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**Emma Clarissa Clement “Mother of the Year” 1946**

On Mother’s Day in 1946, the American Mothers organization gave **Emma Clarissa Clement** its “Mother of the Year” honor, the first Black woman to receive the award. Clement, the granddaughter of an escaped slave, lived in Providence, Rhode Island and came south to attend Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina, where she married Rev. George Clinton Clement on May 25, 1898. Clement, 71, when she received the award, had accomplished much as a mother, civic leader and religious educator in the state of Kentucky. As a widow, she raised four sons and three daughters, four of whom went on to become college professors. All seven of the Clement children graduated from Livingstone College, the chief institution of higher learning in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Upon winning the award, Clement accepted the honor on behalf of all Black mothers. She continued working in the state for the A.M.E. Zion church until her passing in 1952. The American Mothers organization is an offshoot of the Golden Rule Foundation, founded by Eleanor Roosevelt, Sara Delano Roosevelt, Mamie Eisenhower, JC Penney, and Norman Vincent Peale. The organization recognizes mothers from all walks of life who have used the role to provide inspiration and instruction to the nation’s future.

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**“Mothers Transforming lives in the home,**

**the church, and the community”**

**May 8, 2022**

**Quadrennial Theme:**

**The Great Commission: #Missions Matter**

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

**2021-2022 Emphasis:**

**Transformative Service**

**EMMA CLARISSA CLEMENT DAY**

**Order of Service**

**The Call to Worship**: We have come to worship God, who loved us before we were yet born; who knows us even better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases. This is our God. Let’s worship together!

**The Invocation:** Come Holy Spirit into this place. Dwell within each heart and let your spirit flood each soul. On this special day set aside to honor mothers, we ask for a special touch from you, our Lord, for each and every one of them. May each mother be granted a special blessing, and may all of the work of her hands not be forgotten in Your sight. Amen.

**The Opening Hymn** “Faith of Our Mothers”

**The Scripture** Proverbs 31:25-28

**The Prayer**

**The Remembrance of Emma Clarissa Clement**

* Give historical highlights of Mrs. Emma Clarissa Clement.
* Light a white candle in her remembrance.

**The Offering**

**The Offertory**

**The Song of Preparation**

**The Message** **“Mothers Transforming lives in the home,**

 **the church, and the community”**

**The Call to Christian Discipleship**

**The Invitational Song**

**The Emma Clarissa Clement Recognitions (**Recipients are areflection of the life of Mrs. Clement.)

* Recognize a mother who exemplifies transformational service in the home
* Recognize a mother who exemplifies transformational service in the church
* Recognize a mother who exemplifies transformational service in the community

**The Missionary Benediction**

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

