Ujamaanomics Civil Rights Research Experience

As we continue to build on the strength inherited from our ancestors, Ujamaa Place and its Twin Cities Communities of Practice (TCCoP) partners will travel to the South on a Ujamaanomics Civil Rights Research Experience confronting the history of slavery in America and the disparities that remain in place today from an economic system built on inequality.

TCCoP organizations will explore “The Economics of Slavery and Lynching” and how this history systemically perpetuates poverty and is linked to the present-day lynchings of Mr. George Floyd and Philando Castile.

Travel begins June 11-14, 2021, from Minneapolis to Atlanta – Montgomery - Selma -Tuskegee, AL - Minneapolis. The itinerary includes:

- **Friday:** June 11, 2021 – An early morning flight departs Minneapolis to Atlanta which a motorcoach will take us on a journey to Montgomery, AL for an afternoon bus tour of Montgomery’s historical Civil Rights sites ending the day with a tour of the Rosa Parks museum.

- **Saturday:** June 12, 2021 - Travel to Selma, AL for the Willie Lynch re-enactment at the Center for Humanity under the direction of Sister Afriye We-kandodis. We will visit Brown Chapel followed by a ceremonial walk over the Edmund Pettus bridge, reflecting on the violence inflicted upon the marchers on what is known become historically known as “Bloody Sunday.”

- **Sunday:** June 13, 2021 - Tour of EJI’s Legacy Museum and Peace and Justice Memorial in Montgomery, AL, where the Duluth lynching monuments of Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson and Isaac McGhee are displayed. A Ujamaanomics cultural discussion about “The Economics of Slavery and Lynching” will follow with Equal Justice Initiative’s Deputy Director of Community Education, Kiara Boone.

- **Monday:** June 14, 2021 - Travel to Tuskegee, AL to visit the historic Tuskegee Institute where Booker T. Washington’s legacy of “lifting the veil of ignorance” lives on in his spirit, felt throughout the campus. We will visit the Tuskegee Airmen memorial and honor the strength, courage and determination of the elite “Red Tail Angels” who served our nation in combat in World War II.

The TCCoP will produce a research report that will be shared with the beloved community.