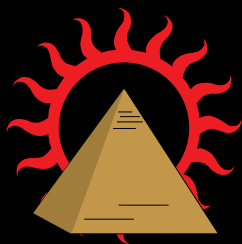


MESSAGE IN THE MEANTIME

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IN THE MEANTIME
MEN'S GROUP, INC.

THE PERFECT 10

Reaching Higher

10TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
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KEEP
REACHING
HIGHER!

AIDS Project Los Angeles would like to congratulate **In The Meantime Men's Group** for ten successful years.



*Statement from
the Founder*

10 Perfect Years as In The Meantime

By Jeffrey C. King

How amazing it is to be able to say those words at this time in the history of the world. The universe is in great transition and is calling for the strong and knowing to stand-up and be



dedicated, creative, innovative and persistent. The end result is nothing less than PERFECTION.

Today In The Meantime is committed

to RISING above the limited views that help shape the common race consciousness. We are here because we know something different and we are purposed and committed to our mission, our vision and our challenge.

Today we reflect upon 10 years (a decade) as In The Meantime. We are humbled and proud to be present, visible, viable and active in a flow of right action that was generated more than 10 years ago. I can clearly recall the first day a small group of Black gay men came together as In The Meantime. There was so much that we didn't know. Yet collectively, we knew that we had everything that we

needed and trusted that, in time, we would be provided with everything required to make a positive difference in our community. Today we celebrate the actualization of our ten year plan. The number ten represents completion and for In The Meantime "a new beginning."

We are confident and stand firmly upon the foundation that has been laid. We are grateful to those who have come before us and thoughtful of those who will follow as we forge ahead into the future.

Today we remain centered in the present as In The Meantime continues to be a safe space where nurturing, healing, education, empowerment and unconditional love are fostered.

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We look forward to many years of growth realized and a mission that expands to meet the growing needs of our people. Thank you for sharing this vision and journey with us.

We wish you continued peace, power and prosperity, in the meantime and until the end of time.

Jeffrey C. King is Executive Director of In The Meantime Men's Group, Inc.

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JORDAN RUSTIN COALITION
CELEBRATES

THE PERFECT 10.....



In The Meantime Men's Group, Inc.
"Creating Unity and Affirming our Common Bond"

On Serving the Black Gay Same Gender Loving Community for 10 Perfect
years.....
Greater Service..... Greater Progress.....Always Reaching Higher!

JORDAN RUSTIN COALITION



Jordan/Rustin Coalition was created in response to the lack of outreach to African Americans in the campaign against Proposition 22, the anti-gay marriage initiative in 2000, and the realization in 2005 that another such initiative was imminent. The group was envisioned to engage the African-American community to work on marriage equality while building a movement of LGBT African Americans and allies who are committed to grassroots organizing. JRC has initiated a non-partisan community mobilization project for Black Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people and allies to engage African American communities in Los Angeles about marriage equality. The goals of JRC are two fold: A) to educate the wider African American community about who black LGBT people are and why they deserve to be protected by marriage and B) to recruit and develop a core team of LGBT and allied African Americans who will lead the implementation of an African American strategy. Please contact JRC.LA.org for info.

Statement from the Past President

What Will the Next 10 Years Bring?

By Carl Highshaw

Ten years! One whole decade has passed and In The Meantime has continued its unending and dedicated service to our community. I especially remember the early visioning sessions and discussions I had with ITMT Founder, Jeffrey King. When Jeffrey spoke about ITMT I saw that he did it from a place of passion and commitment to community. Seeing and hearing Jeffrey's commitment made me feel obligated and thus, I eagerly joined the Board and subsequently served as a President.

The 10th Anniversary that ITMT is celebrating is more than a symbolic milestone, rather it is an important statement that the organization has continued to be relevant. ITMT has grown from being a weekly support group into a significant and comprehensive health and wellness organization and I am proud to have served during some of the organization's most important foundation-laying years. While I may not be involved in day-to-day functions as before, I am still deeply impacted by my previous service and further inspired by its continued growth potential.

