

# Remembering

## THE RIGHT EXCELLENT

### MARCUS MOSIAH GARVEY



The Universal Negro Improvement Association & African Communities League (UNIA-ACL) was founded on July 20, 1914 by the Right Excellent Marucs Garvey. Amy Ashwood became the first member of the UNIA at a meeting held at 121 Orange Street, then Garvey's residence. 30 Charles Street became the organizations' first offices. Eva Aldred, Thaddeus McCormack, Adrian Daley, Mrs. G Livingston, Thomas Smickle, and brothers Jonathon & Edwin Reid were among the first officers of the UNIA in 1914. Marcus Garvey moved to the USA



Born in St Ann's Bay, Jamaica on August 17, 1887, The Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey is undoubtedly a true Jamaican Patriarch and 'son of the soil'. He is renowned worldwide as an ardent proponent of black pride, self-reliance, upliftment, empowerment and equality for all people of colour. The United Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), the African Communities League and the Black Star Line Steamship Company are testament of his lasting legacies and give added credence to the phenomenal life, work and

soul of this amazing Jamaican.

in 1916 where Amy Ashwood later joined him. They were married on Christmas Day in 1919 at the UNIA Liberty Hall in Harlem, New York. Though they divorced in 1924, together they founded the largest Pan African organization in history. Garvey was returned to Jamaica in 1927 after being persecuted by the US federal government. In 1929, he founded the People's Political Party and was elected Councillor to the Kingston & St. Andrew Corporation where he served two terms until 1933. During this period, he also contested the Legislative Council seat for St. Andrew in Parliament.

Garvey, a former Councillor of the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation; and, being a Local Authority built on excellent traditions of service and good governance presented in 2012 the "Keys to the City of Kingston" to Jamaica's first National Hero and proclaimed the 17th day of August each year to be dubbed Marcus Garvey Day in celebration of his life and work.

On this day and as we celebrate the 75th anniversary since his death, we honor one of our own, a former member of the KSAC who was committed to the cause of improving the human and social conditions for all Jamaicans.

"We are the arbiters of our own destiny. God and nature first made us what we are and then out of our own creative genius, we make ourselves what we want to be. Follow always the great law."

In 2012, the **Kingston & St. Andrew Corporation** presented (posthumously) the "Keys" to the City of Kingston to Jamaica's first national hero and proclaimed the 17<sup>th</sup> of August be dubbed **Marcus Garvey Day** each year, in celebration of the life and work of His Excellency, the Right Hon. Marcus Mosiah Garvey. Presented by Her Worship the Mayor Dr. Angela Brown Burke, the award was collected by Dr. Julius Garvey on behalf of his iconic father. Here we honour one of our own, a former member of the KSAC, and resident of this great city .

The Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation (KSAC) honours the life and work of His Excellency, the Right Hon. Marcus Mosiah Garvey, a former member, one of our very own and salutes him today. His spirit lives on through his sons and his many ardent supporters. His work shall continue to echo through the ages, may his soul continue to rest in eternal peace.

Sincerely,  
**HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF KINGSTON**  
**SEN. CLLR. DR. ANGELA BROWN BURKE, JP**

