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**Groundbreaking Ceremony-NVC Kingdom Cultural Center**

After 156 years in existence the first indoor amenity is being erected in the town of Lincolnville, South Carolina. ***Lincolnville was founded 156 years ago (just 2 years after the Civil War) by Richard Harvey Cain and 6 other Black men from the City of Charleston.*** The land was purchased from the South Carolina Railroad company as an enclave for newly freed families. It was known as “Pump Pond” because steam engine trains stopped for water at this location. The name was changed in recognition of President Lincoln, after his assassination, for freeing the slaves.Reverend Cain came to Charleston in 1865 immediately after the Emancipation Proclamation to pastor what was known as Hempstead AME Church on the Eastside. Sometime later the church was moved to Calhoun Street and renamed ***“Emanuel”*** AME. They adopted the name from the sacred text (the Holy Bible Matthew 1:23) which referenced the name of Jesus, citing ***“God was with us.”* The Historical Marker was unveiled on January 5, 2018 Meeting & Broad St.**

The 12,000 square ft. facility is being built by New Vision Cathedral Church Inc., located at 128 West Hamilton Street in Lincolnville. Formerly known as Friendship Inspirational Church, NVC demolished its original structure built in the 1960s to make room for their spacious **“Kingdom Cultural Center.”** This state-of-the-art structure will accommodate a commercial kitchen, food pantry, fitness room, recording studio, dance studio, television studio, computer lab, basketball court, table tennis, pool table, jump castle, foosball table, etc., and additional classrooms.

Here, Richard Harvey Cain is quoted in one of his impassioned speeches as a civil rights activist***: “I look to see a day in America when their will be no more Black or White, but that we would be one brotherhood working together to advance this nation.”*** Harvey Cain was an abolitionist, editor, author, he served in the S.C. senate from 1868 to 1870, he was twice elected to the US Congress serving from 1873 to 1875, and from 1877 to 1879. Cain, along with Robert Smalls, was instrumental in establishing the Republican Party South Carolina.

Date: January 23, 20 (Rain date 1/30/21) Time: 12:PM

Location: 128 W. Hamilton St., Lincolnville, SC 29485

**All are welcome to celebrate this momentous event!**