

# Doing the Work: Celebrating 50 Years of MCAAHC

TIMELINE OF EVENTS  
1969-1979



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## 1969

- Senator Verda Freeman Welcome, academically supported by Dr. Benjamin Quarles, introduces Senate Bill #185, establishing the Maryland Commission on Negro History and Culture as a resource for preserving and documenting the Black experience in Maryland

- The Maryland Commission on Negro History and Culture begins a statewide study to note the best ways to create a better understanding and knowledge of African American history and culture
- Mt. Moriah A.M.E Church is sold to Anne Arundel County, Maryland

## 1970

## 1971

- The renamed Maryland Commission on Afro-American presents the results of their study to the Governor of Maryland and suggests a permanent commission and museum on Maryland's African American heritage

- MCAAHC and Historic Annapolis, Inc. collaborate to save Mt. Moriah Church from demolition with the support of Annapolis City Council

## 1972

## 1973

- On January 15th, Mt. Moriah is placed on the National Register of Historic Sites
- Circuit Court Judge of Carroll County approves the demolition of Mt. Moriah Church
- MCAAHC moves into 12 W. Madison Street, Baltimore, Maryland

- On April 11th, the location at 12 W. Madison Street is officially opened as the Afro-American and Indian Study Center

## 1975

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## 1976

- In March, Thomas R. Dawson, Carroll Greene, Jr., and Yevola S. Peters sign the Articles of Incorporation establishing the Banneker-Douglass Museum Foundation (BDMF)
- On May 19th, MCAAHC dedicates the Azzie Briscoe Koger Resource Library at the Afro-American Study Center
- MCAAHC creates the Afro-American Bicentennial Commission
- MCAAHC helps organize AFRAM '76 in Baltimore, MD
- The Commission establishes a headquarters at 20 Dean St., Annapolis, MD

- Anne Arundel County leases Mt. Moriah to MCAAHC for \$1 per year for 99 years

## 1977

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- On March 15th, the Leon Bridges Architectural Firm was chosen to renovate Mt. Moriah
- MCAAHC publishes *Black Marylanders: A History for Children*

- Restoration of Mt. Moriah begins
- Herbert Frisby donates his collection of artifacts to MCAAHC

## 1979

### IMPORTANT ACRONYMS

- MCAAHC: Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture
- BDM: Banneker-Douglass Museum
- BDMF: Banneker-Douglass Museum Foundation