While ITMT has done a tremendous job over the last 10

years, its work is not yet fulfilled as the support system is probably needed now more than ever. The sad truth is that nothing about our realities as Black gay men has changed in the last 10 years. Not only are we still at higher risk for health disparities, we are still an "open target" for bigotry, hatred and attack. Our individual character and integrity can still be easily maligned if we openly identify as gay or same gender loving.

As ITMT moves into a second decade of community service, it is my hope that the organization continues to work on health and wellness issues, but I also challenge the organization and members of the community to be louder and bolder. I still believe that ITMT's primary role as a system of support for like-minded brothers should be a driving force for the organization, but advocacy and public discourse about fairness and equality for Black gay men should also be thought of when the organization's name is mentioned.

So, as we celebrate the last 10 years of service, let us also contemplate what the next 10 years will bring.

Carl Highshaw is Past President, Board of Directors, In The Meantime Men's Group, Inc.

Calendar

December 2009

December 29, 2009

Kwanzaa at Home

In The Meantime is staying home for the holidays. This year our Tuesday night group falls on the 4th Day of Kwanzaa. In The Meantime, 4067 W. Pico Blvd., LA CA 90019. Join us for the presentation of the 7 principles, Drumming, food and fellowship. The principle of the day is: Ujamaa (oo-JAH-mah) Cooperative Economics emphasizes our collective economic strength and encourages us to meet common needs through mutual support.

January 2010

In The Meantime will no longer host its annual King Day event. In an effort to show solidarity we ask that our Black LGBT brothers and sisters join the Black community in our larger celebrations to include the Kingdom Day Parade. Join the SCLC, NAACP and the Urban League and become an active member.

January 19, 2010

Black History is Black LGBT History

A panel of Black LGBT people speak out about life in the 1940s and 1950s. What was it like being gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender and living in America. What really happened during the civil rights movement of the 1950s? Where were our LGBT people?

February 2010

February 2, 2010

NBHAAD Forum

Black gay men are disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS and what is really being done to shift the tide? An intimate dinner, speaker and dialogue with Black men.

June 2010

June 2010

Day and Time TBA

A 'Cajun Blue' Affair

An elegant afternoon of fantasy fundraising, a no-host bar, complimentary Cajon buffet, silent auction, art and entertainment—all on the hill overlooking the City of Angeles.

July 2010

June 29, 2010

Got Power?

Let's Use It.

Pre-Pride Celebration. A mini-panel from the Black LGBT community will discuss the importance of working together and how to move beyond the barriers that have kept us separated. Join ITMT for a full evening of empowerment, refreshments and networking.

August 2010

August 14, 2010

Wellness for Life 2010: 'Work Out'

The Wilshire Plaza Hotel Conference Center, 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., Join ITMT for an interactive, educational wellness forum for Black gay, lesbian, and bisexual men

featuring expert trainers, mental and physical health care professionals, special celebrity guest appearances, health screenings, HIV/AIDS/STD testing, lunch, raffles and giveaways.

September 2010

September 17-19, 2010

Umoja (Unity) Retreat

Camp Hollywood Land, 'Healing The Little Black Boy.' A focus on the Inner Child, \$50.00 donation. A limited number of scholarships are available based on a first-come, first-served basis.

October 2010

October 17, 2010

AIDS Walk LA

Team In The Meantime, "You Betta Walk" Walk with team In The Meantime, Team 6702. Help raise needed dollars to support our ongoing programming. 100% of the proceeds will go to support In The Meantime. Meet in front of the Pacific Design Center at 8:30 a.m., Walk at 10:00 a.m. Park at the Beverly Center or Pacific Design Center.

December 2010

December 2010

Day and Time TBA

11th Year Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser

December 28, 2010

11th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration

4067 W. Pico Blvd., LA CA 90019, (Secured Parking at the Catch One).

cham•pi•ons (chăm'pē-ənz) *n.* 1. Those who fight for a cause or who defend other people. 2. Those who advocate, usually for justice. 3. Warriors. 4. In The Meantime Men's Group.

