



The Women's Missionary Society of the A.M.E. Church join forces with The COUNCIL OF BISHOPS



“A Call to Conscience”

This is a challenging and difficult time in the life of our nation and the world. It is a time which demands the church of Jesus Christ, to live up to what it is called to do, to represent Jesus Christ in His world, to be about the work of His kingdom on earth. Historically, the Black Church has been “the conscience of the nation.” During the Civil Rights Movement, it was the Black Church, which called and moved the nation to live up to its words and its creeds, to genuinely seek, **“to be one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.”**

Today the Black Church is called again, “to be the conscience of the nation.” The conscience is an inner voice that speaks to the rightness or wrongness of a person, group, or nation’s behavior. The Council of Bishops of the AME Church believe we have no choice but to speak to the conscience of the nation regarding its behavior, policies and issues. We believe the future of the nation, as well as Black and Brown citizens is at risk. Somebody not only needs to say something, somebody needs to do something. The church has a moral obligation to lead the charge for prophetic action in times like these.

Therefore, we are issuing a **“Call to Conscience: Forward to Action”** Rally to be held on Thursday, September 6th, 9 AM in Washington, DC., We are seeking to secure Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House. On Wednesday, September 5th, we invite denominational and judicatory leaders, clergy and laity to join us for a strategy and briefing session. In the afternoon we will meet with Congressional leaders, and visit the offices of our Senators and Representatives. While the call is being issued by the African Methodist Episcopal Church, it is our hope and prayer, that other faith communions will join us, in addition to leading Civil Rights and justice organizations, as well as citizens who are guided by their conscience to seek justice, and promote God’s kingdom on earth.

The aforementioned is an appeal from the Council of Bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church... and we, **The Connectional Women’s Missionary Society of the A.M.E. Church** proactively accept this **“Call To Action.”**

For, as you all know, this nation is in turmoil and we need you to come by cars, buses, trains or planes to LaFayette Park, across the street from the White House to demand change, command respect and to appeal to the **“conscience”** of elected officials at all levels of government.

So, we are calling **ALL MISSIONARIES and YOUNG PEOPLE** to stand with us on September 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m. as an **“unstoppable force”** to fight the “good fight” to ensure liberty, justice and equality for all... and “to restore and heal” this nation!

Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere!”

Together and with God, we can MOBILIZE, STRATEGIZE and profoundly do what God has required of us, (Micah 6:8)... **“to seek justice, show mercy, while walking humbly with Him!”**

We are in a war, and the soldiers of the Lord are being called to active duty!

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But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream -Amos 5:24

Called to Transform Lives... Build Communities...and Impact this World!