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**Forging Faith, Building Freedom: African American Faith Experiences in Delaware, 1800-1980 Program at the Star Hill AME Church and Museum**

*Presentation and book signing with authors of “Forging Faith, Building Freedom”, the story of the African American faith experience in Delaware and the U.S.*

Wilmington, DE —The Delaware Historical Society, in conjunction with the Delaware Heritage Commission and Star Hill AME Church and Museum, will hold a presentation and book signing for *Forging Faith, Building Freedom: African American Faith Experiences in Delaware, 1800-1980* on Saturday, July 11 from 2-4 p.m. at the Star Hill AME Church and Museum in Dover, DE.

**WHAT:** *Forging Faith, Building Freedom: African American Faith Experiences in Delaware, 1800-1980*. Following a brief program, books will be available for purchase. \$18.00 hardbound and \$12.00 softbound. The authors will be available to sign copies.

Illustrated with a rich selection of images and documents provided by the African American community, the *Forging Faith, Building Freedom* book explores and celebrates the African American faith experience in Delaware and places Delaware into the larger historical context of African-American religion and faith.

**WHO:** Featuring authors Dr. Constance J. Cooper, chief curator at the Delaware Historical Society and curator of *Forging Faith, Building Freedom* and Dr. Lewis V. Baldwin, Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies at Vanderbilt University and consultant historian for *Forging Faith, Building Freedom*. Published by the Delaware Heritage Press for the Delaware Historical Society.

**WHERE:** Star Hill AME Church and Museum, 357 Voshells Mill Star Hill Road, Dover, DE 19901

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 11, 2-4 p.m.

Reservations for the program can be made by calling (302) 655-7161 or [deinfo@dehistory.org](mailto:deinfo@dehistory.org).

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in Wilmington; as well as the Read House & Gardens located in historic New Castle, recognized as an “American Treasure” by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service; and The Center for African American Heritage, which will be included as part of the expansion of the Delaware History Museum, expected to reopen in 2016.

For more information about the Delaware Historical Society, call (302) 655-7161 or visit [www.dehistory.org](http://www.dehistory.org).

**Links:** <http://dehistory.org/online-exhibitions-collections-museum/forging-faith>

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