

## 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"

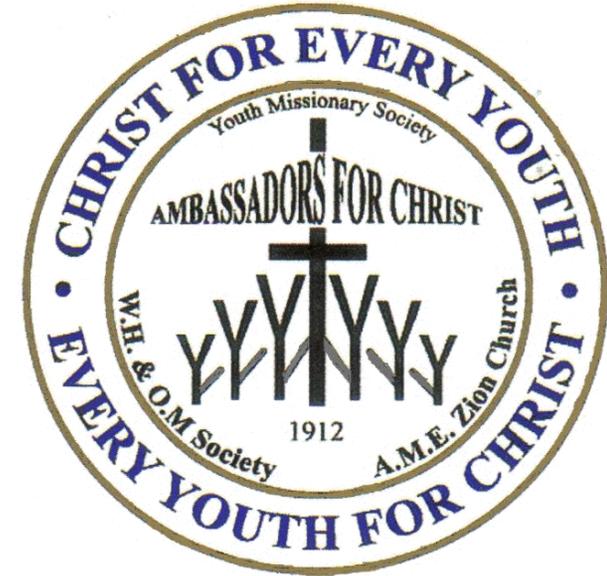
**Anniversary:** "Victory Day" is observed on the Sunday nearest January 12<sup>th</sup>  
(which is Miss Victoria Richardson's birthday)

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# Youth Missionary Society

## 106th Year Anniversary

Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society



## "The Great Commission - A Global Outreach: Personal Instruction"

### Victory Day January, 2018

Prepared by Mrs. Vicki L. Breaux, General Secretary  
Youth Missionary Society  
Dr. Sandra L. Gadson, International President  
Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society  
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

# Program

## Prelude

## Call to Worship

The time is coming - and it is here! - when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship Him this way. God is spirit, and we will worship Him in spirit and truth.

## Call to Praise

(Praise Song or Dance)

## Invocation

O God, be present with us today and always, dwell within our hearts. With thy light and thy Spirit guide our souls, our thoughts, and all our actions, that we may learn and follow Your Word. Grant us in this world knowledge of Your truth and promise of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Opening Hymn

*"Give of Your Best to the Master"*

Hymn #672

## Responsive Reading (\*Adaptation of Scriptures: Psalm 119:1-16)

**Leader: Lord, you bless everyone who lives right and obeys your Law. You bless all of those who follow your instruction from deep in their hearts.**

People: You have ordered us always to obey your teachings; we don't ever want to stray from your instruction.

ALL: *We praise you, Lord! Teach us your laws.*

**Leader: Young people can live a clean life by obeying your word. Don't let us walk away from your commands.**

People: Thinking about your commands will keep us from doing foolish things. We will do right and praise you by learning to respect your perfect instruction.

ALL: *We praise you, Lord! Teach us your laws.*

**Leader: Let us study your teachings and follow your footsteps. We will take pleasure in your instruction and remember your words.**

People: We treasure your word above all else; it keeps us from sinning against you. With our own mouth, we will tell others. Obeying your instruction brings as much happiness as being rich.

ALL: *We praise you, Lord! Teach us your laws.*

## 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 ..... Proverbs 4

## 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.*