

OUR HISTORY

The birth of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church occurred in 1880 at the Old Ship A.M.E. Zion Church in Montgomery, Alabama, for the purpose of integrating A.M.E. Zion churchwomen in the ministry of investing in communities around the world. The Women's Society is the oldest and largest lay organization of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

Since inception missionary members have vigorously responded to the Church's vision of planting churches overseas, to the extent that one hundred and twenty-nine years later the Society is involved in such diverse areas as West Central and South Africa, England, India, Angola, Guyana, West Indies, and the Caribbean Islands, with its overseas flagship located in Brewerville, Liberia, West Africa (1878).

Outstanding contributions have been made by A.M.E. Zion missionaries such as Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) and Harriet Tubman (1820-1913), who were most influential in America history as abolitionists and human right leaders. Today, Dr. Sandra L. Gadson serves as the 17th International President of the Society. In this leading role, President Gadson turns our focus to the future using a guiding principle of women helping the world, which lies at the heart of all that we do.

Structurally the Society is comprised of six departments that form an inter-generational bridge for mission participation by children, youth and adults. This contingent of churchwomen looks beyond traditional roles to innovation approaches in addressing human needs.

The 2011-2015 Quadrennial Theme is "Maximizing Our Purpose: Continuing our Journey through Mission Education, Christian Living and Mission Ministry" which reaffirms our commitment to work for the Master, study to show ourselves approved, and serve others as we walk daily with Christ.

The world is complex and ever changing, yet throughout our 130-year history and beyond; the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society seeks to live out its mandate and motto: "The World for Christ".

Contributions from the "WHOMS Anniversary" observance are sent to the District President who submits these funds to
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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE WOMEN'S HOME AND OVERSEAS MISSIONARY SOCIETY THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH



Sunday, May 3, 2015

Quadrennial Theme

*"Maximizing Our Purpose: Continuing our Journey
Through Mission Education, Christian Living, and Mission Ministry"*

Local President:

Pastor:

Church:

Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE (The congregation in devout meditation)

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you people! For great is his Steadfast love toward us and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!

Psalm 117: 1-2

INVOCATION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

O God our Father, as we celebrate this day; we thank you for your faithfulness and presence with us through the centuries. We rejoice at the assurance that you take pleasure in us, that we are known by you, called by you, and empowered by you to live honorably and humbly, in the spirit of Jesus Christ. We would exalt your name and sing for joy, knowing that we can trust you for the continuous guidance and direction we need. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “O Zion Haste, The Mission High Fulfilling” BH#380

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: *To God be the glory! Great things He hast done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;*

People: *We thank you God for sending us the Master Teacher!*

Leader: *Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;*

People: *We praise you God as we commit ourselves to growing in our relationship with You and each other through worship, education and service.*

Leader: *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!*

People: *We thank you God for equipping and energizing the missionaries of the Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society for service, through-out these One Hundred and thirty-five years;*

All: *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!*

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THE APOSTLES’ CREED

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28: 18-20

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL SELECTION/ANTHEM

NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

THE CELEBRATION OF 132nd ANNIVERSARY

PRESENTATION OF THE MESSENGER

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Work, for the Night is Coming” BH#435

THE MESSAGE

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE HYMN OF INVITATION

RECESSIONAL

MISSIONARY BENEDICTION: *God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us and give us peace. Amen*