

Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church



February 14, 2016
Second Mile Anniversary

*My life purpose is to live responsively to God's call and
God's purposes.*

“Personal Calling”

The Order of Worship

The Musical Prelude:

The Processional: “Come We That Love” #307

The Congregational Call to Worship:

Leader: In the name of the Creator, who loves us

People: we open our hearts.

Leader: In *the* name of Jesus Christ, who gather us,

People: *we open our minds.*

Leader: In the name of the Holy Spirit, who stirs our imaginations,

People: *we open our doors to the God who dwells among us.*

The Invocation: O God, You call to us from the wild places, You call to us from the inner chambers of our hearts. We come in answer to your call. We come to pray, to praise, to learn of your love for all creation. Reveal your glory that we may see it together - Inform and inspire us to seek your kingdom on earth in our time. Amen.

The Choral Response: “*Hear Thou In Love, O Lord*” #691

The Hymn of Praise: “O How I Love Jesus” #266

The Responsive Reading: *Ephesians 4:1-6*

The Leader: **I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called**

Parent Body: *with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love*

YAMS: **making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Youth: *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling*

Buds: **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**

All: **one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

The Gloria Patri:

#702/703/704

The Affirmation of Faith:

“The Apostle’s Creed”

The Scripture:

The Prayer:

The Choral Response:

“Hear Our Prayer O Lord”

#688

The Ministry of Kindness:

The Announcements:

The Choral Selection:

The Offerings: *(include a special appeal for Second Mile Offering)*

The Hymn of Preparation:

The Message:

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship:

The Hymn of Invitation:

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

#413

The Recessional and Missionary Benediction:

God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His face to Shine upon us and give us peace. Amen.

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Angela Davis-Baxter, First Vice President
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Dr. Theodora Shippy Smith
Conceived Idea of Agape Sunday Celebration)

Dr. Theodora Shippy Smith former 1st Vice President of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society founded the Agape Sunday Celebration, a Second Mile Offering to support missions work . In 1982 the Agape Sunday Celebration was inaugurated to be held on the second Sunday in February. The Agape Sunday Celebration provides an opportunity for every A.M.E. Zion Church to be involved concurrently in an annual, love-in-action, worldwide worship service each second Sunday in February.

In addition, Dr. Smith envisioned and designed the official banner for the Society. The banner, a needle-point painting made of gold and purple, Persian wool yarn, serves as a lasting and sacred symbol of the missionary movement in the A.M.E. Zion Church. She also represented the W.H.O.M. Society and served as the secretary of the executive committee on The North America Area of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. Dr. Smith founded the celebration of World Federation Day held in Lancaster County, South Carolina. A report of the celebration was reprinted in the first edition of the North America Area Handbook to be used as a model for future celebrations of World Federation Day.

Theodora Smith, a native of Gaffney, South Carolina, currently resides in Lancaster, South Carolina. She earned the Baccalaureate Degree at South Carolina College, the Master of Science at Winthrop College and the University of South Carolina. She was the first Black woman administrator in the unitary Lancaster school system. For twelve Years (1972-1984), Theodora Smith served as Director of Federal Projects at Lomax-Hannon Junior College, Greenville, Alabama. Among her many awards and citations, Mrs. Smith received an award for Outstanding Service in Christian Missions at home and overseas, Who's Who Among Black Americans and was awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree by Clinton Junior College in 1994.

Dr. Smith believes that “The essence of being here is to love and serve Him and His people”.

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