

Minnesota apartheid

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February 21 at 6 pm at Zion Baptist Church (intersection of James and Olson Memorial Highway) HIRE Minnesota will launch its Worst to First campaign. In the Twin Cities metro area, the Black unemployment rate is three and a half times that of the white unemployment rate. This means that the Twin Cities metro area has the worst disparity in unemployment in the US.

According to the latest Labor Department Statistics white unemployment is less than 7 percent while Black unemployment is over 22 percent.

HIRE Minnesota is calling this economic apartheid and will present the Minnesota version of the Sullivan Principles. In 1977 Reverend Leon Sullivan developed a set of principles that were to be adopted by US corporations operating in then apartheid ruled South Africa to guarantee that Black workers in that country would be treated fairly.

HIRE Minnesota will present its own version of these principles to be applied to government institutions and private business in an effort to get their commitment to ending this gross disparity.

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