**Youth Missionary Society**

**110th Year Anniversary**

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

**“Saved to Serve”**

**Saturday, January 8, 2022 -Sunday, January 9, 2022**

**“The Great Commission: #MissionsMatter**

 **Globally Committed to Transformative Service**”

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**The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church**

Saturday Night at the Movies

When: Saturday, January 8, 2022, 7 p.m.

Where: Zoom

Why: Victory Celebration for the Youth Missionary Society

Who: Youth 13-21

 Local and District Secretaries of Youth

 Youth Workers



Sunday Worship Experience

“Saved to Serve”

Call to Worship

Leader: We trust that we were created in the image of God.

People: We hope and dream and make plans.

Leader: We face our fears and insecurities.

People: We till the soil of our lives and plant seeds of love.

Leader: We follow where God leads.

People: We trust that God is present in our midst.

*All: We gather in this place to worship God together.*

Opening Selection

Affirmation of Faith Led by a Youth

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

Speaker #1: New King James Version Led by a Youth

**12**Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us,* and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2**looking unto Jesus, the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2012:1-2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30215a)]author and [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2012:1-2&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30215b)]finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Speaker #2: New Living Translation

**12**Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us

down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. **2**We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2012:1-2&version=NLT#fen-NLT-30175a)] Because of the joy[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews%2012:1-2&version=NLT#fen-NLT-30175b)] awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.

Prayer A Youth

Why I Want to Serve Others 3 Youth

Offertory Youth

Offertory Response

Musical Selection “Saved to Serve” Keith Pringle

Morning Message (Age 16-21 or 22-25) “Saved to Serve”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Youth Recommitment Litany

***Youth Leader: The Youth of our Zion***

Youth: We are working on being our best selves

***Youth Leader: The Youth of our Zion***

Youth: We are saved to serve our friends in need

***Youth Leader: The Youth of our Zion***

Youth: We serve those in communities that we may not know

***Youth Leader: The Youth of Our Zion***

Youth: We are saved and living a life that is an example to our peers

***Youth Leader: The Youth of Our Zion***

Youth: We are saved to serve! It’s a FAITH Walk!!!

Benediction

**History of our Founder**

**Miss Victoria Richardson (1856-1928)**

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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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**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 12th (which is Miss Victoria Richardson’s birthday)

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