City Mission invites you to join us for the first Annual Green Book Tour of Boston. The Green Book was considered to be the AAA guide for Black motorists who took to American roads. First published in 1936, during the period of Jim Crow segregation, it identified establishments that would accept the business of African Americans. This included information about hotels, restaurants, gas stations, barber shops, drug stores, and more. To stay safe Black people never left home without a plan and a copy of the Green Book.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this event will now consist of three socially-distanced components: an independent viewing of a documentary, a guided audio tour through the South End, and a virtual panel discussion on November 14th.

Register at citymissionboston.org/greenbooktour
After watching the film, participants are invited to complete the walking tour of Boston Green Book Sites following the audio tour guide created by City Mission that is available to view online or downloaded on a smart device. By listening to the audio tour, participants will be guided through the South End to visit Green Book sites and other historical landmarks to learn about the history and experiences of African-Americans in Boston. The tour includes walking directions, written descriptions and pictures of the sites, and audio descriptions by Historian Byron Rushing.

Following the tour, participants are invited to a virtual panel discussion on November 14th at 10:00 am to learn more about The Green Book in Boston, share their experiences completing the virtual tour, and ask questions. A link to the online event will be provided in a confirmation email after filling out the registration form.

TOUR & DISCUSSION LED BY:

Mr. Byron Rushing  
Public Historian, Community Organizer, and Former State Representative of the Ninth Suffolk District

Rev. June R. Cooper  
Executive Director of City Mission