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In The Meantime Men's Group

and grateful for your service
to our community.

*Congratulations on your
10th anniversary, and to
all of tonight's honorees!*



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Darrel Cummings, Chief of Staff
and

The staff and board of the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center

Congratulations to
**Jeffrey King &
In The Meantime**
for 10 years of service
to the community.



Free HIV & STD testing is available
in our Clubs.

We are proud to support Community
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*Statement from the
Past President*

The Tao of In The Meantime

By Earl Wooten

The Tao is a book of quotations by Lao Tzu, an ancient Chinese mystic, who proclaimed that life and its meaningful purpose is a subtle art that if practiced well, will lead to joy and fulfillment. The Tao, or the way, is one of transcendent peace and harmony with all men and with all elements of nature.

The Tao of In The Meantime, not unlike the mysticism of Lao Tzu, is a culture that is born from the united and common voice of a group of African American brothers in the greater Los Angeles area who express their creativity, their artistry, and their viewpoints under one collective banner. It has become a subtle yet abiding presence in the consciousness of the brotherhood of L.A.

In The Meantime has touched many lives and resonates with men across a broad spectrum of stations in life—from the professional brother who works in corporate America, to the independent spirit who has become wildly successful as a freelance artist, to the young brothers who are finding their way through the maze of parties, clubs, and church-going, to the elder brothers who have planted their flag, whether it be spangled with stars or ribboned in rainbow hues.

All have become the Diaspora that creates In The Meantime.

It is this patchwork quilt of personalities, achievements, and beautiful faces that gives the organization its pulse, that causes this entity to thrive, and that propels it into becoming the essential Tao for the Black gay experience in Los Angeles.

Through the past ten years this fragment of consciousness has been shaped and reshaped, like a potter throwing clay onto a wheel, with visceral touch and hands working in the crafting of a beautiful masterpiece that continually changes and takes new shape and evolves with every revolution of the wheel.

The Tao of In The Meantime has made an indelible imprint on the social construct of brothers in Los Angeles, and shall continue to survive and flourish for many years to come.

Namaste.

Earl Wooten is Past President, Board of Directors, In The Meantime Men's Group, Inc.

Statement from a Member

By Greg Wilson

“There’s no place like home.” I learned that “home is where the heart is,” and any organization that has the heart and compassion to truly cater to the underserved population of Black gay/bi/SGL men without reservation for the past 10 years, truly is home. That is what In The Meantime is to me.

My name is Greg Wilson, and I am 27 years old. In The Meantime is the first and only organization that gave me my first chance and first shot in this field. In The Meantime realized from the start that “home is where the heart is” and with my heart and passion, Jeffrey King believed I would be ideal for reaching the youth in our community. For two years at In The Meantime, I learned, grew, taught and helped so many that I now consider family and friends. I learned a whole lot in a short time. Being a part of the house and ball community for almost eight years, In The Meantime not only

created that platform but also the programs and services needed that allowed me to reach the kids and community that was being overlooked.

For the past year and a half, I have been working at REACH LA, a non-profit youth-based organization, and I now manage all of the young men’s health programs including counseling, prevention, testing, outreach, event planning and, most importantly, the Ovahnness Young Men’s Leadership team. This allows me the opportunity to train and assist 20 young men with their development and growth, and assisting them with becoming advocates for themselves and other youth in the community. It feels good to be able to give back and to furnish some of the things I wasn’t provided.

I truly value the work and efforts of In The Meantime, and I feel blessed to be a part of the historic 10 years of the life changing work that has been done in the community...and as I still volunteer and fully participate in all events and activities, all I keep saying in my mind is that there’s “no place like home.”



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for your continued work
in our community.*



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villagehealthfoundation.org



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Statement from the President

Reaching 'Perfect' 10...and Beyond!

