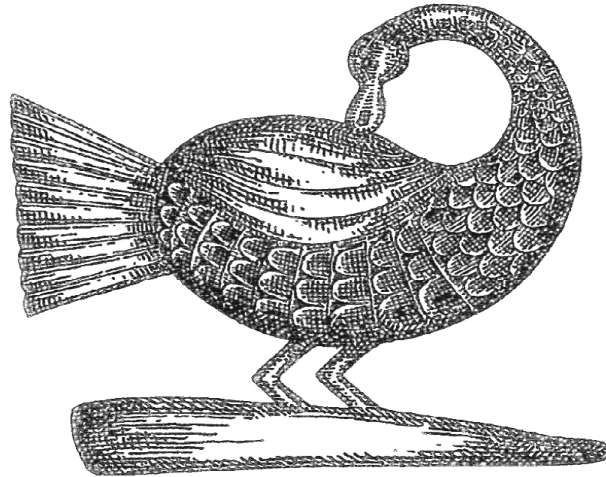


RESOURCES FOR SPECIAL DAYS



The West African symbol of the *SANKOFA* challenges persons to look back and claim one's heritage. When one's heritage is claimed, insight, strength, and memories are provided to sustain in the present and provide momentum to propel into the future. The Committee on Black Congregational Ministries of the Ministries in Christian Education Division, National Council of Churches has accepted the task of enabling persons of color to reclaim the rich, often forgotten legacy and to *pass it on*. Faith has been and is a key element in the lives of people of color. Therefore, this *SPECIAL DAYS PACKET* was developed out of the need for resources designed to emphasize the heritage of people of color. These resources take into account the unique faith journeys and incorporate those experiences into worship settings for special days. Consequently, an opportunity is provided for connecting heritage and faith in creative ways through worship and study.

Various scripture references highlight the distinct responsibility of persons to nurture and pass on one's faith stories and heritage to the present generations and those to come. (See Deuteronomy 4:6-9 and Psalm 78:1-8). These resources meet the biblical challenge and urge users to be nurtured and to pass it on. Consequently, you are invited to join in the commitment to keep the heritage of people of color alive.

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