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**Frederick Douglass Honor Society to Commemorate America's 250 Celebration on Juneteenth by Sponsoring *Bear Me Into Freedom: Frederick Douglass and the Struggle for America's Promise* at the Historic Asbury United Methodist Church**

On Juneteenth of 2026, June 19, in the year that is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the Frederick Douglass Honor Society will sponsor three screenings of the powerful new film *Bear Me Into Freedom: Frederick Douglass and the Struggle for America's Promise* at the historic Asbury United Methodist Church.

According to the Society's President, Edward "Boots" Robinson, "There is only one Frederick Douglass, and there is only one time Juneteenth occurs on America's Semiquincentennial. The Society is delighted to offer this special tribute to the community on this special day." On November 25, 1878, Frederick Douglass dedicated Asbury speaking from a lectern that is still in use today by the church.

*Bear Me Into Freedom* portrays the odyssey of Frederick Douglass—his birth and enslavement in Talbot County, Maryland, his life's work championing abolition, emancipation, and equal rights throughout the United States, and his triumphal return to the place of his birth in the last decades of his life as one of the most consequential figures of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Frederick Douglass became a transformational figure in American history and Talbot County's most famous citizen. His fiery oratory and compelling prose advanced America towards the promises contained in the Declaration of Independence, including the concept that "all men are created equal."

*Bear Me Into Freedom* is an hour-long tribute to the life of Frederick Douglass, his experience on the Eastern Shore that gave rise to the most powerful slave narrative in American literature, and his contribution to the transformation of America's social policy. Asbury United Methodist Church is located at 18 South Higgins Street, Easton, MD. Doors will open at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 19. There will be three screenings—3 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Additional information can be found on the Frederick Douglass Honor Society's website at

<https://frederickdouglasshonorsociety.com/> and on the *Bear Me Into Freedom*'s website: <https://www.bearmeintofreedom.com/>.