

Theme: ‘Justice, Healing and Reconciliation’

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEMORIAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011

Morning Memorial Session: 10 AM – 12PM

10:00 a.m – 10:15 a.m: **Healing and Memorial Songs:** guest choirs

10:15 a.m – 10:20 a.m: **Moderator:** Pastor Emmanuel Seruhungu (Words of introduction)

A moment of silence in memory of the victims

10:20 a.m – 10:25 a.m: **Opening Remarks:** Olivier Mandevu/ GRSF President

10:25 a.m – 10:27 a.m: **Invocation:** President Blessed Global Ministries, USA & New York State, and Community Ambassador- Rev. Blessed Sikhosana.

10:27 a.m – 10:30 a.m: Rev. Blessed Sikhosana & the Voices of Africa

10:30- 10:35 a.m: **Welcoming attendees to Syracuse:** Van Robinson, President, Syracuse Common Council

10:35 a.m - 10:40 a.m: **Word of hope and encouragement:** Immediate Past President, Syracuse Sunrise - Kevin A. Falls

10:40 a.m – 10:45 a.m: **Testimony by:** *Maman Theresa Namasomo*, Gatumba Massacre survivor

10:45 a.m - 10:50 a.m: **Testimony by:** *Philippe Mukwiye*

10:50 a.m – 10: 55 a.m: **Memorial Poem:** Princess Munyakuri, Gatumba Massacre survivor and GRSF secretary

10:55 a. m – 11:00 a.m: Healing song from Destiny Christian Center Worship team

11:00 a. m – 11:15a.m: **Healing Message:** Rev. Chris Cooper from Destiny Christian Center

11:15 a. m – 11:20 a.m: **Prayer for the survivors:** Rev. Pastor Thade Muragizi

11:20 a.m – 10:40 a.m: **Counseling message:** Agnes Kariyuki

11:40 a.m – 11:45 a.m: **Memorial Song**

11:45 a.m – 11:50 a.m: **Prayer for the Congo:** Pastor Mike Traylor from New Hope Free Methodist Church, Rochester, New York.

11:50 a.m – 11:55 a.m: **Prayer for the survivors & those suffering in silence in the Great Lakes Region of Africa:** Rev. Holly Nye from the Emmaus United Methodist Church

11:55 a.m – 12:00 a.m: **Concluding Remarks:** Rev. Emmanuel Seruhungu

12:00 pm – 1pm: Lunch - African meal provided by Syracuse African community

1:00pm – 1:30pm: “Young -African women reflecting on the Gatumba Massacre, insights on how they could get out of their box and expand their horizon as a response to damages of the Gatumba massacre and other atrocities against them”. The team is led by Adele Kibasumba and Jolie Nyiramahirwe”

2:00–5:00 pm SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011

Sessions are free and open to the public. All topics from 10 to 15 minutes long.

2:00 p.m – 2:08 p.m: Moderator: Olivier Mandevu (President, Gatumba Refugee Survivors Foundation, Inc.) : Opening, welcome, brief overview on the Gatumba massacres.

2:08 p.m - 2:10 p.m: Silence in memory of the victims.

2:10 p.m – 2:40 p.m: Testimonies from 4 survivors: Aline Kamariza, Asuma Aochi, Anna Nyamahoro Mahota and Alpha Nsana.

2:40 pm – 2:45 p.m: Video on the Massacre

2:45 pm – 2:50 p.m: Reading of Victims' names

2:50 p.m - 2:55 p.m: Sebatware Rukarishya: Memorial Poem

2:55 p.m – 3:00 p.m: Survivors' Choir: Cultural Memorial Song

3:00 p.m – 3:05 p.m: **Noe Rusaya** (Vice-President, Gatumba Refugee Survivors Foundation, Inc.): *“Physical and Emotional Needs of Survivors”*

3:05 p.m – 3:10 p.m: **David Carpenter**, *GRSF General Secretary: “GRSF activities and how people can get involved”*

3:10 p.m – 3:20 p.m: **Martin Anderson**, *RefugePoint Representative (formerly Mapendo): “Reaching Out to At-Risk Refugees”*

3:20 p.m – 3:30 p.m: **Deacon Colleen**, *Regional Director, Central NY / Eastern Southern tier US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand*

3:30 p.m – 3:40 p.m: **Bill Corbett** (serves as a supervisory Special Agent in the FBI's International Operations Division *“FBI's international Operations Against Massacres and Genocides”*

3:40 p.m – 3:50 p.m : **Rachel Sturm** (Intelligence Analyst in the FBI's Counter – Terrorism Division and was instrumental in creating the Genocide War Crimes Program(GWCP) *“GWCP efforts in preventing War Crimes and Genocides”*

3:50 p.m – 4:00 p.m: **Cyprien Mihigo** (the president of the Congolese Community in Syracuse, NY) *“Reconciliation as a key for peace in the Great Lakes Region of Africa ”*

4:00 p.m: - 4:10p.m: **John Bizimana Rusingizwa** (the president of Reconciliation Ministry in the Great Lakes Region of Africa *“Brief account on atrocities in the Congo and current efforts to reconcile and rebuild”*

4:10 p.m – 4:55 p.m: Open and Interactive Session of Questions, Answers and public input: *Questions will be answered by panelists after all presentations are completed.*

4:55 p.m – 5:00 p.m **Dr. Keri Barnett:** *“Writing Letters to Congress”*

5: 00 p.m – 5: 20 p.m: Break

5: 20 p.m - 7 p.m: Survivors' Private Meeting

7: 00 p.m – 8: 00 p.m: Dinner

8: 00 p.m - Midnight: Survivors' mutual counseling, community talks about reconciliation and peace, sharing experiences about how to successfully navigate social life in the U.S.A. Prayers for peace in the Great Lakes Region of Africa and more.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011

Final Memorial Service: 10 AM- 12PM

Public Memorial Healing Service

Memorial Service Leader: Pastor Gakunzi Ntwari

Memorial Songs and Poem

Healing Sermons: Pastor Louis Ntambirabigwi & Thade Muragizi

Prayers for the Congo: Pastor Prudence Munyakuri

Concluding Remarks: Olivier Rutaramirwa / GRSF Assistant Treasurer and Local Memorial Organizer

12:00 p.m – 1:40 p.m: Lunch break

1:40 p.m – 1:55 p.m: Cleaning

2:00 p.m: Departure