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. THE WORSHIP HYMN .

THE NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, 'Till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.



Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, 'Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.



God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our native land.

• THE ORDER OF WORSHIP •

THE PRELUDE

“Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him” – Psalm 37:7a

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

“good news gives health to the bones.” – Proverbs 15:30b

THE PROCESSIONAL

*“Your procession has come into view, O God,
the procession of my God and King into the sanctuary.” – Psalm 68:24*

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*“Gather the people, consecrate the assembly;
bring together the elders, gather the children.” – Joel 2:16a*

THE DOXOLOGY - HYMN #647

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.” – John 4:24

MINISTER:
(PSALM 122:1-2)

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the House of the Lord!"
Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

PEOPLE:
(PSALM 84:10)

**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

MINISTER:
(PSALM 122:9)

For the sake of the House of the Lord our God. I will seek your good.

PEOPLE:
(PSALM 92:13)

**Those that be planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

MINISTER:
(PSALM 26:8)

O Lord, I have loved the habitation of your house
and the place where your honor dwells.

PEOPLE:
(HABAKKUK 2:20)

For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

MINISTER:
(PSALM 19:14)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable
in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

PEOPLE:
(PSALM 98:1 & 4)

**O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.**

THE WORSHIP HYMN - HYMN #578, AMEC HYMNAL

“LIFT EV’RY VOICE AND SING”

THE WORSHIP PRAYER

PRAY TOGETHER ... IN ONE VOICE

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past: for Abraham, the father of believers, and Sarah his wife; for Moses, the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest; for Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon, and Samuel with Hannah his mother; for Elijah and all the prophets; for Mary, the mother of our Lord; for Peter and Paul and all the Apostles, evangelists and martyrs of the early Church; for John and Charles Wesley, Richard and Sarah Allen, William Paul Quinn, Daniel Alexander Payne, Jareena Lee and all of those who have helped to established our faith and identity; and for Bishop Jeffrey Leath, Presiding Elder James Smith, and all of those who are leading your Church. In your mercy, O LORD our God, give us, as you gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you sent to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever, in the name of Christ Jesus, we pray... AMEN!

THE PRAYER RESPONSE

*“By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me
— a prayer to the God of my life.” – Psalm 42:8*

¹ Once when he was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, the crowd was pushing in on him to better hear the Word of God. ² He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. ³ He climbed into the boat that was Simon's and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd.

⁴ When he finished teaching, he said to Simon, "Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch."

⁵ Simon said, "Master, we've been fishing hard all night and haven't caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I'll let out the nets." ⁶ It was no sooner said than done—a huge haul of fish, straining the nets past capacity. ⁷ They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch.

⁸ Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell to his knees before Jesus. "Master, leave. I'm a sinner and can't handle this holiness. Leave me to myself." ⁹ When they pulled in that catch of fish, awe overwhelmed Simon and everyone with him. ¹⁰ It was the same with James and John, Zebedee's sons, coworkers with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, "There is nothing to fear. From now on you'll be fishing for men and women." ¹¹ They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.

THE INTROIT

- HYMN #69

*"From all that dwell below the skies, Let thy Creator's Praise Arise;
Let thy Redeemer's Name be sung, through every land by every tongue."*

*THE FOUNDER'S DAY LITANY

"You have given me the heritage of those who fear your name." – Psalm 61:5

Leader: It is with grateful hearts that we give thanks to God for the gift of empowerment, liberation and community in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: The LORD's Name be praised, HALLELUJAH!



Leader: For the apostles, martyrs and heroes of the faith.

People: The LORD's Name be praised, HALLELUJAH!



Leader: For the ecumenical Christian community to which all Christians belong, sharing a common origin and destiny despite our diversity in worship, polity, and theology.

People: The LORD's Name be praised, HALLELUJAH!



Leader: For the new insights and fresh fervor brought by the reformers and prophets in our history.

People: The LORD's Name be praised, HALLELUJAH!



Leader: For the African Methodist Episcopal Church and its unique place and special contribution to the church and community.

People: The LORD's Name be praised, HALLELUJAH!



Leader: For the experience of two centuries of liberation struggles and reconciliation gifts, and for the prospect and promise of a third century.

People: The LORD's Name be praised, HALLELUJAH!



Leader: For that unique prophet, apostle of freedom, and model of ebony excellence, whose blessed name is Richard Allen.

People: The LORD's Name be praised, HALLELUJAH!



Leader: For the beloved of our history and their special emphases: Daniel Alexander Payne, William Paul Quinn, Henry McNeil Turner, John R. Hawkins, Lucy Hughes, and all the bishops and leaders of our church.

People: The LORD's Name be praised, **HALLELUJAH!**



Leader: For the obscure and unsung heroes of the faith: presiding elders, pastors, laypersons, missionaries, and youth, who have kept the faith in hard times and remote places.

People: The LORD's Name be praised, **HALLELUJAH!**



Leader: For the genius of the conference system which recovers the story, renews the faith, deepens the commitment, and preserves our holy heritage generation upon generation.

