

## History of our Founder

### Miss Victoria Richardson (1856-1928)

Victoria Richardson is remembered in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church as the fine Christian young woman who founded and organized the Young Woman's Home & Foreign Missionary Society for the purpose of helping youth develop into young Christian Missionaries. A pioneer teacher and librarian at Livingstone College, she wrote the music to the college song, "My Livingstone."



Miss Richardson was a lover of youth and she had the innate ability to organize. Moreover, the idea of service to others and self-improvement permeated her whole being. The first group she organized was the Temperance League in Concord, NC. In Salisbury, she also organized the first interdenominational group of youth, who delighted in carrying flowers to the sick and elderly and to the grave of the soldiers in the National Cemetery.

Out of her philosophy for living and the service rendered by the interdenominational group she organized, grew the idea of organizing the young women of the A.M.E. Zion Church into a Young Missionary Society. In the spring of 1909, the first meeting of the Young Woman's Missionary Society was held. As Miss Richardson worked with the young women who were a part of the organization, she aided in their spiritual development and personal improvement.

Miss Richardson's experience with this local society was so rewarding that she reported its success to the Connectional Council and Executive Board of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in September 1909. The report was well received and forwarded to the 1912 General Conference being held in Charlotte, North Carolina, which adopted the organization. This God-inspired achievement stands today as the link between the Buds of Promise Juvenile Missionary Society and the Young Adult Missionary Society.

Let us always remember the contributions of this great Woman of God and Woman of Excellence.

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**Motto:** "Ambassadors for Christ"

**Colors:** Navy Blue (truth, loyalty) and Gold (heaven, honor)

**Watchword:** Christ for Every Youth, Every Youth for Christ

**Youth Hymn:** "Take My Life and Let it Be"

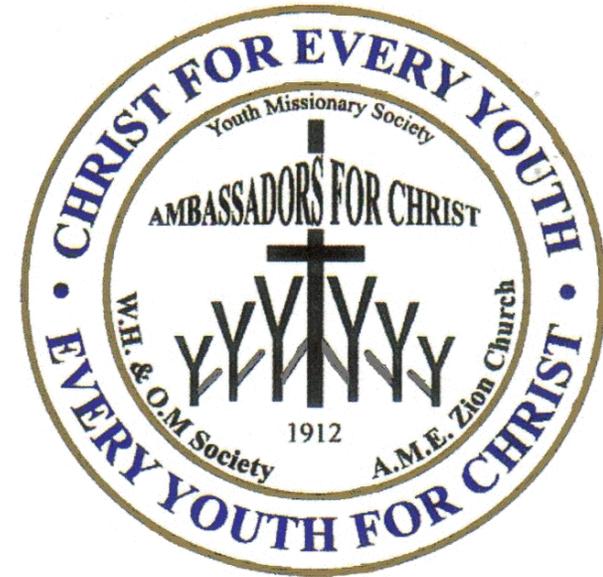
**Youth Theme Song:** "Give of Your Best to the Master"

**Anniversary:** "Victory Day" is observed on the Sunday nearest January 12<sup>th</sup>  
(which is Miss Victoria Richardson's birthday)

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# Youth Missionary Society

Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society



**"The Great Commission - A Global Outreach:  
Personal Calling"**

**Victory Day  
January, 2016**

Prepared by Mrs. Vicki L. Breaux, General Secretary  
Youth Missionary Society  
Dr. Sandra L. Gadson, International President  
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African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

# Program

## Prelude

## Call to Worship

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; Sing the glory of His name; Make His praise glorious. Say to God, "How awesome are Thy works! For the Lord is a great God, and greatly to be praised!

## Call to Praise

(Praise Song or Dance)

## Invocation

Lord of love and light, shine into our lives and bring your love into our souls, reminding us of the amazing ways you have loved us. Open our hearts to receive your loving spirit. Open our minds to receive your wisdom. Open our hands to show others your loving compassion. Lift us O God, to a higher plane of living, as we lift our hearts and minds and souls into Your Holy presence! *Amen.*

## Opening Hymn

*"Give of Your Best to the Master"*

Hymn #672

## Responsive Reading

\*Consider the Call

**Leader: Consider the Call. As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.**

People: "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

**Leader: Consider the Call. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.**

People: "Come, follow me." Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

**Leader: Consider the Call. The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee.**

People: Finding Philip, he said to him, "Come, follow me."

**Leader: Consider the Call. As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth.**

People: "Come, follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

**Leader: Consider the Call. The calling of the original apostles by our Lord gives us a model for our call to ministry today. Jesus said "Come, follow me."**

**ALL:** And they came to Him, that they might be with Him; and Jesus said, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit". Christ is the One who ordains into the ministry. Consider the call.

(\*Adaptation of Scriptures: Matthew 4:18-22; John 1:43; Matthew 9:9; Mark 3:16-19)

## Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

## Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

**Scripture Lesson** ..... Ephesians 4:1-16

## Prayer & Prayer Response

## Selection(s)

## Tithes & Offering

## Announcements

**Remembering Victoria Richardson**

## Introduction of the Speaker

## Selection

## Speaker/Sermon

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

## Youth Altar Call

(Pastoral prayer for Youth Missionary Society)

## Remarks

## Benediction

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