

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 *Florence Randolph Day* special offering may be reported through your district or sent directly to:

Mrs. Rosetta Dunham
Executive Director
Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society
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Bureau of Supply

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The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

FLORENCE RANDOLPH **DAY**



Quadrennial Theme:

"The Great Commission – A Global Outreach: Personal Calling, Personal Transformation, Personal Instruction and Personal Commitment"

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

Church:

Pastor:

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The Focus: Personal Transformation

THE PRELUDE

(The congregation in devout meditation)

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather together in the name of our God, the Maker of heaven and earth,

People: who calls us away from the customs and attitudes of the world around us, and invites us instead into a transforming relationship with Him and with one another.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

THE INVOCATION

Jesus, you are the great Physician, a heart specialist, who sees and knows which of our attitudes and thoughts that need surgery. You know Lord exactly how our hearts need renewing and softening. Search us for we are willing to have our hearts examined and changed. Remove our stone hearts and replace them with clean hearts. May loving and serving you Lord, be part of our daily lives. In Jesus' name I pray. **Amen!**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: God's intention is to have us all conformed to His dear Son;

People; Thus a work of transformation by the Spirit must be done.

Leader: God hath us regenerated in our spirit with His life;

People: But He must transform us further - in our soul by His own life.

Leader: By the power of His Spirit in His pattern He transforms;

People: From His glory to His glory to His image He conforms.

Leader: Lord, transform us to Thine image in emotion, mind, and will;

ALL: Saturate us with Thy Spirit, All our being wholly fill.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 36:26-27

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE MORNINIG PRAYER

THE CHORAL SELECTION

The Choir

THE MINISTRY OF KINDNESS OFFERING

THE NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING/OFFERTORY

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Historical Presentation

Special Appeal

Deuteronomy 15:10 states that we must give generously and we must do so without a grudging heart. Florence Randolph's Special Day Appeal helps to transform communities in crisis, and it helps to share in meeting the needs of the poor in our Home and Overseas Conferences. 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 the effect of what we give, or what we do for Christ. But still, we believe, trusting day by day in the One who is faithful, whose "new mercies" we often can only see by faith.



I now invite you, my sisters and brothers in Christ, to give generously as an act of faith.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE MESSENGER

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION "Search Me, Oh Lord"

THE MESSAGE

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE 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.