MISSION STATEMENT

Gulfside, a multi-cultural conference, retreat and training center, located in Waveland, Mississippi, founded by African-Americans in 1923; is related to the United Methodist Church. A place for all God’s people, Gulfside provides facilities and programs that further the development of ministries to the whole person through education, spiritual nurturing and family support for all ages.

The History of...

Gulfside Association, Inc.

The Gulfside Chautauqua and Camp Meeting Ground was physically realized on April 16, 1923. Its visionary founder, Bishop Robert Elijah Jones, was the first Black to be a general superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Gulfside was incorporated on January 24, 1923. The incorporators were some of the most prestigious Black leaders in Methodism at that time.

Waveland, Mississippi was a resort town, centrally located on the Gulf Coast, 55 miles from Bishop Jones’ main office in New Orleans. Through the aid of churches and individuals, he raised $4,000 to purchase 300 acres for the educational and spiritual retreat facility.

Mollie M. Stewart is now President/CEO of Gulfside Association, Inc.

Bishop Robert E. & Elizabeth B. Jones

Historically recognized as the Gulfside Chautauqua & Camp Meeting Ground
A Mecca on the Gulf

Gulfside represents one of the most important journeys of our time. It embodies the spirit, commitment and vision of courageous people who dared to confront the bigotry and racial discrimination within the church and society.

It continues to be a place where all God’s people are welcome. This journey moved through and survived segregation, the civil rights movement, natural and man-made disasters. The journey continues.

Those who come out to the property still witness the powerful presence of all that Gulfside has ever been and all that it is yet to be. Make your tracks to Gulfside and plant your footsteps in the sands of time.

“We invite you to come out to this historic and sacred ground. God is not finished with Gulfside and neither are we! We believe ‘All things are possible for those who believe and are called to His purpose.’”

Romans 8:28

Mollie M. Stewart, President/CEO

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__ I want to learn how to sponsor and support Gulfside.
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