

Jubilee Justice

*weaving together Land, Race, Money, & Spirit
through regenerative agriculture and
reparative genealogy*

2021 Review



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Welcome to Jubilee Justice!

2021 was a stellar, fast-paced year for Jubilee Justice. Please allow me to share some highlights of our work with you!



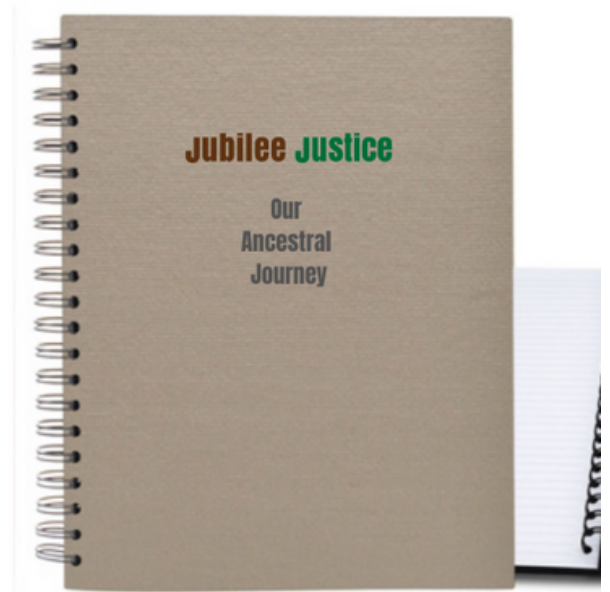
Konda Mason, Founder/President

OUR VISION. We envision an America where the institutional injustices concerning Land, Race and Money, that are rooted in a history of extraction and exploitation, both spiritually and materially transform toward justice, equity and repair. It will require the redistribution of resources, the equal sharing of knowledge and information, cross-racial and personal healing based on a worldview of interdependence and the active acknowledgement of the Earth and soil upon which all life depends as sacred.

OUR MISSION. Our mission is to heal and transform the wounds suffered by the people and the land through reparative genealogy and regenerative agriculture. Our **Journeys program** convenes essential change-makers across many differences to engage meaningfully in reparative genealogy, healing backwards so we can build a better world for future generations together. Our **Black farmers program** provides Black farming communities with sustainable, regenerative practices, and cooperative ownership and financial security in the whole value chain of their crops.

Our Ancestral Journey

In 2021, we catapulted our Journeys program into an in-depth, two-year-long course, called *Our Ancestral Journey*, with over 50 participants, half BIPOC and half white.



**We all came together because
of our ancestors.**

In order to make systems change, we must begin with transforming the mindset that created those systems. So at JJ, we begin there with our Journeys programs where we address America's underlying, pivotal issues that have extracted and exploited the land and the people for unbridled personal financial gain. These conversations rarely happen in the same room with intergenerational groups with different racial, gender and class identities, and across different spiritual traditions. We began the year with a group of willing people to do this difficult work. This group has expanded into a larger facilitation team, lovingly known as the J9, and 50 participants who are willing to face these issues head on, together, for the next two years.

**This work is challenging, joyous,
and essential to our liberation.**

We meet in the virtual realm to do this work, and have built community and trusting friendships. We are embarking on *Our Ancestral Journey* to uncover the roots of white supremacy in our past so we can recognize its genesis and live free from this devastating ideology in the future. Mindfulness and Traditional African Spirituality are our anchors as we navigate this challenging path forward.

Our gatherings have covered topics such as reparative genealogy, ancestral healing practices, story telling, folklore and folklife, and Truth, Race, and Mindfulness. In addition to the J9, we have had special guests Larry Ward and Sharon Morgan, with an incredible lineup for our 2022 gatherings.



Black Farmers Rice Project

In 2021, we focused on five areas in our Black Farmers Rice Project, which works at the intersection of racial and climate justice.



1. Regenerative Rice Production Research. We tested 24 speciality rice varieties at Inglewood, LA and New Communities, GA, and experimented with our eight partner farmers to grow organic rice adapted to their farming conditions. We trialed new crops and cover crops to create soil regenerative crop rotations with rice.

2. Jubilee Justice Farm Headquarter at Alexandria, LA. We expanded our farm from one to five acres. The farm serves as JJ headquarters, and as a Center for field research, seed production, demonstration and training, and for crop production for revenue generation. In 2021, we built the infrastructure and acquired most of the essential farm equipment to be fully operational as a farm in 2022.

3. Jubilee Justice Black Farmer Cohort. In 2021, the JJ farmer cohort expanded from two farmers in MS in 2020, to a total of eight farmers in LA, MS, GA and SC. Each farmer planted organic specialty rices on raised beds using the System of Rice Intensification methodology. In this first year of regenerative rice production, we harvested 10 varieties and an impressive 600 pounds of rice, which we will use as seed stock and process in our mill to test our direct markets in 2022.

4. The Jubilee Justice Rice Mill.

We bought a rice mill and identified a building to house the JJ Rice Mill in Alexandria, LA.

5. Partnerships, Collaborations, and Outreach.

Jubilee Justice and sister organization Potlikker Capital (a charitable loan fund) worked side-by-side to jointly support BIPOC farmers with both technical and financial support. A first loan was granted in 2021 to one of our JJ rice farmers. Other loans are in the pipeline.

Jubilee Justice also formed new partnerships with i) New Communities Inc in Albany, GA to become JJ's second outreach hub, ii) Mad Agriculture for additional technical assistance to our farmers, and iii) the National Black Food and Justice Alliance (NBFJA), to better connect with the wider Black Farming Communities in the USA.

A Peek at 2022

In 2022, our vision continues to grow. Below are some of the highlights of what's on the horizon.



Jubilee Justice Black Farmers' Rice Project

1. Regenerative Rice Production Research. We will continue testing rice varieties and developing regenerative crop rotations with crops that complement rice, which can be processed at the rice mill and marketed along with the JJ Rice.

2. Jubilee Justice Farm Headquarter at Inglewood, LA. JJ Farm HQ will be fully operational as a farm in 2022.

3. Jubilee Justice Black Farmer Cohort. Demand to be part of Project increased by word-of-mouth in 2021. The JJ farm team visited five farmer candidates in LA, GA and SC to join the cohort in 2022.

4. Jubilee Justice Rice Mill. In 2022, JJ will renovate the building for the mill, install solar panels, set up the Black farmers' cooperative who will own the mill. This will be the first solar-operated and first Black farmers'-owned Rice Mill in the USA.

5. Partnerships, Collaborations, and Outreach. We will actively continue in developing a deeper network of partnerships

Jubilee Justice Journeys

In 2022, Our Ancestral Journey family will be honored with guest speakers such as Nwamaka Agbo, Spring Washam, Marcus Briggs Cloud, and many others.

In October 2022, we are planning to meet in-person (pandemic permitting) on our farm in LA, to mark our midpoint in our two year Journey and solidify the family we've built together over Zoom.

Collectively, we will continue to meet the joys and the sorrows that emerge as we uncover our ancestral stories.

May our future be made whole as we face this daunting history of our country. May each of us refuse to continue the harmful ways of the past and reorient around our interdependence as we forge paths towards personal and collective liberation.

Meet the J9



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