

# WE INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT THE THE MARCUS GARVEY PROJECT PLAZA DE LAS ETNIAS IN AMADOR, REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

There are nine Ethnic groups represented at the “Plaza de las Etnias” in Amador, Panama: **Greeks, Chinese, Italians, Afro Caribbeans, North Americans, Hindustan, Jewish, Spanish and French.**

This plaza was inaugurated in October 17, 2003. We invite you to view a report of this inauguration as reported in the *Panama Cyberspace News*:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/17sJwx\\_2j8VYY\\_gv\\_nBY8yl5calDcV3Vg/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/17sJwx_2j8VYY_gv_nBY8yl5calDcV3Vg/view)



Each Ethnic group is now erecting a representative statue. The following groups have already erected theirs and you are welcome to visit the plaza to view them:



Chinese: Confucius



Spanish: Cervantes



Greeks: Socrates



Hindustan: Gandhi

## Our Afro Caribbean Ethnic Group will be erecting a statue of Marcus Mosiah Garvey Sr.

### THE PROJECT

Left to be completed in the Plaza is the “Promenade of the Outstanding Men” from each Community. This entails adding a statue on a pedestal with legends pertaining to a prominent figure. The Afroantilleian Committee’s board and its descendants, has chosen the figure of the Panafricanist, by excellence, Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

Marcus Mosiah Garvey was born in Jamaica, on August 17, 1887, to Maroon parents and died in London, on June 10, 1940. He was a political activist, journalist, editor, printer, businessman, fighter for the rights of Blacks, vibrant and persuasive speaker. He was the first leader to stimulate the pride and dignity of this ethnic group, pioneering the phrase “Black is beautiful.” In 1916 he founded the “Universal Negro Improvement Association”, the Association for the Overcoming of the Negro (U.N.I.A.), with the motto “One God! One Aim! One Destiny! “. This was intended to fight for the redemption of all Africans in the Diaspora, liberation from the clutches of oppression and colonialism, leading to the recognition of their true contributions and values.

Subsidiaries of U.N.I.A. in Panama: Bocas del Toro, Colón, Panama City, Puerto Armuelles, the Canal Zone and the “Lost Towns” along the railroad, such as Gorgona, Culebra and Matachin; They were decisive in bringing together Afroantilleian residents and their Panamanian descendants, to fight against the discriminatory “Gold and Silver Roll” system. Their preachings and philosophy prepared them to confront the results of the 1941 Constitution and armed them to assume positions of struggle, for their validation, as entities with transcendent participation in the development of the Panamanian Nation, constituted on the ideology of social, cultural and economical independence and on the principles of self-sufficiency. In our country, in addition to establishing a newspaper called “La Prensa”, the UNIA had its own

elementary and technical schools, where famous teachers such as Franklyn Hector-Connor and “Teacher Phillips” became famous, the latter being the first Afroantilleian to achieve the Order of Vasco Nuñez de Balboa.

His influence encompassed and continues to mark the most outstanding leaders in their Afro-descendant and Pan-African rescue Movements, globally.

### Friends of the Afroantilleian Community of La Plaza:

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appeal to your renewed generosity to:

- 1) Comply with erecting the Marcos Garvey statue, in the “Paseo de los Prohombres” of the Plaza de la Cultura y las Etnias. This activity will consist of 3 steps:
  - a. Acquisition of the statue of Marcus Garvey
  - b. Installation of granite cladding to the pilaster with engravings of names and legends.
  - c. Marcus Garvey statue installation
- 2) Participate effectively, with the renovation and maintenance of the Plaza.

Although the erection of the statue has definite deadlines, the renovation and maintenance is ongoing. So any donation will be well received. **Our initial goal is B / 50,000 to be met in January 2022.** However, continued donations after that date are appreciated.

The statue will be made of marble, 1.80 meters high. The pedestal that supports it will be lined with granite. On its front face, a brief account of the importance of the figure of Marcus Mosiah Garvey will be recorded. **Both sides will be reserved to record names of collaborators: who donate B / 1,000.00 or more to the project. The name engravings will be in one line and in gold.**



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**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** eloquently expressed the significance of Marcus Garvey when he stated, “*Marcus Garvey was the first man of color in the history of the United States to lead and develop a mass movement. He was the first man, on a mass scale, and level, to give millions of Negroes a sense of dignity and destiny, and make the Negro feel that he was somebody.*” His activism gave birth to the U.S. Civil Rights movement.

**Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana**, subsequent leaders of independent African countries and international statesmen of renown, have attested to the value of his imprint on their intellectual emancipation from the perils of mental slavery and social inequity.

## WHY MARCUS GARVEY?

Marcus Mosiah Garvey Sr. was a great man! In his fight against racial discrimination (in an era when this was not accomplished by many) he paved the way to make life better for afro descendants.

We invite you to learn more about his life and legacy by watching the following educational video:

### The Story of Marcus Garvey A Documentary (2 hours)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bpsKWGIZIhw>



Quotes by Marcus Garvey: [https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/28955.Marcus\\_Garvey](https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/28955.Marcus_Garvey)

**Additionally, there are a variety of links for learning about his life and legacy:**

- [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=The+Legacy+of+Marcus+Garvey+with+Dr.+Julius+Garvey](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=The+Legacy+of+Marcus+Garvey+with+Dr.+Julius+Garvey)
- Marcus Garvey came to Panama in 1911: <https://www.ozy.com/true-and-stories/black-nationalist-messiah-marcus-garvey-the-early-years/31018/>
- Malcolm X Speaks on Marcus Garvey: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-0l-tW--7w>
- The Rock Newman Show: The Legacy of Marcus Garvey with Dr. Julius Garvey (a vascular surgeon and the son of Marcus Garvey): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkDOAwspuwg>
- 7 Things You Didn't Know About Marcus Garvey: <https://jamaicans.com/7-things-you-didnt-know-about-marcus-garvey/>
- Marcus Garvey Jr., 90, son of civil rights leader, dies December 8, 2020 <https://www.palmbeachpost.com/story/news/local/wellington/2020/12/14/marcus-garvey-jr-son-civil-rights-leader-dies-wellington/6540060002/>

## WE INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT

The year 2022 marks 100 years since Marcus Garvey was unjustly charged for mail fraud and was later imprisoned and deported from the United States. His activism gave birth to the U.S. Civil Rights movement.

We invite you to support this project by making a donation of any amount to have the statue erected and for the maintenance of the plaza. Additionally, If you would like to see your family's name engraved in gold on the side faces of the pedestal (2 inches high, 30 characters per line) we invite you to make a minimum donation of one thousand dollars (\$1000). Our goal is to raise \$50,000.

**Deposits may be made to:**

**Banco General Savings Account**

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