

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.

Pioneering Women of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

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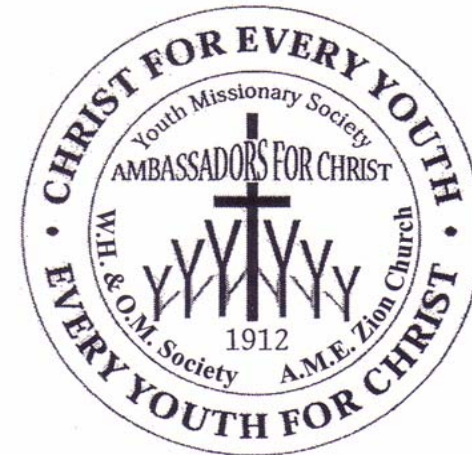
Youth Missionary Society

"Tearing Down the Walls and Taking it to the Streets"

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

In Celebration of the Founder of the Youth Missionary Society
(Formerly Young Woman's Missionary Society)

**Victoria Richardson Day
January, 2010**



Psalm 34:1-8

*I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise
shall continually be in my mouth*

Psalm 34:1

General Youth Secretary – Charlean B. Mapson

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Victoria Richardson Day Celebration
2007-2011 Quadrennial Theme
Praise and Worship

Victory Day
January, 2010
CIA - Christians In Action

Psalm 34:1-8

Order of Worship

Praise and Worship

Youth Praise Team

Prelude

Processional

Call to Worship

Leader: Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or stand around with sinners, or join in with scoffers.

People: But they delight in doing everything the Lord wants; day and night they think about his law.

All: They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season without fail. Their leaves never wither, and in all they do, they prosper.

Psalm 1:1-3 (Life Application Bible)

Prayer of Invocation (in unison):

Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! Lord on this day we give You all honor, glory and praise. We lift Your name up high, because You alone are worthy of praise! We thank You for breath in our bodies, for life and for health. We give You praise for what You have done, are doing and will do in our lives. And we worship You this day for who You are. In Your son Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Give of Your Best to the Master

Hymn #672

Responsive Reading

Psalm 34:1-3

(KJV)

Leader: The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation;

People: He is my God, and I will praise Him;

All: My father's God, and I will exalt Him.

Gloria Patri

Affirmation of Faith

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 34:1-8

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response

Selection

Tithes & Special Offering

Offertory

Announcements

Recognition of Visitors

***Youth Empowerment Statement (recited by all youth)**

We are the Youth of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church! We are children of the most high King! We believe in the undiluted Word of God! We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation and a peculiar people! We are strong, individuals with our own minds, whose goals are set high and we are traveling the right path in order that we may one day meet our Maker face to face!

Written by Charlrean B. Mapson, September 2003

† Remembering Victoria Richardson †

Recognition of Service by Victoria Richardson
(Creative Presentation)

Introduction of the Speaker

Selection

Sermon

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Remarks

Recessional

Benediction

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

***All youth standing**

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