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## **Rev. Joseph Lowery Coming to Carter Library**

### ***Black History Month Activities Include Film Screening and Book Signing by a King***

**Atlanta, GA.** – The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library welcomes the “Dean of the Civil Rights Movement,” Reverend Joseph Lowery for an evening of memories and looking to the future. On Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Rev. Lowery will discuss ***The Civil Rights Movement ... Where We've Been and Where We're Going*** with Atlanta City Councilman Michael Julian Bond, the son of civil rights activist Julian Bond. The conversation will be followed by a signing by Reverend Lowery of his book ***Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land***. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event. Reverend Lowery's talk is free and open to the public.

Seating in the Carter Museum Theater is limited to 150 in the main theater and on a first come-first seated basis. There will be an overflow theater where the talk will be shown on the big screen. Doors to the Carter Presidential Museum will open at 5:30pm and visitors will be allowed to see the new exhibition on George Washington Carter from 5:30 pm until 6:45pm.

**When you come to the event, you can see the Carter Library's all new outdoor lighting. We think you'll like it.**

Also, mark your calendar for February 28<sup>th</sup> for an opportunity to meet “King Peggy.” Peggy Bartels will tell her own charming real-life fairy tale of an American secretary who discovers she has been chosen king of an impoverished fishing village on the west coast of Africa. ***King Peggy: An American Secretary, Her Royal Destiny, and the Inspiring Story of How She Changed an African Village*** chronicles Bartels' astonishing journey as she suddenly finds herself king to a town of 7,000 souls on Ghana's central coast, half a world away. Upon arriving for her crowning ceremony in beautiful Otuam, she discovers the dire reality: there's no running water, no doctor, and no high school, and many of the village elders are stealing the town's funds. To make matters worse, her uncle (the late king) sits in a morgue awaiting a proper funeral in the royal palace, which is in ruins.

You won't want to miss this incredible story on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Carter Museum Theater. The event is free and open to the public.

As a part of our Black History Month observance, we'll have a screening of the UNESCO sponsored film ***Slave Routes*** on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This documentary highlights the African presence across continents, the significant contributions of the African Diaspora to the host societies in various fields (arts, religion, knowledge, gastronomy, agriculture, behavior, linguistics, etc.), and the racism and discrimination inherited from this tragic past. Its scope moves beyond the trauma of slavery and emphasizes slave resistance and resilience in surviving such a dehumanizing system. ***Details will be coming soon on this film screening and discussion.***

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