



## TWELFTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
President of [the United States](#)  
[1600 Pennsylvania Avenue](#)  
[Washington, DC](#) USA

Dear Mr. President (Joe):

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated that Marcus Mosiah Garvey “was the first man of color to lead and develop a mass movement. He was the first man on a mass scale and level to give millions of Negroes a sense of dignity and destiny, and make the Negro feel he was somebody.”

Dr. King was one of the greatest humanitarians and civil rights leaders who is celebrated and honored each year with a national holiday. His message and likeness informs our actions today and serve as a reminder that there is much more work to be done. In addition to Mahatmi Ghandi, Dr. King also spoke of the late Marcus Mosiah Garvey's contributions to humanity and the pride his movement instilled in black people all over the world. Garvey was the victim of a corrupt system and his legacy has been tarnished in the USA for well over 100 years. We must restore his name and honor his contributions to the upliftment and advancement of People of African Descent in the United States and the world.

As AME Bishop of the 12th Episcopal District I am honored to join forces with an extensive group of organizations and individuals in Delaware advocating in this regard. All should learn and know the incredible work of Marcus Garvey. Marcus Garvey a Jamaican-born Black nationalist and leader of the Pan-Africanism movement sought to unify and connect people of African descent worldwide. In the United States, he was a noted civil rights activist who founded the Negro World newspaper, a shipping company called Black Star Line, and the Universal Negro Improvement Association both incorporated in the state of Delaware.

We seek to preserve Garvey’s legacy by exonerating him on unfounded charges brought against him by the US government, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and J. Edgar Hoover. We ask, President Biden that you take the necessary action towards clearing Marcus Garvey’s name. In

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addition to this letter of support, the AME 12th District members stand ready to sign an electronic petition to encourage this action move forward.

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as Chair of the White House Africa Diaspora Council and I assure you that addressing this injustice with an exoneration and posthumous pardon will be celebrated by Jamaicans and Diasporans throughout the United States and the globe.

Yours In Service,



Bishop Silvester S. Beaman