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## You're Invited to the African-American Burial Grounds Network Act Cemetery Preservation Workshop

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2019 6:00 AM

**To:** Steve Johnston



**Join Us And Hear From The Experts**



- Dan Morrill, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission
- Akin Ogundiran, Ph.D. | UNCC Professor of Africana Studies, Anthropology & History & E-I-C of African Archaeological Review
- Desi Bryant, Periwinkle Burial Grounds Community Volunteers

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**GETHEMANE AMEZ CHURCH  
531 CAMPUS ST., CHARLOTTE, NC 28216  
ATTENDEES WILL VISIT BIDDLEVILLE CEMETERY**

**Learn to identify preservation and repair issues in cemeteries**, including iron jacking, sugaring, vandalism, mower damage, and structural instability, then discuss different methods of cleaning monuments with **Melissa A. Timo, Historic Cemetery Specialist**, NC Office of State Archaeology.

**Learn about the importance of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)** and its role in Historic Preservation studies from **John J. Mintz, State Archaeologist**, NC Office of State Archaeology; and **Shawn Patch, Archaeological Geophysicist** and **Sarah Lowry, Director of Geophysics**, Archaeologist from New South Associates, Inc.

*"Too often, the graves of African Americans have been forgotten or ignored by the communities in which they were located. This has been a disservice to the memories of those who came before us, and to the preservation of our nation's history." Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.*



**Interesting Fact:**

When looking for possible slave burial sites, look for Periwinkle. It was often planted near slave cemeteries.

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The bipartisan Adams-McEachin-Budd African-American Burial Grounds Network Act (H.R. 1179) would create a voluntary national network (Network) of historic African-American burial grounds within the National Park Service. The Network will provide technical assistance, educational materials, and grants to local organizations to research, identify, and preserve burial grounds in the Network.

Dear Friend,

In February, I introduced the bipartisan African-American Burial Grounds Act (H.R. 1179) with Representatives Donald McEachin (VA-04) and Ted Budd (NC-13). This legislation would create a voluntary national network of historic African-American burial grounds, and would provide information, technical support, and grants to aid in the research, identification, preservation, and restoration of burial sites within the network.

That is why on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** I will host the African American Burial Grounds Network Act Cemetery Preservation Workshop from **10am-2pm** at the Gethsemane AMEZ Church located at 532 Campus St., Charlotte, NC 28216.

Attendees will learn to identify preservation and repair issues with cemeteries, learn about the importance of Ground Penetrating Radar and its role in Historic Preservation studies.

The workshop, held at Gethsemane AME Zion Church, will be led by the **North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources** and **The Office of State Archaeology** and will include two Group Sessions and a visit to nearby Biddleville Cemetery.

For full workshop details and to **RSVP** visit <https://cemeterypreservation.eventbrite.com>

Best Regards,

Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.  
North Carolina's 12th Congressional District

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