

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 WH&OM 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 one hundred and thirty 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 America history as abolitionists and human right leaders. Today, Dr. Barbara L. Shaw, serves as the 16th General President of the Society. In this leading role, President Shaw 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 2007-2011 Quadrennial Theme is "Victorious Living, Prayer and Fasting, Praise and Worship, Purpose and Power" which supports an agenda of awareness and engagement of the United Nations Millennium Goals and our Mission Imperatives.

The world is complex and ever changing, yet throughout our 130-year history and beyond the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society seeks to live out its mandate and motto: "The World for Christ".

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ONE HUNDREDTH AND THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
WOMEN'S HOME AND OVERSEAS MISSIONARY SOCIETY
THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH



Sunday, May 2, 2010

Quadrennial Theme
"Victorious Living, Prayer and Fasting,
Praise and Worship, **Purpose and Power**"

Local President:

Pastor:

Church:

Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE (The congregation in devout meditation)

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sancturay; priase him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! *Psalm 150: 1-2 (NRSV)*

INVOCATION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Father, it is in the name of Jesus that we come. We thank You for the beauty of your word and for the POWER that it contains. Lord, we ask for holy boldness so that we can stand firm and be witnesses to Your Goodness, Your Grace and Your Power. When we open ourselves and tell others about You, give us the power we need to win the world for Christ. Thank you, for not leaving us powerless. In Christ Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE..... *Lift Him Up*.....BH#668

RESPONSIVE READING *Acts 1: 4-8 (NRSV)*

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Leader: *While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This, he said is what you have heard from me;*

People: *for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

Leader: *So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"*

People: *He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.*

All: *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Romans 12: 1-8*

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL SELECTION/ANTHEM

NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

THE CELEBRATION OF 130th ANNIVERSARY

SPIRITUAL.....*"Tis the Old Ship of Zion"* BH#612

PRESENTATION OF THE MESSENGER

HYMN OF PREPARATIONBH#454
"O Thou In Whose Presence"

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*