By Jammie M. Hopkins

Greetings on behalf of the In The Meantime Board of Directors. 2009 has been a year of remarkable trials and transitions for In The Meantime, and it swells my heart with pride knowing that we approach Year 10 with vigor and momentum.

I personally would like to extend gratitude to our Executive Director Jeffrey King, Program Coordinator Ardriano Aldridge, past Program Coordinator Christian Fleming, and the host of dedicated volunteers (you know who you are!) who have worked tirelessly to maintain the quality of our programming and to uphold the mission, vision, and challenge of In The Meantime Men's Group. Your efforts, large or small, have been noticed and are greatly appreciated.

As In The Meantime Men's Group surges forward to claim greater presence as a vested asset in our community, I grow even more conscious of the responsibility this commands. This organization stands on a ten-year legacy of hard work, resolve, and passion; we ALL have a responsibility to build on this legacy with our unique talents and abilities. Whether its mentoring one of our dynamic young brothers, volunteering your time for an event, advocating for ITMT within your professional networks, or

supporting financially, I encourage you to get involved and take ownership of In The Meantime.

The Board of Directors is responding to this call for responsibility, and plan on serving you in the following ways in 2010:

- **Membership Development:** Building a clearer role and vision for the Board, hosting development opportunities and expanding board membership.
- **Capacity Building:** Creation and development of the Community Advisory Board, facilitating a new hiring process for prospective employees and continuing work on the 10-step strategic plan.
- **Fundraising and Extramural Support:** Creating a fundraising agenda for ITMT, to include program funding through grant writing, community fundraising events and corporate solicitations.
- **Increased Visibility:** Board members are poised to become more intimately involved in the programming and operations of ITMT.

As we bask in the reflected glory of 10 successful years of service to OUR community, let us all remember that there is plenty of work to be done. I look forward to reaching 10...and beyond!

*Jammie M. Hopkins is President,
Board of Directors, In The Meantime
Men's Group, Inc.*



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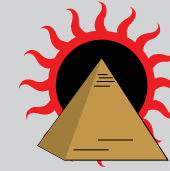
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“Life has its challenges
Learning to handle your issues
is the process for change.”



Mission Statement

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In The Meantime Men’s Group, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community service organization. Over the past 10 years In The Meantime has been on the forefront of creating an environment that supports, empowers and educates Black, gay, same gender-loving and bi-sexual men in Los Angeles County.

Board of Directors

Jammie Hopkins, *Board President*
Joel Byrd, *Board Treasurer*
Fred Smith, *Board Secretary*
Garry Gregory, *Board Member*
Jerome Woods, *Board Member*

In The Meantime Staff

Jeffrey King, *Founder, Executive Director*
Ardriono Aldridge: *Senior Staff and Lead Program Coordinator*
Shaymus Yarbrough: *Mylife Mystyle Research Coordinator*
Cornelius Wilson: *NIA Project Assistant Coordinator*

2009 Awardees

Volunteer of the Year Awards: Xandre Tovar and Wayne A. Moody
Image Award: Patrik-Ian Polk
Kevin Spears Humanitarian Award: Rose Veniegas
King-Rustin Award: Rev. Eric Lee
In The Meantime’s Founders Award: Elliot Johnson
Lifetime Achievement Award: Jewel Thais-Williams

In The Meantime Men's Group, Inc.

Wellness Programs

(Designed for Black gay, SGL, and bi-sexual men)

- NIA (Purpose)
Ages 24 and younger
- Brothers Reaching Brothers Discussion Group
- MYLIFE MYSTYLE
Ages 18-29
- Wellness for Life
Black Men's Health Conference
- Umoja (Unity)
Empowerment Retreat

Community Cultural Celebrations

(Open to All)

- Kwanzaa Celebration

Community Forums

(Open to All)

- National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- World AIDS Day

Taskforces

(Open to All)

- South Los Angeles
Crystal Meth Taskforce
(SO LA METH)
- Los Angeles African
American Gay Men's
Taskforce (LAAAGMT)

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