



## Media Kit:

# Amnesty for Prisoners of Katrina Weekend

### **Saturday, December 9, 2006 International Human Rights Day Teach-In featuring Angela Davis**

In recognition of International Human Rights Day, **Angela Davis** makes her first trip to New Orleans Post-Katrina to speak out against human rights violations here.

Davis' visit is part of *Amnesty for Prisoners of Katrina: A Weekend of Reconciliation and Respect for Human Rights* – a two day series of events organized by Critical Resistance New Orleans, the local chapter of a national grassroots organization whose mission is to end society's use of imprisonment as an answer to social problems.

Davis will be joined by a diverse group of local leaders, including **Pastor Tom Watson, Minister Willie Muhammad, lawyer Bill Quigley, social justice activist Malcolm Suber, organizer Patricia Jones, prisoner of Katrina Rachel Francois, prisoner family member Viola Washington** and others who were criminalized during and after the flood.

### **Sunday, December 10, 2006 Amnesty Sunday Faith communities across N.O. call for healing & reconciliation**

Local leaders and hundreds of members of the New Orleans faith community will come together on Amnesty Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, to call for healing and reconciliation following the disaster of Hurricane Katrina.

Worship services will include a powerful display of solidarity with the prisoners of Katrina, as members pray for healing and reconciliation for the people and the city.

**The media is invited to a pray-in outside immediately following the service at Watson Memorial Teaching Ministries, 4400 St. Charles Ave., at 12:30pm.** Senior Pastor Tom B. Watson will be joined by congregants, community members and Angela Davis. The dramatic display will feature hundreds of congregants in prayer holding aloft brilliant blue fans with white doves to highlight the connection between faith-based communities and the call for human rights and amnesty.

#### **Abbreviated Schedule of Events: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2006 Human Rights Teach-In**

4-6pm: Workshops

6-7:30pm: Roundtable: What do we really need to make us safe in a post-Katrina New Orleans?

8:00pm: Keynote Address by Angela Davis:  
Amnesty for Prisoners of Katrina

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2006 Amnesty Sunday**

12:30pm: Pray-In and Dove display

**ALL MEDIA EVENTS AT  
WATSON MEMORIAL  
4400 St. Charles Ave.**

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