



**Gullah/Geechee**  
Cultural Heritage Corridor  
South Carolina  
Georgia  
North Carolina  
Florida

## The Commission

The commission adopted by-laws and elected officers in May 2008. The chairman of the commission is Emory Campbell of South Carolina. Campbell is currently president of Gullah Heritage Consulting Service and conducts institutes through lectures, short courses and the Gullah Heritage Trail Tours on Hilton Head Island. He is the author of *Gullah Cultural Legacies* and was the former director of the Penn Center on St. Helena Island for 22 years. The Association of African American Museums (AAAM) presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to Emory Shaw Campbell during its 30th annual conference in 2008.

Eulis Willis, who is mayor of the city of Navassa in North Carolina, is vice chairman. Jeanne Cyriaque, secretary, coordinates African American programs in Georgia's state historic preservation office. Ralph Johnson, treasurer, is the director of the Center for the Conservation of Architectural & Cultural Heritage at Florida Atlantic University.

At the August 2008 meeting in Wilmington, NC the commission engaged the Denver Service Center to partner with them to develop the management plan for the corridor. The North Carolina SHPO hosted a reception in Old Town Brunswick and several commissioners supported the Atlantic Beach Gullah Festival.

Sapelo Island and Darien were the sites for the September commission meeting in Georgia. Sapelo Island Cultural and Revitalization Society (SICARS) hosted the commissioners meeting in Hog Hammock and Cornelia Bailey provided a tour of Gullah/Geechee sites on Sapelo. Reverend Griffin Lotson, executive director of Sams Memorial Community Economic Development in Darien, was another valuable partner who made the Darien meeting a community event. Lotson organized a reception and dinner and the Darien Shouters and Frankie Quimby and the Georgia Sea Island Singers performed.



*The Commission visits the First African Baptist Church at Raccoon Bluff, Sapelo Island. The Church is on the National Register of Historic Places.*

## How Can I Participate?

### We Want to Hear From You!

The Commission welcomes your thoughts, ideas, and concerns.

Would you or your family like to be contacted for oral history interviews?

What are the top three things of the Gullah/Geechee culture that you would protect, preserve, and/or continue?

If any of these three things are historic sites, please provide us with the address and location of the site(s).

If any of these are events or programs, please provide the contact information for the people that produce the event.

Comments card are available from Michael Allen or any Commission Member. Give your completed card to Michael or any Commission Member, or mail them to:

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