

What did you find most valuable or engaging about the experience?

The opportunity to learn firsthand information from my brothers and sisters who are persons of color and to gain a better understanding of their perspective on our shared histories. Once again, I was exposed to hidden history about Bulloch County and Sapelo Island.

What positive outcomes or benefits did you receive from participating in the one-day excursions?

New friendships, more knowledge and truth about my ancestors in Bulloch County, a much better understanding of the history of African Americans in both Bulloch and McIntosh Counties, an accurate picture of the current challenges facing the residents of Hogg Hammock on Sapelo Island, and knowledge about the Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance in Portal

How do I translate these experiences back home in my church community and how can I share what I have learned?

I am sharing these experiences through conversations with others in my church and in my circle of friends and relatives and encouraging them to visit these places for themselves.

How will this trip impact me moving forward?

I hope to have further conversations with Dr. Jackson. I will advocate for the residents of Hogg Hammock by writing to my congressman, the governor, our two senators, and the public officials of McIntosh County. I will also keep myself abreast of the status of the lawsuit in McIntosh County. I will also encourage Savannah Presbytery to continue the work of the RJMT.

Goal for self – that my heart continues to be softened with compassion and grace while my resolve to bring about an end to the disparity of the social and economic conditions that continue to exist in my county, our state and country, and in the world

Goal with others – to find like minded people who wish to see these same changes accomplished

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