

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"

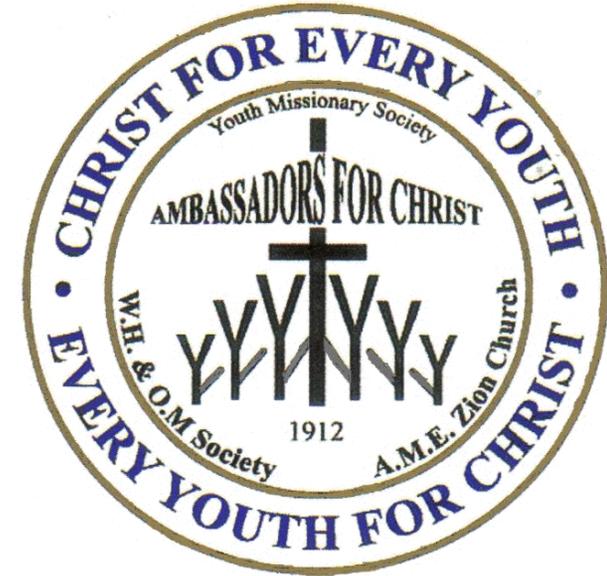
Anniversary: "Victory Day" is observed on the Sunday nearest January 12th
(which is Miss Victoria Richardson's birthday)

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Youth Missionary Society

105th Year Anniversary

Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society



"The Great Commission - A Global Outreach: Personal Transformation"

Victory Day January, 2017

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Youth Missionary Society
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Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Program

Prelude

Call to Worship

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on us. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on us. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Call to Praise

(Praise Song or Dance)

Invocation

Dear Lord, open our hearts this day to your grace and truth. Align our hearts and minds with you and your Word. Fill us with your giving Spirit teaching us to love others. Let your presence overwhelm and overtake us as we draw closer to you. In Jesus Christ's name we pray. *Amen.*

Opening Hymn

"Give of Your Best to the Master"

Hymn #672

Responsive Reading

Leader: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

People: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—

ALL: This is our true and proper worship.

Leader: And we all, who with unveiled faces reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord.

People: Do not conform to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

ALL: This is our true and proper worship.

Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

People: Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

ALL: This is our true and proper worship.

(*Adaptation of Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

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 LessonEphesians 4:17-24

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.