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NNPA Interim president and CEO Rev. Benjamin Chavis, Jr. at the NNPA Convention 2014

We are pleased to announce that newly-elected NNPA CEO Ben Chavis will be the keynote speaker at **The Skanner News Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast** in 2015.

Chavis was the leader of the Wilmington Ten, a group of civil rights activists wrongfully incarcerated for allegedly firebombing a grocery store; the court case against them was so controversial it made headlines all over the world. Their convictions were eventually overturned by a federal appeals court but not until they had served 10 years in prison.

In 2012, Chavis and the six surviving members of the group were pardoned by North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue.