ALL: The LORD's Name be praised, **HALLELUJAH AND AMEN!**

*Written by Bishop John Hurst Adams (1927-2018): the 87th Elected and Consecrated Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. This Founder's Day litany appeared in The Journal of Christian Education, Volume 60 Fall 1999 Number 26.

THE GLORIA PATRI
- HYMN #628

***"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN."***

THE CHOIR PRAISE!

"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.." – Psalm 69:30

THE WORSHIP OF GIVING

- Tithes & Offerings, and Missionary Offering

***"All things come of Thee, O Lord and of Thine own
have we given Thee. Amen"*** - 1 Chronicles 29:14~HYMN #644

***"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." — MALACHI 3:10
"God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7***

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." – Matthew 18:2-5

THE YPD MESSAGE

THE CHOIR PRAISE!

"My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you— I, whom you have redeemed." – Psalm 71:23

THE FOUNDER'S DAY MESSAGE

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." – Mark 1:38

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." – Romans 10:13

THE ALTAR CALL

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift." – Matthew 5:23-24

THE WELCOME

"He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing." – Luke 9:11b

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching..." – Acts 2:42a

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. AMEN!

THE BLESSING & BENEDICTION

"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.." – 1 Peter 3:9

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

By Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson, *Former Executive Director of AMEC Research & Scholarship*



Richard Allen

The African Methodist Episcopal Church grew out of the Free African Society which **Richard Allen**, Absalom Jones, and others established in Philadelphia in 1787. When officials at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church pulled blacks off their knees while praying, Free African Society members discovered just how far some white Methodists would go to enforce racial discrimination against African Americans. Hence, these members of St. George's made plans to transform their society into an African congregation. Although most wanted to affiliate with the Protestant Episcopal Church, Richard Allen led a small group who resolved to remain Methodists. In 1794 Bethel AME Church was dedicated with Allen as pastor. To establish Bethel's independence from interfering white Methodists, Allen, a former Delaware slave, *successfully* sued in the Pennsylvania courts in 1807 and 1815 for the right of his congregation to exist as an independent institution. Because black Methodists in other middle Atlantic communities encountered racism and desired religious autonomy, Allen called them to meet in Philadelphia to form a new Wesleyan denomination, the AME Church.



Sarah Allen

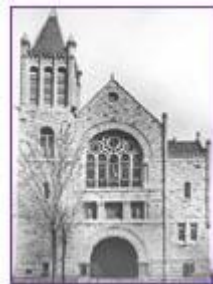


Blacksmith Shop

The geographical spread of the AME Church prior to the Civil War was mainly restricted to the Northeast and Midwest. Major congregations were established in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Washington, DC, Cincinnati, Chicago, Detroit, and other large Blacksmith's Shop cities. Numerous northern communities also gained a substantial AME presence. Remarkably, the slave states of Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, Louisiana, and, for a few years, South Carolina, became additional locations for AME congregations. The denomination reached the Pacific Coast in the early 1850's with churches in Stockton, Sacramento, San Francisco, and other places in California. Moreover, Bishop Morris Brown established the Canada Annual Conference.

The most significant era of denominational development occurred during the Civil War and Reconstruction. Oftentimes, with the permission of Union Army officials, AMEC clergy moved into the states of the collapsing Confederacy to pull newly freed slaves into their denomination. *"I Seek My Brethren,"* the title of an often repeated sermon that Theophilus G. Steward preached in South Carolina, became a clarion call to evangelize fellow blacks in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Texas, and many other parts of the South. Hence, in 1880, AME Church membership reached 400,000 because of its rapid spread below the Mason-Dixon line. When Bishop Henry McNeil Turner pushed African Methodism across the Atlantic into Liberia and Sierra Leone in 1891 and into South Africa in 1896, the AME Church now laid claim to adherents on two continents.

While the AMEC is doctrinally Methodist, clergy, scholars, and lay persons have written important works which demonstrate the distinctive theology and praxis which have defined this Wesleyan body. Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett, in an address to the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions, reminded the audience of the presence of blacks in the formation of Christianity. Bishop Benjamin T. Tanner wrote in 1895 in *"The Color of Solomon – What?"* that biblical scholars wrongly portrayed the son of David as a white man. In the post civil rights era theologians James H. Cone, Cecil W. Cone, and Jacqueline Grant, who came out of the AME tradition, critiqued Euro-centric Christianity and African American churches for their shortcomings in fully impacting the plight of those oppressed by racism, sexism, and economic disadvantage.



