***Globally Committed to fulfill the Purpose of the***

***W.H.&O.M. Society through Agape Love***

In 1880, the Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society was formed at the Old Ship A.M.E. Zion Church, Montgomery, Alabama in response to an overseas church-planting venture by the denomination. The purpose of the Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society of the African Methodist Zion Church is to:

* Promote growth in the knowledge and understanding of God and His plan of redemption for the world, as revealed through Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.
* Teach the concepts of Christian missions and provide experiences for participation in mission work and its ministries.
* Exemplify the principles of Christian living and to win others to Christ.
* Promote the cause of World Evangelism and
* Serve as a financial support system to undergird the world mission outreach of The A.M.E. Zion Church at home and overseas, to the end that, through the power of the Holy Spirit; Christ is exalted and God is glorified.



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**of the**

**Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society**

**1880-2023**

 

**Quadrennial Theme:**

**The Great Commission:#Missions Matter**

**Globally Committed to Social Justice, Environmental Stewardship,Transformative Service, Agape Love**

**Anniversary Emphasis:**

***Globally Committed to Agape Love***

**The 143rd Anniversary**

**Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society**

**May 2023**

**The Call to Worship:**
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. **Psalm 136:1–3**

**The Opening Hymn** “Lift Him Up”

**The Scripture** John 13:45-35

**The Prayer** (unison) Father, good and forever-faithful. Jesus, Savior, forever-merciful. Holy Spirit, well-spring of true life and love. God, we thank You for Your love, in which You offered Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. We acknowledge the example you gave us of agape love, selfless, pure, and unconditional love. We believe in the power of God’s love. Lord, just as You are love, help us to demonstrate unconditional, pure, and selfless love to those we meet in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

**The Litany:**

**Leader:** As Zion’s missionaries, we must commit to spreading God’s love in our homes, churches, and communities, as we strive to fulfill the purpose of the W.H.&O.M. Society to “Win the World for Christ.”

**People:** Let agape love reign in our hearts, minds, souls, and lives. Let the Love of God come into our past, present, and future.

**Leader:** Let God’s Love unfold in us, with hearts to love unconditionally. Let Love reveal who we are, globally committed servants to the commandment to serve our neighbors through agape love.

**People: God, in Whose Image we’ve been made, Father guide and direct us.**

**Leader:** That we will let God’s Love define us, as faithful disciples of Christ fulfilling our mission mandate.

**People: God, in Whose Likeness we’ve been formed, shape us.**

**Leader:** That we let God’s Love carry us into all the world with courage and hope.

 **All: God, to Whose glory we’ve been called, be our strength as we go forth reflecting Your love to make a difference in the lives we touch and serve.**

**The History of the W.H.&O.M. Society**

(See *Historical Highlights of the W.H.&O.M. Society.*)

**The Introduction of the Speaker**

**The Song of Preparation “**No Greater Love”

**The Anniversary Message**

***“Globally Committed to Share God’s Love, Agape Love”***

**The Call to Christian Discipleship**

**The Invitational Hymn**

**The Anniversary Offering** Offertory

**The Missionary Benediction**

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

*An Agape Love outreach should be held as part of the commitment to Share God’s Love, as part of the 143rd Anniverary Observance.*

