



*Building Community,  
Seeking the Common Good in Metro Jackson.*

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**What: Working Together Jackson Blight Elimination Press Conference and Demolition Celebration**

**When: Monday, February 13, 2017 at 11 a.m.**

**Where: 803 Dr. Robert Smith Sr. Parkway (Formerly West Pearl), Jackson MS**

**Working Together Jackson Celebrates Demolition of JSU Foundation Properties**

On Monday, February 13, 2017, at 11 a.m., at 803 Dr. Robert Smith Sr. Parkway (Formerly West Pearl St.), Working Together Jackson, a coalition of 40 local institutions, will hold what has been named a "Blight Elimination Press Conference and Celebration of Demolition".

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, WTJ leaders held a Press Conference directly across the street from St. Mark's Episcopal Church. WTJ leaders, led by Fr. Luther Ott and Dr. Mary Jackson of St. Mark's, called on JSU Foundation Officials, JSU Officials, Institution of Higher Learning Officials and local and state officials to resolve the long-standing blight problem.

At our December press conference, WTJ leaders called on all parties to work together to seek an immediate solution. JSU Foundation Officials, WTJ leaders, led by Fr. Ott of St. Mark's, State Sen. John Horhn and Dr. Jim Johnston of Revitalize Mississippi Inc., began to work on a solution. On February 6<sup>th</sup> a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the JSU Foundation and Revitalize Mississippi Inc., a local non-profit committed to blight elimination. Revitalize Mississippi is donating its services to bring about an immediate solution.

Fr. Ott said, "We will gather on Monday to announce this historic MOU. Demolition will begin while we are announcing this agreement. We will celebrate this important victory for our city and neighborhood and thank those who helped make it possible. Together, we will rebuild Jackson."



**Dr. Mary Jackson Speaking at the Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> WTJ Press Event**