

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 more than one hundred 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 American 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 2015-2019 Quadrennial Theme is "The Great Commission-A Global Outreach: Personal Calling, Personal Transformation, Personal Instruction, and Personal Commitment." Our theme for this Quadrennium is challenging as we explore what the Great Commission is, what it means, and how do we apply it. We have answered the call to be part of a larger organization, now, how do we individually accept the call to do, to go, and to win others for Christ.

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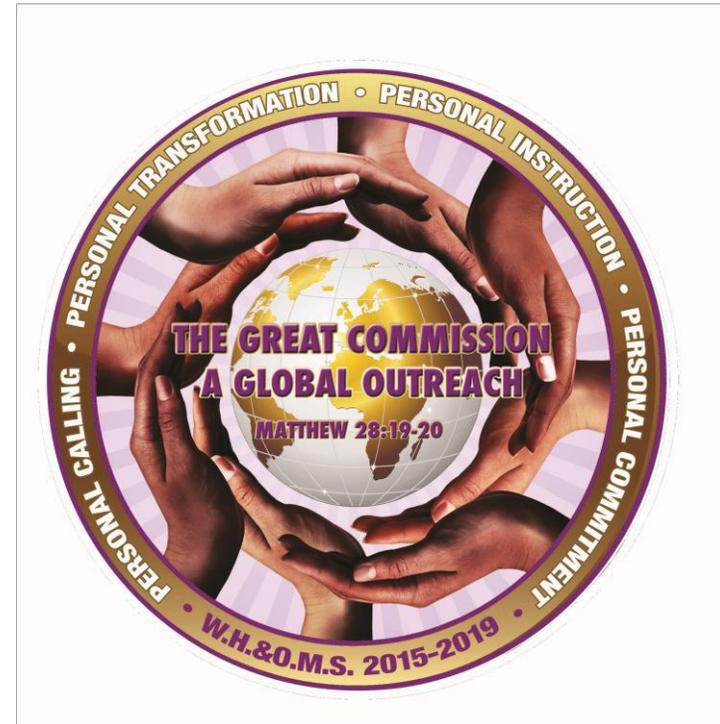
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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY- SEVENTH

ANNIVERSARY OF THE

WOMEN'S HOME AND OVERSEAS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH



Sunday, May 7, 2017

Quadrennial Theme:

“The Great Commission-A Global Outreach:
Personal Calling, Personal Transformation,
Personal Instruction and Personal Commitment”

Local President:

Pastor:

Church:

Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE (The congregation in devout meditation)

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO WORSHIP

There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called to one hope when you were called one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-5

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 "Lift Him Up" BH#668

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: God has chosen me; God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor, God has chosen me; God has chosen me to bring sight to those searching for the light;

People: And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near, to remove oppression and breakdown fear.

Leader: God has chosen me; God has chosen me to set alight a new fire. God has chosen me; God has chosen me to bring birth to a new kingdom on earth.

People: And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near, to remove oppression and breakdown fear.

Leader: God is calling me; God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard. God is calling me; God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice:

All: And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near, to remove oppression and breakdown fear.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25: 34-40; 28:18-20

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL SELECTION/ANTHEM

NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

THE CELEBRATION OF 137th ANNIVERSARY

PRESENTATION OF THE MESSENGER

HYMN OF PREPARATION "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" BH#678

THE MESSAGE

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE HYMN OF INVITATION

RECESSIONAL

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