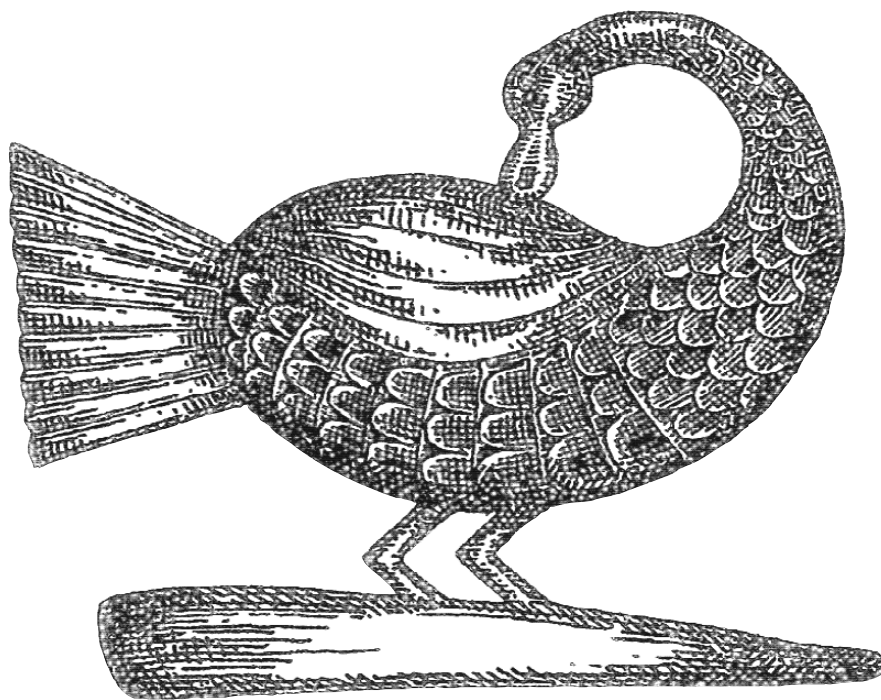


A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF AFRICENTRIC RESOURCES



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COVER SYMBOL

The symbol of the SANFOKA has become an emblem of the Committee on Black Congregational Ministries. It is a symbol from the West African countries of Ghana and the Ivory Coast that illustrates a bird with its neck turned back. This is a reminder to never forget "to look back and examine the past to insure one's future." Some of the resources contained in this bibliography are from the past and are no longer in print, but still may be available through some libraries and retail outlets or via the Internet.

HISTORY

The Committee on Black Congregational Ministries evolved in 1991 from the Joint Educational Development (JED) partnership. In October 1992, the African-American National Staff Executives gathered in Nashville and formed the Committee. The Committee sees its task as addressing the concerns of African American congregations related to curriculum, biblical and religious publications, special days, and other educational issues that impact on these communities of faith. The Committee's approach to all of these concerns is firmly rooted in a Africentric perspective. Africentrism is defined as recognizing the origin of the spiritual heritage of persons of African descent and making connections with Africa and persons in the African diaspora (scattered people settled afar from their ancestral homeland-Africa).

This Committee has worked over the past decade to promote Christian education with a focus on the needs of persons of African descent. In 1998, the Committee sponsored a Consultation in Chicago on "Black Heritage and Christianity: Assessing Our Faith." The need to develop a bibliography of Africentric resources surfaced at that time. Committee member Mary Love spearheaded the project with assistance from other committee members. Please see this bibliography as a beginning and an effort to help persons become aware of Africentric resources.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Committee on Black Congregational Ministries is to nurture member communions of the National Council of Churches and others in bringing an Africentric perspective to their work of resourcing congregations, especially those with persons of African descent.

THE COMMITTEE ON BLACK CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES PARTICIPATING DENOMINATIONS

African Methodist Episcopal Church
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
American Baptist Churches in the USA
Christian Church, Disciples of Christ
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Episcopal Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
National Missionary Baptist Convention of America
Presbyterian Church, USA
Progressive National Baptist Church, Inc.
United Church of Canada
United Church of Christ
United Methodist Church

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CATEGORY

Adults and Young Adults
Africentrism
Biblical Studies
Biographical
Children
Church Administration/Church Growth/'Discipleship/Stewardship/Ministry
Community Development
Counseling and Pastoral Care
Diversity
Family
General Christian Education and Sunday School
History and Heritage
Inspiration
Leadership
Men's Issues
Preaching and Homiletics
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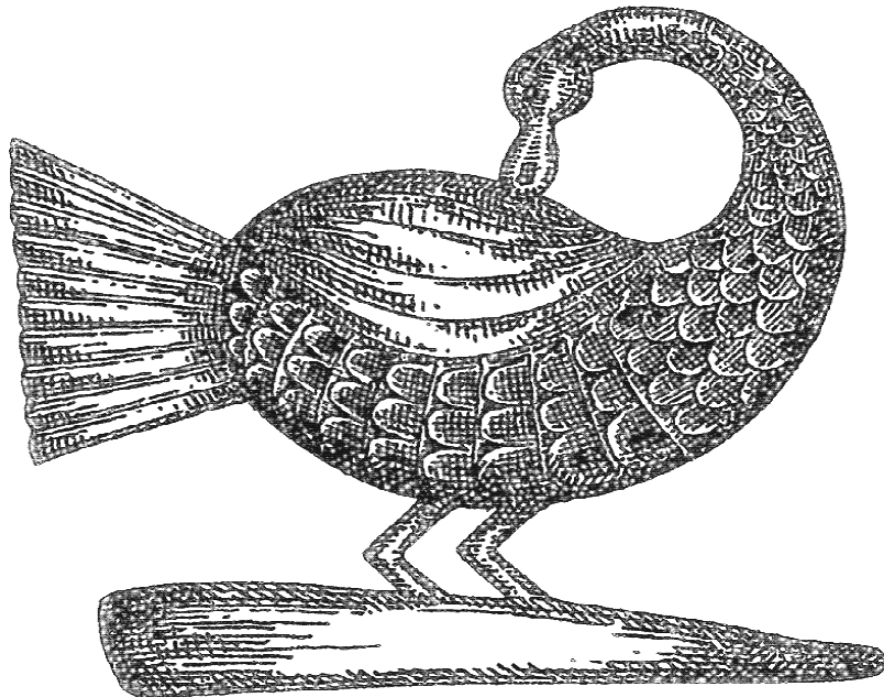
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