Mother Bethel
Philadelphia

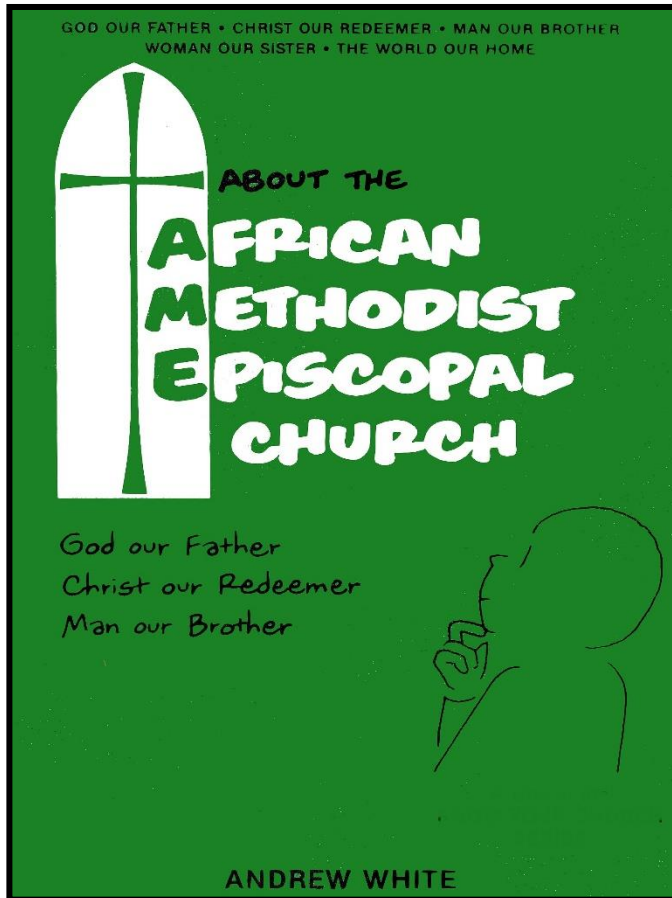
The African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) is a Christ-centered, Bible-based, Justice-seeking, and Holy Spirit led global faith-community, committed to bringing all persons into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

ABOUT THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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OUR BEGINNINGS... 1787 AND 1816. Two landmark dates in the history of the AME Church. A time when black people (or “Africans”) formally affirmed their desire for self-expression and fuller involvement in the worship of God. So began the movement to separate from the white people’s church — a major step in the black American’s quest for social recognition, personal dignity and group self-determination.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF PROTEST. Most religious groups originated out of some theological, doctrinal or ideological dispute or concern. But the AME Church grew out of a protest against prejudicial treatment forced upon black people in the St. George Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. It is important to remember that the AME Church came into being as a direct result of racial discrimination rather than any theological or doctrinal dispute.

A TRADITION THAT CONTINUES TODAY. It was in the late 18th century that Richard Allen initiated education classes for black people. The purpose of these classes was twofold: to educate and to stress the value of self-help. These themes have carried through to this day. In addition to educational programs at the local church level, the AME Church operates more than ten institutions of higher learning throughout the world.

WHY METHODISM? The AME Church is a member of the worldwide family of Methodist churches. Richard Allen felt that no denomination was better suited to the needs of his people. He recognized that Methodism’s plain, simple gospel could be understood by everyone, even those with little education. And he liked Methodism’s orderly system of rules — a sense of organization that his people so badly needed. In short, Methodism provided “Africans” with the best way to help all Blacks achieve, both spiritually and intellectually.

What is the
**AFRICAN
METHODIST
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**
?

...It's the
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
founded in 1787
by **RICHARD ALLEN**
(a Methodist preacher
and ex-slave)

--part of the family of Methodist churches

IN 1787-- the church
began as a protest against
discrimination at St. George
Methodist Episcopal Church
in Philadelphia, Pennsyl-
vania.
-- Most early members had
no formal education; many
were ex-slaves.

TODAY -- the church
has over 2 million members,
mostly in North and South
America, Africa, the West
Indies and England.
-- It gives hope and strength
to black people around the
world.

THE NAME
tells a lot about
our church.



AFRICAN-- founded by Black
Americans who came from Africa
(open to all races)

METHODIST-- teaches plain
gospel, follows orderly rules

EPISCOPAL-- chief executive
officers are bishops chosen by
the general conference

CHURCH part of the whole body
of Christ.



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The A.M.E. Church emphasizes the
IMPORTANCE of being a **TOTAL CHRISTIAN**
CITIZEN in every way...

in the FAMILY



- using Christ's teachings as guidelines
- together, asking Christ's guidance.

in the CHURCH



- taking part in devotions and other church activities
- joining with fellow members in worshipping God.

in the COMMUNITY



- giving time and energy to help develop adequate neighborhoods
- working through the political process
- bringing God's word to everyone.

in the WORLD



- using our influence and resources to help the poor and oppressed everywhere, to avoid war.

Let's look at the HISTORY of the A.M.E. Church

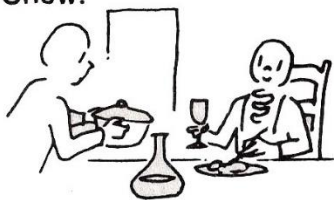


The founder -- **RICHARD ALLEN** (1760-1831)



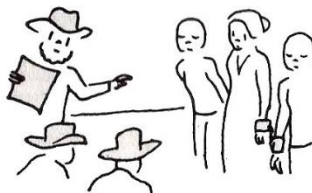
BIRTH

- born a slave in 1760 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- worked as a domestic for his master, Benjamin Chew.



