

## RESOURCES FOR THE JUNETEENTH PILGRIMAGE 2003 – AND BEYOND

### WHAT IS A PILGRIMAGE?

A pilgrimage must be voluntary and requires a physical presence. A pilgrim is a traveler. David B. Boorstein's book *Hidden History: Exploring Our Secret Past* points out that the word "travel" derives from the Middle English *travailen* or *travelen*, meaning to torment, labor, strive, or journey. As a traveler we take risks, and plunge – possibly unprepared – into diverse cultures. What we see and feel may cause torment. We, as pilgrims, learn a new language and a new way to see ourselves and others. We will learn to feel deeply the slave's torment.

A pilgrim is *not* a tourist. The word "tourist" derives from *turnus*, a tool for making circles. A tourist is a pleasure seeker who passes through an experience having remained insulated from the people, returning home with photos and souvenirs.

Come prepared with an open heart. The pilgrimage will be mainly in silence driving to and visiting the various sites. Our task as pilgrims is to bear heartfelt witness to the impact and benefits of slavery individually and communally.

Please look at some of the resources listed and ask God's help for you to see, to learn and to change. There will be opportunities to process what we see and experience, but more importantly we will have an opportunity to be present.

### WHY MUST WE DO THIS WORK?

To accept that slavery occurred and that we are beneficiaries of its outcomes.

To recognize our complicity – seen and unseen, known and unknown.

To recognize our ignorance – inadvertent, selective, and willful.

To recognize our need to be right, to exempt ourselves from responsibility.

To recognize that the past is really our present and will color our future.

To recognize that we are all enslaved by our sin-filled past.

To recognize that we live the benefits and privileges purchased with African lives.

To understand that slavery and its effects have not ended.

To understand that the effects of slavery underpin our lives.

To understand that the effect of this vile history governs our actions as church and diocese.

To understand that the effect of this history hinders/limits the ministries of black and brown priests and communities.

To understand that its institutionalized racist outcomes live on and are fully supported in our churches and through our policies, processes and systems of our church.

To ask ourselves "Why?" "How"?

To confront our personal responsibility; to confront injustice.

*The pilgrimage is an existential one. Your body may never leave home, but your heart will travel to difficult, terrifying places.*

## RESOURCES FOR JUNE 17 & 19, 2023

### FIRST STOP: BERGENFIELD

#### The African American Baptist Church Cemetery & Old Slave Cemetery Marker

48 Cedar St., Bergenfield

- <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=7509>
- <https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/bergen/bergenfield/2021/03/28/bergenfield-nj-cemetery-former-slaves-no-tombstones/4554183001/>
- <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=7510>

### SECOND STOP: TEANECK

#### Historic Burial Ground & Zabriskie House

622 Pomander Walk Road, Teaneck

- <https://visitingmuseum.com/2018/03/11/teaneck-nj-historic-burial-ground-622-pomander-walk-road-teaneck-nj-07666/>
- <https://www.eamcnj.org/>

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### THIRD STOP: LITTLE FERRY

#### Gethsemane Cemetery Historic African American Burial Site

Between Summit Place & Liberty Street  
(with entrance on Summit Place north of Route 46)  
Little Ferry

- <https://visitingmuseum.com/2018/06/20/gethsemane-cemetery-between-summit-place-liberty-street-north-of-route-46-little-ferry-nj-07643/>
- <https://www.preservationnj.org/gethsemane-cemetery/>

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

*Those who couldn't attend a diocesan Pilgrimage should begin with this resource:*

#### Early Settlement and the Rise of Slavery in Colonial Dutch New Jersey

<https://www.montclair.edu/anthropology/research/slavery-in-nj/part-1/>

*Then you are invited to explore the resources in your local area.*

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### BERGEN COUNTY

#### Bergen County Historical Society

<https://www.bergencountyhistory.org/>

#### Skunk Hollow Cemetery

Palisades Interstate Park, Route 9W, Alpine  
[https://aahsmuseum.org/dt\\_portfolios/skunk-hollow/](https://aahsmuseum.org/dt_portfolios/skunk-hollow/)

#### Free Black Cemetery

South of Broadway between Scharf St. and Ludlow's Ditch, Norwood

#### Schuyler Copper Mine

North Arlington

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### ESSEX COUNTY/NEWARK

#### Slavery in New Jersey: A Shame that Spanned Three Centuries

<https://knowingnewark.npl.org/slavery-in-new-jersey-a-shame-that-spanned-three-centuries/>

#### The Underground Railroad House that Jacob D. King Built in Newark | Radiant Roots, Boricua Branches

<https://radiantrootsboricuabranched.com/the-underground-railroad-house-that-jacob-d-king-built-in-newark/>

#### Genealogy Trails History Group – Slavery in Essex County, New Jersey

<http://genealogytrails.com/njer/essex/slavery.html>

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### HUDSON COUNTY

#### Museum of Jersey City History

<https://www.mjchistory.com/>

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### MORRIS COUNTY

Call Adam Smith, Records Manager at the Morris County Clerk's Office: 973-631-5320  
Manumission Records and Slave births are recorded.  
Adam will assist you.

#### Enslaved People and Changing Racial Attitudes at Macculloch Hall

<https://maccullochhall.org/historic-archives/race-and-slavery-at-macculloch-hall/>

#### Slave Records of Morris County, New Jersey: 1756-1841

<https://www.amazon.com/Slave-Records-Morris-County-Jersey/dp/0966411919>

#### Secret history of a northern slave state: How slavery was written into New Jersey's DNA

[https://www.salon.com/2015/07/29/secret\\_history\\_of\\_a\\_northern\\_slave\\_state\\_how\\_slavery\\_was\\_written\\_in\\_to\\_new\\_jerseys\\_dna/](https://www.salon.com/2015/07/29/secret_history_of_a_northern_slave_state_how_slavery_was_written_in_to_new_jerseys_dna/)

**Beverwick House**, Parsippany (archeological evidence of slave presence)

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### PASSAIC COUNTY

#### Schuyler-Colfax House, Wayne

Speak the names of the enslaved persons found in this document:

<https://www.thewaynemuseum.org/files/ugd/f4e60eae87518101044579852bd7c9e2ddeac5.pdf>

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### SUSSEX COUNTY

#### Sussex County Historical Society

<http://www.sussexhistory.org/>

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### WARREN COUNTY

Michelle in Archives has manumission books.

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### GENERAL NEW JERSEY

#### Slave cemeteries in New Jersey

<https://www.northjersey.com/story/life/2021/08/11/new-jersey-african-american-cemetery-database-research-guide/7946953002/>

#### Runaway Slave Advertisements Database

<https://app.freedomonthemove.org/>