

## **Rev. Dr. Florence Spearing Randolph** **Founder of the Bureau of Supply**



Rev. Dr. Florence Randolph was born in 1866 in Charleston, South Carolina and was licensed to preach locally in Jersey City, New Jersey in 1897. Three years later she was ordained a Deacon and in 1903 was ordained an Elder. Rev. Randolph went on to pastor five churches.

For 25 years Rev. Randolph was president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society (as it was called then) of the New Jersey Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. She was General President for four years. At the Missionary Convention of 1911, she presented her dream for progress in the Missionary Society and the General Conference of 1912 adopted her proposal for the formation of the Bureau of Foreign Supply (as it was called then). The Rev. Florence Spearing Randolph, mother of this mission of benevolence, was its first General Secretary. This is the department through which one is given the opportunity to share in meeting the needs of the poor in our overseas missions' areas.

Rev. Randolph received a call to her home eternal, December 28, 1951. She has left us a rich legacy of a life of noble service.

The life and work of the Rev. Florence Spearing Randolph is celebrated during June, July or August. Special services or programs are held in recognition of her efforts to meet the needs of our sisters and brothers at home and overseas. These needs can only be met by your gifts. Your participation and financial support will help to keep the dream of the Rev. Florence Randolph alive and provide the needed support for the operation of the Supply Department.

The *“Acts 1:8 Dr. Florence Randolph Project”* offering may be reported through your district or sent directly to:

**Mrs. Rosetta Dunham**  
**Executive Secretary of the**  
**Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society**  
**P.O. BOX 26846**  
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The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

## **Florence Randolph Day**



### *Bureau of Supply*

Mrs. Sara S. Cherrington, General Secretary, Bureau of Supply  
Dr. Sandra L. Gadson, International President

Quadrennial Theme: *“Maximizing Our Purpose: Continuing our Journey Through Mission Education, Christian Living, and Mission Ministry”*

**Pastor:**

**Church:**

# FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE

**ORGAN PRELUDE** (The congregation in devout meditation)  
**PROCESSIONAL**

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather, God of our salvation:

**People: so your grace might strengthen us for ministry;**

Leader: so your peace might calm our troubled souls;

**ALL: so your hope might mend broken hearts.**

## THE INVOCATION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Lord of mystery and community, you have called us here this day to remind us of the mission journey you set before us. Help us to pay attention to the words of Jesus as he sent out his disciples on a mission of healing and compassion. Remind us that success is not measured in the cure, but in the striving. Enable us to truly be your disciples in this world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE** *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

**RESPONSIVE READING** *The Mission of God's People*

Leader: Following the apostles, the church is sent— sent with the gospel of the kingdom

**People:** to make disciples of all nations, to feed the hungry, and to proclaim the assurance that in the name of Christ there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe,

Leader: to tell the news that our world belongs to God.

**People:** We must not leave this work to a few; we pray for brothers and sisters, who suffer for the faith,

**ALL:** and we rejoice that the Spirit is waking us to see our mission in God's world.

**THE GLORIA PATRI**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Romans 12:6-8, Acts 1:8**

**CHORAL SELECTION/ANTHEM**

**NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINISTRY OF KINDNESS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**Historical Presentation / Special Appeal**



**FAITH  
IN ACTION**

Giving is an act of faith. We believe that what we have to offer makes a difference in this world. But more than that, we believe in the One who is behind our giving. We may not "see" God with these "eyes of flesh"; we may find it difficult to even catch a glimpse of what God may be doing around us and in us. Likewise, we may not see the effect of what we give, or what we do for Christ. But still, we believe, trusting in the One who is faithful, whose "new mercies" we often can only see by faith, day by day. I invite you, my sisters and brothers in Christ, to give now as an act of faith.

**THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY**

**PRESENTATION OF THE MESSENGER**

**THE HYMN OF PREPARATION** *"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"*

**THE MESSAGE**

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**RECESSIONAL**

**THE MISSIONARY BLESSING:** *"God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us and give us peace." Amen*