SOLD

- in 1768, sold (with the family) to a Delaware farmer
- later, mother and siblings sold; Allen never saw them again.



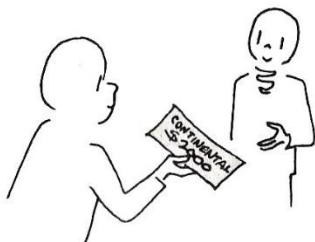
CONVERSION

- in 1777, experienced conversion at a Methodist meeting
- Allen wrote:



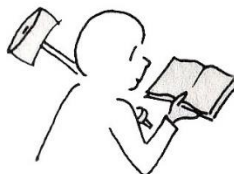
FREEDOM

- bought his freedom from his Methodist master for \$2000.



CIRCUIT PREACHER

- spent Revolutionary War years traveling and preaching
- held many jobs: teamster, merchant, woodcutter, laborer.



RETURN TO PHILADELPHIA

- in 1786, returned to preach in St. George's Church -- the "Mother Church of American Methodism."

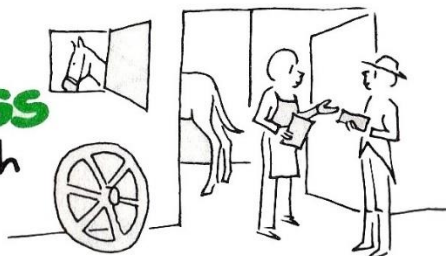




Founded
to

- meet the spiritual, material, educational and cultural needs of black Americans.
- encourage black independence, dignity, self-reliance, development.

The **BEGINNINGS** of the church



1787 **WALKOUT AT** **ST. GEORGE'S**

One Sunday when Allen and other black worshippers arrived for services, they were ordered to new, segregated seats. Allen led the blacks out of the church. They never returned.



1787 - 1815 **YEARS OF STRUGGLE**

Allen and his followers set out to build a new church. They faced problems:

- **DISCRIMINATION:** free blacks were denied social, economic and educational opportunities
- **RESISTANCE:** white Methodist leaders kept trying to control the black congregation.



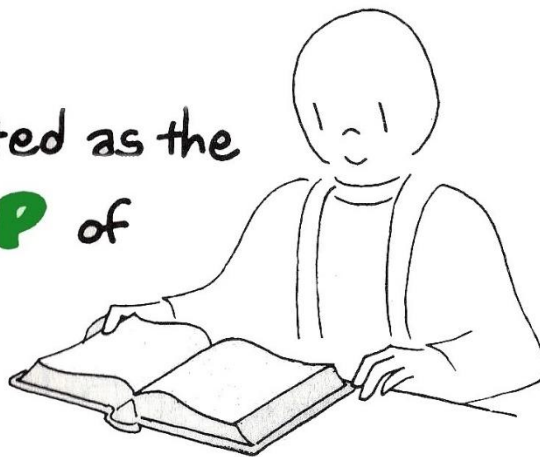
1816 **A NEW CHURCH**

Following a decisive court victory, representatives from 5 black churches met and formed the A.M.E. Church.



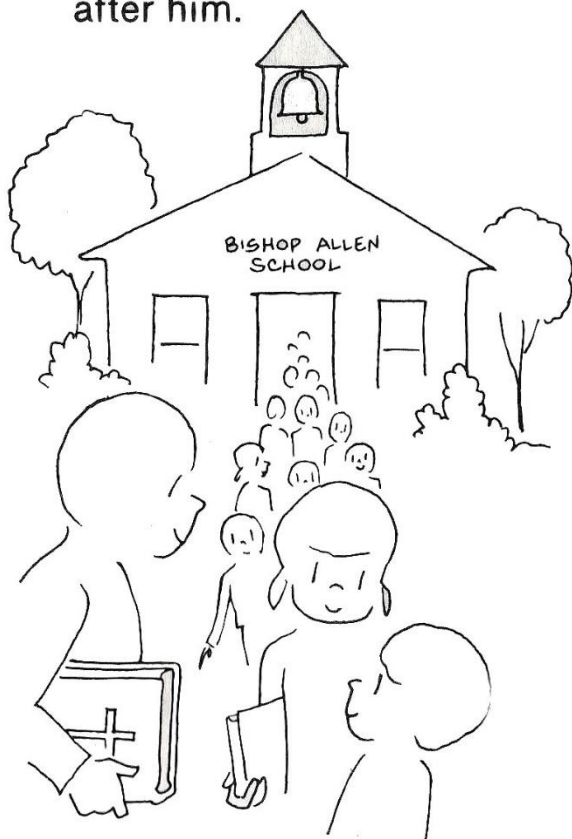
MORE...

Allen was consecrated as the
FIRST BISHOP of
 the A.M.E. Church
 in 1816.



BISHOP ALLEN

- led the A.M.E. Church for 15 years
- led the first "Convention of Colored Men of the U.S." (1830)
- became a national leader; his people named many churches and schools after him.

