

## **Matoaka Covenant Celebration**

We hope you will join community partners from across the Diocese of Southern Virginia on **October 29** from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Chanco on the James for our Matoaka Covenant Celebration. The day promises to be informative, interactive, and engaging as we learn about the history and culture of Native peoples in Virginia and recommit ourselves to building relationships with Indigenous people today.

Come and learn how you can engage with the Matoaka Covenant, a written pledge to work together for racial justice and equality, expand the dialogue between our peoples and traditions, and stand together to care for God's creation.

The day's events are free and open to all. Some of the day's activities include:

- Meet Chiefs and tribal representatives from Upper Mattaponi and Nottoway Indian Tribes and learn about their customs and cultures
- Native artisan demonstrations
- Native Gardening by Tom Powell
- What Is Indigenous Ministry and How Can We Do It Effectively? Presented by Rev. Jim Kee-Rees
- Inevitable Uprising 1622 presented by Mark Summers, Public Historian, Jamestown Archaeology Team
- Mattaponi Tribal Historian, Samuel Custalow McGowan, will display handmade replica artifacts with an emphasis on being stewards of creation
- Hands-on interpretive material about the Pre- and Post-Contact Virginia Indian Economy, hosted by the Hampton History Museum
- To Lead and Serve, exhibit about the Hampton Institute Indian school
- Art installation by renowned artist Chief Kevin Brown, from the Pamunkey Tribe
- Bishop Carol Gallagher, author of The Matoaka Covenant and preacher at our worship service

Registration by October 26 is required for those who plan to attend the free luncheon. [Click here](#) to register. Snacks and concessions will be available for a fee for those who choose not to participate in the luncheon.

Individuals wishing to make a weekend of this event at Chanco should contact Marjorie Gay at 888-724-2626 to reserve accommodations.