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Dear Dear Angela:

This is a reminder for the meeting of the Board of Directors and the membership on this Friday, October 24, at 3pm at the Metropolitan Baptist Temple, Washington Blvd and 9th street, in Kansas City, Kansas. Please join the KIAANAFH, if you have not already, and participate in this meeting if at all possible.

The agenda is attached. A central part of our meeting will be discussion and the making of some key decisions about our plans to commemorate the African American victims on the "Trail of Tears", who were with the Cherokee and other Indians when forced off of their traditional homelands in the South Eastern United States during the 1830s. Not many people know that many hundreds of those who suffered this ordeal were blacks, and, as former Cherokee Chief Wilma Mankiller has noted, no commemoration has yet been held specifically for them.

For those who have not yet joined the KIAANAFH, we hope that you will find our plans for service to local families, and our efforts to commemorate little known aspects of our history such as the Trail, to be worthy of your membership and participation.

Yours most sincerely,

*Willard R. Johnson*  
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President and Volunteer Staff Coordinator

attachments: agenda and decision guide  
membership form (bring with payment, if  
not already a member)