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Dear Friends,

The Bethlehem NAACP's **72nd Annual Freedom Fund Banquet** will be held at The Meadows, 1770 Meadows Drive, Hellertown, PA 18055, Sunday, February 19, 2017. A reception will begin at 2:30 pm with the buffet dinner at 3:00 pm.

The pulse of the nation changed drastically with the murder of Trayvon Martin and then spiraled out of control with the shootings of many, many others, male and female. People continue to question the validity of law enforcement as we seek justice. The Bethlehem NAACP organized rallies and vigils in sympathy with families who lost loved ones throughout the country as we publicly sought solace during these times. We will recognize the organizations and churches, who we believe, united physically and in spirit with us to shun the adverse hate, discord and racism which permeates our communities.

The Bethlehem NAACP chose "*Civil Rights Partners of the Bethlehem NAACP*" as our Freedom Fund Banquet theme. We applaud The Bethlehem Police Department, The Bethlehem Area School District, The Sands, PBS39, Bethlehem YWCA, AAUW of the Lehigh Valley, LEPOCO, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., of Allentown, Cathedral Church of the Nativity, St. Paul Baptist Church, Second Baptist Church, Grace Deliverance Baptist Church and St. John A.M.E. Zion Church, who in some way have exemplified a caring spirit.

The keynote speaker for this special occasion will be Rep. Vanessa Lowery Brown, 190th District, Philadelphia County, and former chairwoman, Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus.

We are enclosing (____) tickets for purchase and your convenience. Adult tickets are \$40.00; Students \$30.00. Make checks payable to Bethlehem NAACP, mail to 627 Cherokee Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015. For reservations call 610.866.2078 or 610.865.9379 or email jlee975@gmail.com. The ad deadline is February 1st and ticket deadline is February 12th. *No tickets will be sold at the door.*

We thank you in advance for your support. The struggle continues.

Very sincerely,

Esther M. Lee, President
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