

Black Caucus in Baltimore Feb. 26, asks all citizens to join effort

Convened by Congressman Parren Mitchell (D-7th, Md.) and Mayor Decatur Trotter Jr., of Glenarden, the Maryland Black Caucus will hold its second meeting on Feb. 26 in Baltimore.

At that time the Maryland State Black Caucus will adopt an agenda for black people in the state of Maryland and select about 125 delegates to represent the Maryland State Black Caucus at the Black National Convention to be held in Gary, Ind., March 10-12.

National chairmen of the Black National Convention are Congressman Charles Diggs (Democrat, Michigan) and Imam Amiri Baraka, nationally prominent poet and civic leader of Newark, N.J.

The Maryland State Black Caucus will be open to all black people who wish to attend: community workers, unionists, non-union workers, youth, senior

citizens, unemployed persons, persons on welfare, etc.

Mayor Trotter states, "This is an open organization.

"Instead of restricting membership to a few leaders we have thrown open the doors to every black person in Maryland.

"We are doing this because we need the whole black population of the state involved in gaining freedom for the black people of Maryland.

"We need everyone in order to exert maximum impact.

"Community leaders and elected officials can't do all by themselves; the whole black community of the state needs to work together in order to get what we want, need and deserve.

"We have to make the black community aware of its potential power, and get on the move.

"We aren't excluding

anybody, whether welfare mother, unemployed brother on relief, college student, school teacher, brothers on the block. That's why membership is only \$1."

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The caucus will consider politics, unemployment, education and welfare.

All elected black officials in Maryland will automatically be delegates to the Gary Convention. The Feb. 26 meeting in Baltimore will elect 65 delegates "from the grass roots."

About 5000 delegates from 50 states will attend the convention in Gary to construct a black national agenda and make decisions about the national political situation as it affects black citizens.

The Maryland Caucus will be held at 10 a.m. at Forest Manor, 3803 West Forest Park Ave. For further information call 301-773-6830.