

Jonestown Memorial

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DR. JYNONA NORWOOD, JONESTOWN MEMORIAL SERVICES & WALL FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LEADS 33RD ANNUAL OFFICIAL JONESTOWN MEMORIAL SERVICE

Survivors, Families and Friends of Victims and Community Leaders Take Part

OAKLAND, CA - *On Nov. 18, 1978 the world as we knew it was changed forever. 918 adults and 305 children—including 40 infants—lost their lives along with U.S. Congressman Leo Ryan and a United Press International film crew. The place was Peoples Temple in Jonestown, Guyana—that Paradise of Pain founded and led by James Warren "Jim" Jones, forever rendered infamous by its name "Jonestown."*

Comedian and civil rights activist Dick Gregory said prior to the 2010 memorial, "As a family man with ten children and 12 grandchildren, I can feel the pain of that tragedy and I want to share the sympathy with family and friends."

WHO: Dr. Jynona Norwood, community leaders, ministers and family members
WHAT: Prayer Vigil at 33rd Annual Jonestown Memorial Service
WHEN: Friday, Nov. 18, 2011 | 11:00 a.m.
WHERE: Evergreen Cemetery, 6450 Camden Street, Oakland, CA
WHY: To honor the victims and remind the public of the tragic murders of hard working and generous people, who had been in search of better lives for themselves and their children, were killed by Jim Jones

Dr. Jynona Norwood is founder and executive director of Jonestown Memorial Services and Wall. On that fateful day, her family lost 27 loved ones including her beloved mother and three-month-old cousin Charles Garry Henderson—the youngest child to perish in Jonestown. "Throughout the last 33 years I have paused to reflect on the sparks of life that God created who perished in Jonestown," commented Dr. Norwood. "After losing 27 vibrant loved ones, my family and hundreds of other affected parties will come together to say, "Love never dies, but lives on in our hearts and deeds." The Jonestown victims deserve a fitting Memorial Wall in their honor."

Survivors, families, and community, civic and ministerial leaders will honor the memories of all victims of the Jonestown massacre. To learn more about the Jonestown story, visit www.jones-town.org.



Dr. Jynona Norwood

Event's promotional graphic

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