

Reclaiming Our Heritage

The word Sankofa is based on an African Adinkra symbol from Ghana that means “go back and fetch it.”

It refers to going back to remember (fetch) that which was important from our past that will serve us in our present and future.



We believe it means remembering the values of our African heritage - remembering the things that kept our ancestors strong, creative and resilient when times were extraordinarily tough.

It means reconnecting with and honoring values of knowledge, knowledge-sharing, connection, community, faith, mentoring our youth, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, and advocacy for social change.

*Register for class today ...
and tomorrow ...
We can change lives together!*



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“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.”
- Alice Walker

Our Vision and Mission

VISION:

The Elmwood Sankofa Institute is an empowerment movement that creates awareness, builds community, and supports positive action for dynamic social change.

MISSION:

Based in the principles and values that have supported people of African descent for generations, the mission of the Elmwood Sankofa Institute is to:

- Inspire people to share their gifts and knowledge,
- Equip people with the knowledge and skills that help individuals, families, and communities thrive,
- Build vibrant, collaborative, supportive partnerships,
- Take action to create and/or advocate for desired social change.

Our Impact

In the US and globally, we are in a time of turbulence and crisis. We've witnessed a rise in overt racism, fear of those who are perceived as different, threats to social services, rollback of policies that promoted equity and social justice, and more.

It's time for us to take action for personal, family, and community change. Alone, we have little or no power for radical change and impact.

Collectively we can have tremendous impact! The Elmwood Sankofa Institute is our launch pad for that collective knowledge-sharing and action! Let's collaborate to co-create the change we want to see!

For more information about the Sankofa Institute or to partner with us in this venture, please contact us at elmwoodsankofainstitute@gmail.com.

Our Offerings

The Elmwood Sankofa Institute course offerings focus on the knowledge areas that equip us as a people to better shape our individual and collective destinies. Our 2018 - 2019 offerings will include classes in the following categories:

- Financial empowerment
- Entrepreneurship
- Taking charge of our health
- Community resources
- Current issues
- Culture and Heritage
- Communication and Conflict Resolution
- Supporting and mentoring our youth
- And more

Classes run in sessions lasting 4-8 weeks.
Cost per multi-week session: \$25
Location: Elmwood United Presbyterian Church