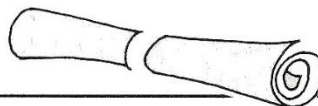


A.M.E. BISHOPS

were the first popular LEADERS and HEROES of black people in the U.S. and around the world.

IN EDUCATION

- used churches as schools
- sponsored black colleges and universities.



IN EQUALITY

- supported the original NAACP
- worked for civil rights through politics.

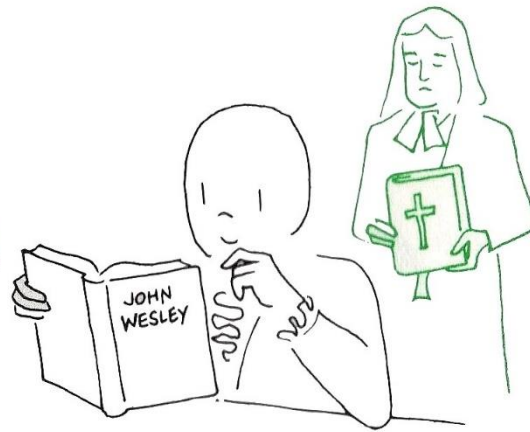


IN ECUMENISM

- played a large role in founding the National Council of Churches, etc.



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METHODISM
 for its emphasis
 on --



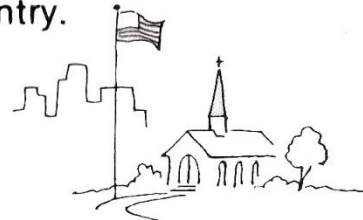
JUSTICE

- equal justice for people of every race; decent living standards for all.



INDEPENDENCE

- a totally free church, not controlled by other countries or other churches in this country.



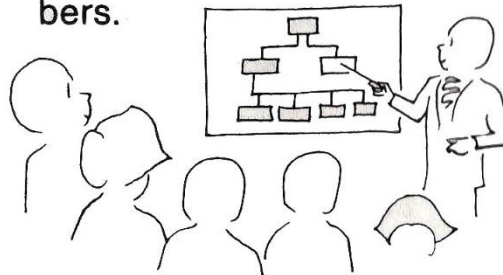
GOSPEL

- direct appeal to the heart
- to be understood by all worshippers.



ORGANIZATION

- orderly structure of rules and regulations for members.

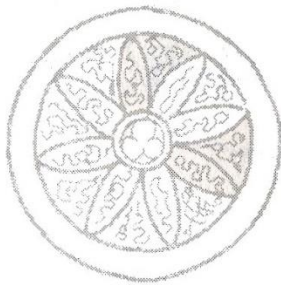


...and especially,

CHRISTIAN CONSCIOUSNESS

(an emphasis on the importance of Christian faith in everyday life)

- unites all believers in brotherhood
- helps each member become God-directed, not self-directed.



WHAT WE BELIEVE AS A.M.E.'s



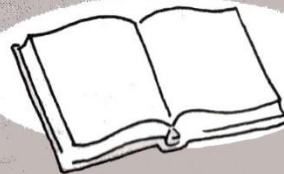
Our beliefs are basically the same as those of all Methodists.

They are summed up in the church's motto:

"God our Father,
Christ our Redeemer,
Man our Brother."

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AMONG THE
CHIEF SOURCES
FOR OUR
BELIEFS
ARE...

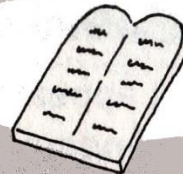
The Holy Bible



The Lord's Prayer



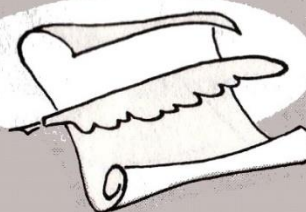
The Ten Commandments



The Apostle's Creed

"I believe
in God..."

The 25 Articles
of Religion



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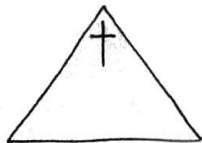
25 ARTICLES OF RELIGION

-- written by John Wesley, who founded Methodism.

The major ones are:

THE TRINITY

There is one God revealed in three persons: Father, Son, Holy Ghost.



INCARNATION

In Christ, divine and human are joined together in one person.



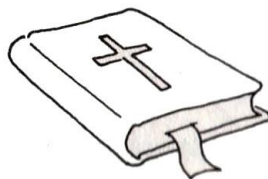
RESURRECTION

Christ truly arose from the dead and ascended into heaven.



SCRIPTURE

The Bible contains all we need to know to be saved.



ORIGINAL SIN

All people have inherited evil impulses as a result of Adam's sin.



FREE WILL

Every person is free to choose right or wrong.



JUSTIFICATION

We are saved by faith in Christ and by that faith alone.



GOOD WORKS

These are the fruits of our faith in Christ.



