



Baobab Tree - aka "Tree of Life"

The baobab tree is an essential part of African culture – a symbol of strength, wisdom, health, long life and beauty. It is a sacred link to the past, and is sometimes associated with the beginning of creation. It can provide shelter, clothing, food, and water for the animal and human inhabitants of the African regions. There are many legends about how the tree came into being. The story always comes back to the unique circumstances of the tree, and its willingness to give so generously to the African peoples.

Dear Community Elder:

This letter is a drum call to the Elders of the Akron African–American community for us to gather for the purpose of providing you with an update on progress pertaining to the The Akron- African-American Village (**AAAV**).

As a part of the **AAAV** building process, a small task force was identified to develop a meaningful process to assist our elders in serving the Akron community. Over the past few months, several things have been addressed by the task force: a. the development of the Rites of Passage Curriculum & Training for elders, b. the restructuring of the Akron African Cultural Association, and c. the **AAAV** Think Tank.

As we strive to strengthen our resolve and purpose, you are invited to reconvene with us at the Update/Information Meeting. The meeting will be held, **Wednesday, August 17, 2016 from 6-8 PM. The meeting will take place at the YMCA - East Akron Branch, 888 Jonathan Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44306.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate contact us. We expect to see you August 17th.

One African Love,

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