

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Dear Canadian Vineyard,**

Across Canada and many other countries Black History month remembers, honours, and celebrates the African diaspora for the month of February.

It gives us the opportunity to recognize the pain and struggles of oppressed communities, so we can begin forming a collective memory that remembers and inspires hope, in a way forward together. It also challenges us to eliminate repeating the historical sufferings of black people.

If you are looking for **resources and opportunities for you, your church, small group, etc. to learn, grow and expand in connecting with God's heart for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) in our country, please see below.** This is by no means everything that will be happening this month but it is a good place to start.

**Black History Month 2021 gives us an opportunity to gather (online), unify, and share the gifts all our communities offer as we celebrate and acknowledge one another.**

**Let's join together in this movement forward, listening to our past and also praying about our future.**

One of our leaders has been putting together a prayer calendar each month so that we can pray for one another and also pray for every First Nations Community across Canada. The calendar for February is particularly focused towards Black History month. It is included [here](#) to give you an idea of how it works. It has really raised our consciousness towards remembering our Canadian communities.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021 Canadian theme:  
"The Future is Now"**

*'Sankofa- Akan people of Ghana's proverb in twi  
"Se wo were fi na wosankofa a yenkyi." Literally translated it means,  
"It is not wrong to go back and fetch what you forgot"*

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH Events

Monday, FEB 8 @ 10am-12pm EST

## **2021 BLACK HISTORY SYMPOSIUM:**

### **Honoring the Diversity of Black Leaders and Agents of Change**

Hosted by the Anti-Racism & Cultural Diversity Office (ARCDO), panelists will discuss anti-Black racism activism in diverse spaces and the role of post-secondary environments in transforming anti-Black racism advocacy. This symposium is featuring Dahabo Ahmed Omer, Executive Director of the Black North Initiative.

Register online to receive the zoom link to this event - [click here](#).

Friday, FEB 12 @ 12-2pm EST

## **Film Screening: NINTH FLOOR**

Join a screening of this incredible documentary about one of the most contested episodes in Canada's history when a protest against institutional racism snowballed into a 14-day student occupation at Sir George Williams University in Montreal. The film is 1 hour and 22 minutes long, followed by a Q&A session.

Register online to receive the zoom link to watch this movie - [click here](#).

Saturday, FEB 20 @ 1-3pm PST

## **Online Event: THE FIFTH ELEMENT**

Learn about the rich history of the 5 Elements of Hip Hop and of the lands we live on today. This program will explore each element: Knowledge, DJing/Lyricism, Breakdancing/African dance, and Graffiti. We want to re-engage Black and Indigenous youth by using Hip Hop to embed themes of identity, power, resistance, and creativity.

Register in advance for this online event - [click here](#).

Friday, FEB 26 @ 7-8:30pm PST

## **Online Performance:**

### **OSCAR PETERSON'S MUSIC WITH PABLO CÁRDENAS**

Celebrate music during Black History Month by commemorating the works of more than 60 years of Oscar Peterson. This Canadian jazz pianist and composer released 200+ recordings, won 8 Grammys, and received many other awards and honours. Cuban pianist Pablo Cárdenas will reproduce many of Oscar's most famous and beloved performances. Click on the following links to take part in this amazing show.

- ▶ [Hermann's YouTube channel](#)
- ▶ [Hermann's website](#)
- ▶ [Hermann's Facebook page](#)
- ▶ [Hermann's Vimeo channel](#)

## More Links & Events

Check out the following links for other events and ways you can participate:

- ▶ <https://bcblackhistory.ca/events/>
- ▶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month.html>
- ▶ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/beingblackincanada>

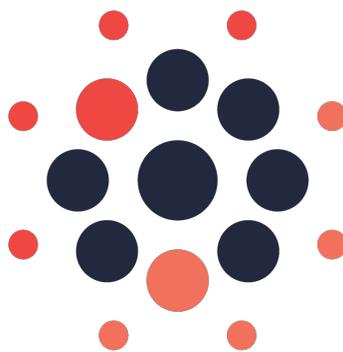
We would love to hear of ways you are hoping to engage in Black History Month this year.

**Thank you!**

**Engage Catalysts**

*And God has made all things new,  
and reconciled us to himself,  
and given us the ministry of reconciling others to God.  
2 Corinthians 5:18 (TPT)*

*So I give you now a new commandment:  
Love each other just as much as I have loved you.  
For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you  
by loving one another, everyone will know that you're my true followers.  
John 13:34-35 (TPT)*



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