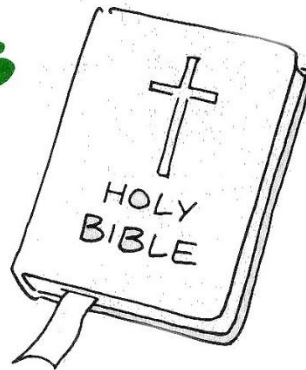
THE CHURCH

Here, the pure word of God is preached and the sacraments given.



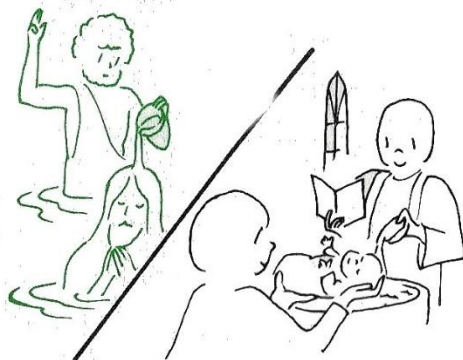
THE SACRAMENTS

The A.M.E. Church recognizes the two in which Christ Himself participated.



BAPTISM

- symbolic of the cleansing and regenerating power of God.
- allows full membership in the church.



- Water is applied by sprinkling. Pouring and immersion are also modes.
- In the vows of baptism, we declare faith in Christ and the church, and ask for help and guidance.
- Parents vow to teach infants or children in Christ's way.

COMMUNION

- to remember Jesus died for us
- to experience his continued life in the body of the church.



- The bread and wine symbolize Christ's body and blood.
- In the sacrament, the believer follows Christ's order to "Do this in remembrance of me."
- It is a time to feel a part of the community of believers and Christian servants.

EVERYONE in the
A.M.E. Church has a
**RESPONSIBILITY
TO SERVE GOD**
and the world
through →



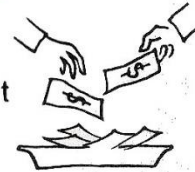
WORSHIP

-- bringing members together in Christ; strengthening and renewing faith.



STEWARDSHIP

-- cooperating to give needed financial support to the church.



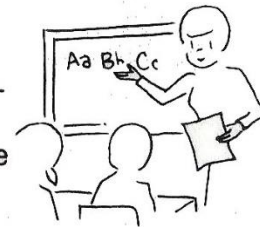
FELLOWSHIP

-- sharing the joy of Christian living with others.



EDUCATION

-- every local Church supporting Christian Education; there are 10 A.M.E. colleges.



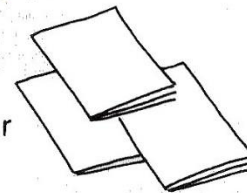
MISSIONS

-- supporting missionary efforts all over the world.



PUBLICATIONS

-- informing members about the work of the church and their Christian responsibility.



EVANGELISM

-- reaching out to win new members for Christ and the church.



WELFARE

-- making an effort on all levels for progress and social justice.



ORGANIZATION of the A.M.E. Church

Each Church is part of
a larger structure which
unifies members and
coordinates efforts.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Supreme legislative body;
meets every 4 years; sets
policy, elects bishops and
general officers.

EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS

Each is presided over by a
bishop; divided into annual
conferences.

GENERAL BOARD

Elected by General Conference;
administers and coordinates.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

The basic units of the whole church. Meet
every year to consider church business and
appoint pastors and presiding elders.

LOCAL CHURCHES

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Supreme governing body of
the local church.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

All members meet to
discuss the work of the
church; consider special
proposals.

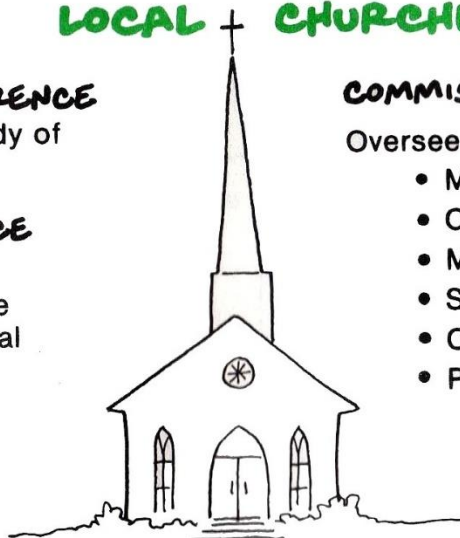
OFFICIAL BOARD

Runs administration
and programs.

COMMISSIONS

Oversee major church concerns:

- Membership and evangelism
- Christian education
- Missions and welfare
- Stewardship and finance
- Christian social relations
- Public relations, etc..

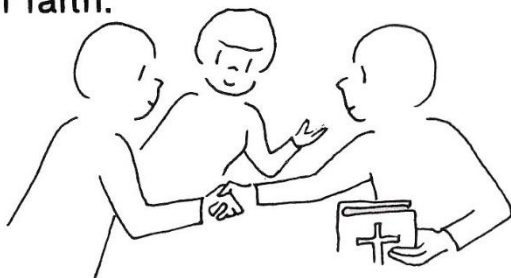


BECOMING A MEMBER

2 BASIC WAYS

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

The person presents him/herself to the pastor. He or she is admitted after 3 months probation and an examination of faith.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

A person may be admitted after baptism, professing faith in Jesus Christ and taking vows of membership.



