

# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2019 Africa Homecoming Pilgrimage Restore...Reclaim...Reconnect...RETURN!

*"Then the Lord said to Abram, 'Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign country. They will be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years. But I will execute judgment on the nation that they will serve. Afterward they will come out with many possessions.'" Gen 15:13-14*



### "The Return" Weekend AUGUST 1-4, 2019 Hampton Roads, VA Washington, DC



### "Honoring Our Ancestors' Legacy from 1619-2019"

2019 is the year of commemoration in Virginia and the United States, as we observe the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our enslaved African ancestors settling on the shores of the James River in 1619 and the building of America. **Diversity Restoration Solutions and the Homecoming Network™** invite you and your family to join us as we acknowledge this American history milestone and accomplishments in the African American community with a weekend of events to recognize our Ancestors before we launch the **2019 Africa Homecoming Pilgrimage to Zambia** following "The Return" Weekend (August 5-16, 2019).

#### Events Will Include:

African American Maritime  
Presentation  
(Newport News, VA)

Ancestral Commemoration  
Ceremony  
(Jamestown, VA)

Africa Homecoming  
Community Expo  
"America Back to Africa: The  
Million Xodus Movement"  
(Hampton, VA)

Africa Homecoming  
Pilgrimage Ecumenical  
Service and Dinner  
(Washington, DC)

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Event sponsorship and vendor  
opportunities for the Africa  
Homecoming Community Expo are  
available. Visit our website for details

# **Homecoming Pilgrimage RETURN Weekend**

*(Events and times are subject to change without notice)*

## **Friday, August 2, 2019**

- Program: "Waters of Despair and Hope: African Americans & the Chesapeake Bay"  
The Mariners' Museum (Newport News, VA) – Partnership program open to public  
Time: 2:00 pm-4:00 pm  
Cost: \$1.00 admission fee per person *(This is not a DRS sponsored event)*
- Homecoming Network™ Meet-n-Greet Reception  
Embassy Suites by Hilton Hampton Hotel Convention Center & Spa  
*(Event sponsors and Homecoming Network members)*

## **Saturday, August 3, 2019**

- 2019 Africa Homecoming Pilgrimage Kickoff  
Underground Railroad site at the Great Dismal Swamp & Canal (Chesapeake, VA)  
Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am  
Cost: *Free*
- Ancestral Commemoration Ceremony (Williamsburg VA)  
Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 noon  
Cost: *Free*
- Africa Homecoming Community Expo – *Signature Event*  
Hampton Roads Convention Center (Hampton, VA)  
Time: 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Cost: \$5.00/person (12 years old & older) and *Free* – Under 12 years old)

## **Sunday, August 4, 2019**

- 2019 Africa Homecoming Pilgrimage Ecumenical Service & Dinner (Washington DC)  
Location: Dulles Airport Marriott  
Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Cost: \$85.00/person or \$1,000 per table of 10 (please call for table sponsorships)

\*\*\*Registration for all Return Weekend events will open on or about April 1, 2019\*\*\*  
Please check the DRS website for more information

*\*Embassy Suites Hampton is the headquarter hotel for the Africa Homecoming Pilgrimage RETURN Weekend. DRS has a special reservation block for attendees. Please call us at (757) 926-5233 or email [info@diversityrestoration.com](mailto:info@diversityrestoration.com) to request the booking link and code.*