

International Coalition to Commemorate African Ancestors of the Middle Passage



April 14, 2019

RE: ICCAMP INTERNATIONAL COMMEMORATION WEEKEND, JUNE, 8TH and 9TH, 2019

Dear ICCAMP Member,

Thank you for your undying spirit and support of our collective effort to remember the millions of Africans -- men, women, and children -- who were sold, kidnapped, shipped then died along the route from Africa to the Americas—the Maafa. Through these commemoration activities across the United States and internationally, we ensure that the souls of those who were taken before realizing their fullest potential will always be remembered.

Currently, **ICCAMP members** are located in *Brooklyn, New York; Washington, DC; Charleston and Georgetown, South Carolina; Hampton and Fredericksburg, Virginia; Annapolis, Maryland; Newport, Rhode Island; Boston, Massachusetts; New Orleans, Louisiana; York, Pennsylvania; Houston, Texas; Los Angeles, San Francisco and Oakland, California; Montgomery, Alabama; Key West and Miami, Florida; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Detroit, Michigan; and internationally in Senegal, Nigeria, Panama, Barbados, Brazil, Cameroon, Jamaica and Ghana.*

As we continue to forge new relationships with other potential ICCAMP members, we invite you to do the same. Please refer to the following marketing/social media tools which we developed to assist ICCAMP with recruiting new members.

Website: www.RememberTheAncestors.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com.Remembertheancestors.com

Twitter: @remembertheancestors.

Attached is a **press release** about the founding of ICCAMP which we encourage you to distribute widely. Also Guide entitled "**How to Host Your Own Ancestral Commemoration Activity**" which includes suggestions for hosting and planning your own commemoration events, can be found on the website. It is our hope that we can begin to bring about a greater awareness in the masses of our people concerning the importance of what we all do, and they in turn can teach others. Please also continue to send us information about your commemoration and other related activities which we will share on the ICCAMP website and Facebook pages.

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Baba William Jones III, (1945-2018), People of the Sun, Medger Evers College



As we begin to think more strategically about the sustainability of ICCAMP and our efforts to broadly establish the **Annual Day of Commemoration for African Ancestors Who Perished in the Middle Passage** on the second weekend in June, we would like you to share further news about ICCAAMP's efforts to extend our reach.

ICCAAMP has joined in partnership with the **400 Year Commission** to observe "**LET'S TALK": The International Day of Drumming and Healing, June 19, 2019.** The Commission references the first enslaved Africans' from Angola arrival at Ft. Comfort, Virginia, in 1619. This commemorative day will focus on healing and reeducation among Africans in the Western Diaspora and beyond. It will mourn the terror and trauma endured by African descendants over those four centuries occasioned by: The Transatlantic slave trade; forced family dissolution; centuries of degradation based on race (e.g., slavery, peonage, lynching, Jim Crow, and structural racism); a myriad socioeconomic disparities; and now mass incarceration.

ICCAAMP members in Washington, D.C, San Francisco, Nigeria and Cameroon will participate in the June 19th program. Details about specific programs are forthcoming.

If you have any questions or need additional please contact us at ICCAMP@gmail.com. Thank you again for everything the Creator and the Ancestors have sent you to do to bring about the healing and restoration of our people. ***Remember the Ancestors.***

In One Spirit

Baba Osei Terry Chandler and Bro. Adeyemi Bandele

ICCAMP Founding Members