(When you move, get a letter of transfer to your new church.)

RESPONSIBILITIES of a member--

DISCIPLESHIP

-- committing our lives to Christ.



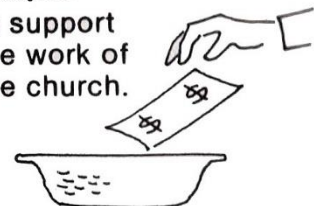
WITNESSING

-- telling what Jesus has done for you.



GIVING

to support the work of the church.



PARTICIPATING

actively in church affairs.



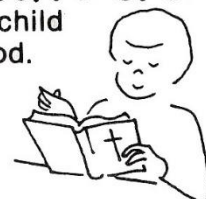
REPRESENTING

the church in daily activities.



PERSONAL GROWTH

as a child of God.





So--

The African Methodist Episcopal Church is --

SPECIAL

DESIGNED to meet the special needs of black people -- in a time of slavery and oppression, and in the present as well.

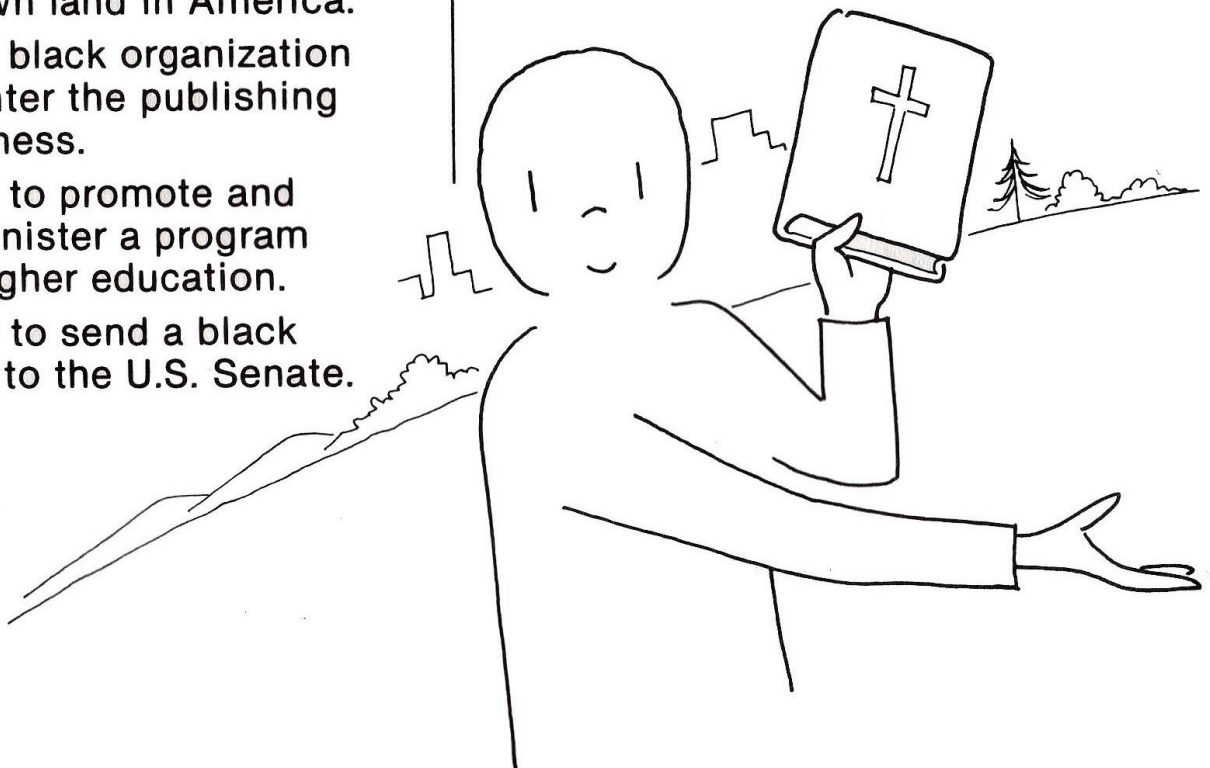
A LEADER responsible for many firsts in black growth:

- First black organization to own land in America.
- First black organization to enter the publishing business.
- First to promote and administer a program of higher education.
- First to send a black man to the U.S. Senate.

UNIVERSAL

Part of the worldwide Christian community which embraces all people who

- submit each area of their lives to God.
- serve Christ with their full hearts, minds, souls.





