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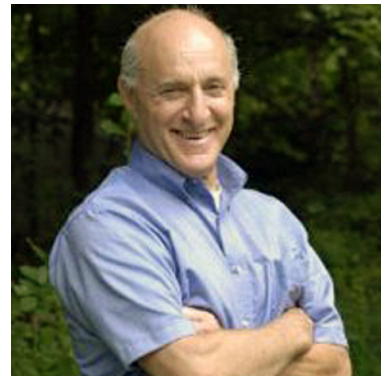
*Helping organizations achieve their goals  
through recruiting and motivating others*

## Organizer's Edge ▶

From Michael Jacoby Brown

### **Focus on Youth: The Encampment for Citizenship, Summer, 2016**

When I heard that Jane Sapp was leading The Encampment for Citizenship, a summer program for high school age youth, I just had to invite her to grace our E-News. Jane is an amazing organizer and leader of songs and spirits. If you know any young leaders who want to change the world and need a community and some guidance to help them do it, please introduce them to the Encampment. Information below:  
You can reach the Encampment for Citizenship at:



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POB 1210, Aptos, CA 95001-1210  
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[encampmentforcitizenship.org](http://encampmentforcitizenship.org)

our 2015 video clip: [Encampment 2015 Video](#)

### **Jane Sapp: Program Director, The Encampment for Citizenship**

Jane Sapp is a musician and cultural worker with deep roots in the gospel music traditions of the American south. A musician of enormous power and talent, Jane Sapp was a Civil Rights Movement leader, and has worked in schools and community centers for decades. Most recently, she



worked as a cultural facilitator with the newly forming foundation, the Southern Partners Fund, and also undertook documentation of activists in the rural south who were grantees of the Bert and Mary Meyer Foundation.

### A Way Out of No Way

A Way Out of No Way is a multi-media documentation of the life and work of the extraordinary musician, educator, activist and cultural worker, Jane Wilburn Sapp. She is collaborating on this project with a team that includes her husband, educator, activist and historian Hubert Sapp, and Dr. Cynthia Cohen, director of the Program in Peacebuilding and the Arts at Brandeis University.

## The Encampment for Citizenship

***Power concedes nothing without a struggle; it never has and it never will.***

**Frederick Douglass**

The Need for the Encampment for Citizenship (EFC) has never been greater.

We stand at a time in the US and the world not unlike the 1930s when fascism and extremism segregated our worlds to the point of extraordinary violence, civil unrest, and cynicism about the possibility of social justice. We need young people ready and able to lead as skilled and experienced peace and community builders.

In the wake of the horrors of World War II, an organization was founded on the core idea that, "young people can be a positive force for change in their communities." That organization is the Encampment for Citizenship, and we continue to believe that when young people develop critical thinking skills, youth activism, leadership qualities and the courage to break free from stereotypes, they become a powerful catalyst for change at every level of society.

It is clear to us that the struggle for democratic engagement and for economic and social equality is as vital now as it was when the EFC was founded in 1946. However, we recognize that methods of preparing young people for civic engagement must respond to the current manifestations of injustice and inequality.

Young people today live in a world with different rules for different people whether it is because of skin color or economic bracket. [Read on.;](#)

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### Who else you will hear from.....

We are just starting, but so far you can expect to hear what the following people are thinking:

Jessica Tang: Boston Teachers Union, AFT

George Luse of the Mass Teachers Assn,

Scott Reed with the PICO Network, ,

Cathy Howell, in Oregon and El Salvador, formerly with the AFL-CIO,

Caesar McDowell of the Interaction Institute for Social Justice,

Diana Bell of Community and Labor United,

David Hernandez of the California Education Assn,

Linda Honold, of Wisconsin Voices

Attica Scott, now an elected official in Louisville, KY,formerly with Jobs with Justice,

Quinn Rallings in Alabama with the PICO Network,

Bob Van Meter with the Local Initiative Support Corporation in Boston,

Walter Davis, in Tennessee, of the National Organizers Alliance,

Deb Askenase, of Community Organizing 2.0,

Deb Fastino, of the Coalition for Social Justice in New Bedford, MA,

Rebecca Gutman, with SEIU-1199,

Tim Dean, of SEIU-1199,

Claudia Horwitz, of Stone Circles in North Carolina,

Mary Ochs, long time organizer in Los Angeles

and others, hopefully, including YOU

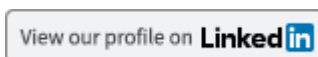
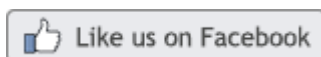
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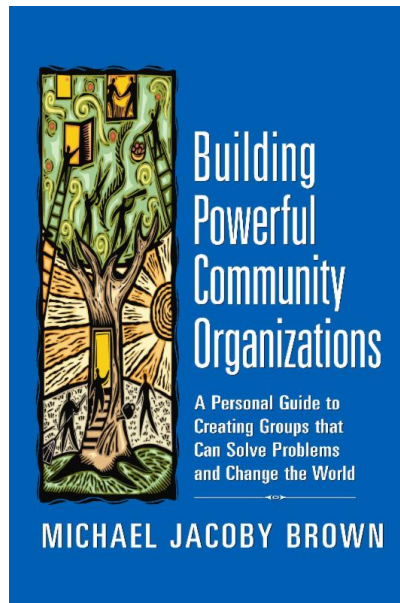
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