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**Historically Black Church Mt. Zion Baptist partners with Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center To Celebrate Juneteenth**

**Dover, New Jersey – June 16, 2025** — Mt. Zion Baptist Church will host Dover’s first Juneteenth Celebration in partnership with Wind of the Spirit on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM at 61 Richards Ave, Dover, NJ 07801. This commemoration of the emancipation of enslaved Africans and their descendants will highlight Dover's significant role in the Underground Railroad and the contributions of local African Americans.

Dover was a crucial stop on the "Greenwich Line," a route used by Harriet Tubman and other abolitionists to guide enslaved individuals to freedom. The line extended from Hancock Harbor in Greenwich, NJ, through Cherry Hill, Burlington, Dover, and onward to Jersey City and New York City. Local residents, including Quakers and other abolitionists, risked their lives to shelter and protect freedom seekers.

“Juneteenth is not just a day on the calendar. It is a heart cry. It is the echo of chains breaking. It is the sound of our ancestors exhaling after centuries of holding their breath. This is more than a celebration—it’s a call. A call to honor the past, to rise in the present, and to push forward into a truly liberated future,”— Pastor Kisha Cohen, Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dover.

Beginning with a community dinner, the service will include traditional food, music, dance, and history of Dover’s Black communities, whether descendant from enslaved peoples in the United States or immigrants from the Caribbean and Latin America. “Juneteenth is commemorated as part of American historical memory and as part of the lived experience of the African American community. It has been more than two centuries since the Declaration of Freedom that ended slavery in the United States—as we originally knew it—but today we say, ‘Happy Juneteenth,’” — Jessica, member of Wind of the Spirit.

True freedom encompasses more than just physical liberty—it is political, educational, economic, and spiritual. To fully embrace freedom, we must unite in action, vote collectively, collaborate in building our communities, and hold ourselves accountable. Liberation demands not only legislation but active participation. Our unity in policy should mirror our unity in praise.

All members of the Dover area community are welcomed.

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**“If you let the wind be still, what will you hear in prayer?”**