Being a member
of the A.M.E. Church
means being a part of a
**GREAT BLACK
TRADITION**

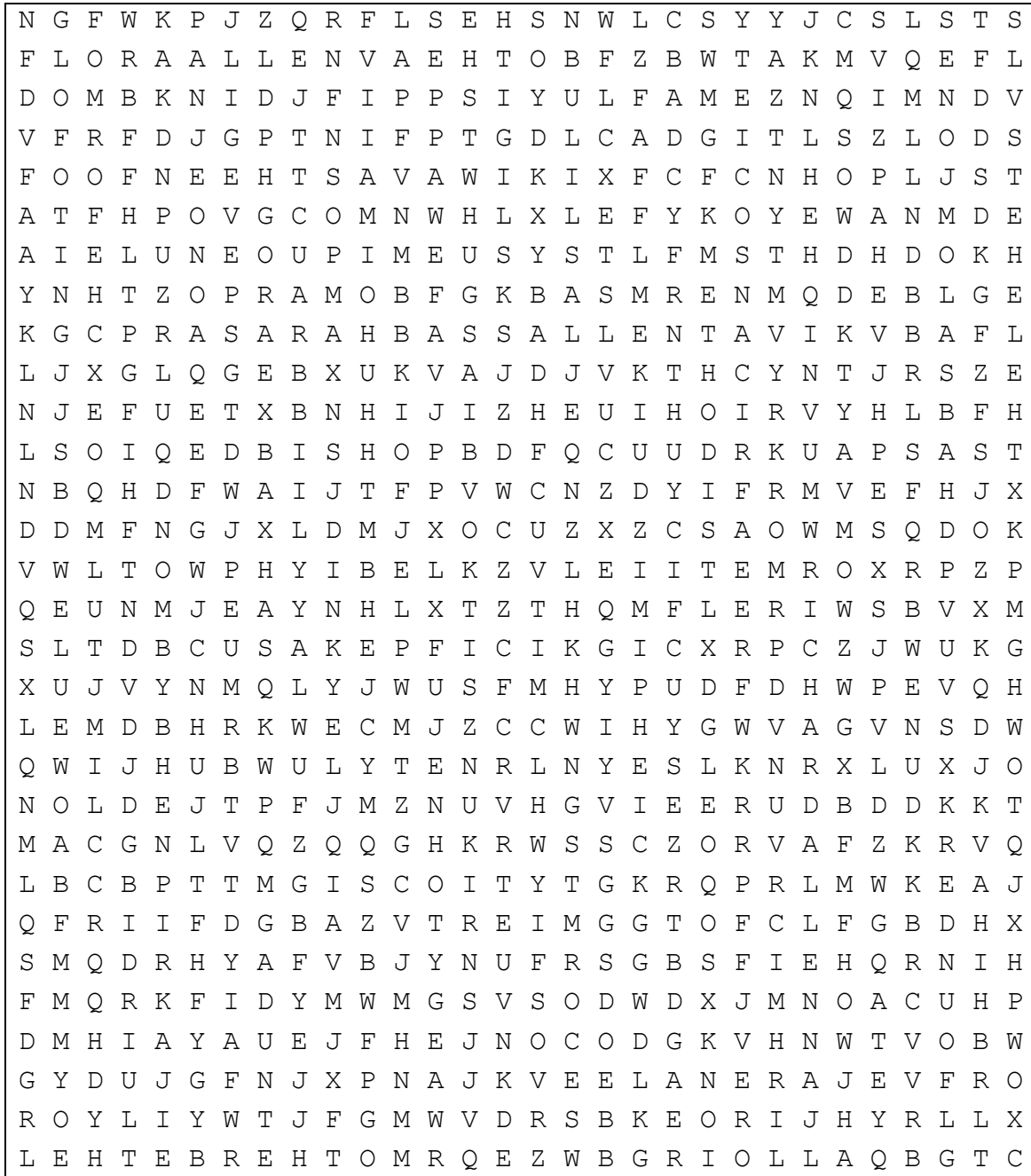
- of struggle
against oppression,
injustice.
- of a Christian community
united to serve God and man.

**The A.M.E. Church is a way
for you to play an ACTIVE ROLE
IN OUR WORLD!**



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FREE AFRICAN SOCIETY
JARENA LEE

JOHN WESLEY
METHODIST
MOTHER BETHEL
PHILADELPHIA
RICHARD ALLEN

SAINT GEORGES
SARAH BASS ALLEN
SELF DETERMINATION
YELLOW FEVER

—ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS—

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TEACHING MOMENTS

Next Week's Scripture Lessons:

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 ; Luke 6:17-26

Church School for ALL Ages – 9:30am *Every Sunday*

Pastor's Bible Study – Every Wednesday @ 11:00am

MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Choir Rehearsal – EVERY Thursday @ 6:30pm
- Steward Board – Monday, February 4, 2019 @ 6pm
- Official Board – Monday, February 11, 2019 @ 6pm (*Minister's Meeting to follow*)
- Lay Organization – Sunday, February 17, 2019 *Following the Benediction*
- Class Leaders – Monday, February 18, 2019 @ 6pm
- Trustee Board – Wednesday, February 20, 2019 @ 12pm
- YPD – Saturday, February 23, 2019 @ 1pm
- Missionary Society – Sunday, February 24, 2019 *Following the Benediction*

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

Announcements...

REMINDERS

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays...

OUR SICK & SHUT-IN

Prayer List...