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African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
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DECISION DAY OBSERVANCE 2004
“Training Disciples to Make Disciples”

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**TRAINING DISCIPLES TO
MAKE DISCIPLES**

**Decision Day
Observance 2004**

October 24, 2004

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Theme:
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The Book of Discipline of the A.M.E. Zion Church directs that every Sunday Church School shall emphasize "Decision Day" annually in the month of October. It further directs that each Sunday Church School should undertake an evangelistic quota for active membership. In the recent past the Decision Day Observance has also been an opportunity for the local churches to share financial gifts in support of the Bureau of Evangelism. While financial gifts will be welcomed during this observance, the Bureau is placing its greatest emphasis upon decisions for Christ.

The Evangelistic theme for this quadrennium [2001-2004] is **"Making Christian Disciples: A Mandate from Christ."** In 2001 our theme was *"Evangelizing the World with a Christ-centered Gospel."* It centered on evangelism as the first major step in fulfilling Christ's mandate and it stressed the importance of aggressively taking the good news of Jesus Christ to people from every walk of life. In 2002 our theme was *"Initiating Converts into a Christ-Centered Church."* It stressed the importance of initiating those who make decisions for Christ into a local church where they can be nurtured to maturity in Christ. Last year, in 2003, our theme was *"Teaching Believers to Obey Christ's Commands."* It focused on the challenge of teaching God's people to incorporate into their lives the commands and principles of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

The theme for Decision Day 2004 is ***"Training Disciples to Make Disciples."*** The most vital step in the disciple making process may very well be that of training disciples to make disciples. Disciple making is a cycle that is not complete until the individual who has been discipled is equipped and empowered to disciple others. This is exactly what the Apostle Paul says to Timothy, his son in the ministry, *"and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well."* (2 Timothy 2:2 NRSV) The church must not only make disciples, it must train disciple makers. Only then, can the church be assured that disciple making will be ongoing.

The Annual Decision Day Observance is generally held the fourth Sunday in October. However, it may be observed any time during October or even in November, if it is convenient for the local church. During the harvest season, the constituents of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church pause to celebrate the harvest of souls (conversions, new members, re-dedications) gathered during the previous twelve months, as well as those entering the ministry or any form of Christian service. Forms have been provided in order to assist churches in the reporting process.



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Report Form

Church _____ Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
 Pastor in charge _____ Phone _____ Fax _____
 Presiding Elder _____ P. E. District _____
 Presiding Bishop _____ Annual Conference _____
 Episcopal District _____

Date of Event(s) _____

Description _____

REPORT OF DECISIONS

| <u>Type of Decisions Made</u> | <u>During Decision Day Observance(s)</u> | <u>During the Year (Nov. 2003 - Oct. 2004)</u> |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Conversions | _____ | _____ |
| Re-dedications | _____ | _____ |
| New Members | _____ | _____ |
| The Ministry | _____ | _____ |
| Christian Service | _____ | _____ |

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn: #548/#530 *God of Our Fathers*

The Call to Worship

Leader: But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers
will worship the Father in spirit and truth.
People: For the Father is seeking such to worship Him.
Leader: God is Spirit.
All: And those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

The Invocation

The Hymn of Praise: #1/#1 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

The Responsive Reading: [AMEZ Hymnal] p. 96, 43rd Sunday Morning or
[Bicentennial] p. 76, 11th Sunday Morn. - Kingdome

The Apostles' Creed: #657/#705

The Gloria Patri: #641/#703

The Lesson from the Holy Scriptures

The Call to Prayer: #337/#446 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Choral Selection

The Ministry of Kindness Offering

The Announcements

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

The Hymn of Preparation: #185/#501 *Amazing Grace*

The Preaching of the Gospel

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Hymn of Invitation: #195/#415 *Just As I Am*

The Recessional Hymn: #486/#493 *Blest Be the Tie*

The Benediction

(Hymn numbers are from the AME Zion Church Hymnal, followed by the AME Zion Church Bicentennial Hymnal)

The Sinner's Prayer

Lord Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner. I turn from my sins and my righteousness, and I turn to you. I believe that You died for my sins and rose from the dead for my justification. I place my trust in You as my personal Savior, and I receive You into my heart as Lord and Master of my life. Help me to follow You as I accept your free gift of eternal life. Amen.

(Please use the appropriate forms to report the number and the nature of the decision made for Christ. These should include any conversions, re-dedications, new members, and those answering the call to the gospel ministry or Christian service.) Send all correspondence to:

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EVANGELISM AROUND THE WORLD

Sunday, October 24, 2004



Spiritual Emphasis Week

JANUARY 2-8, 2005



“A Week of Prayer, Praise, and Proclamation”

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Spiritual Emphasis Week offers an opportunity for each local church to begin the year on a high spiritual note. The entire membership should be encouraged to participate as the church gathers Sunday through Friday for prayer, praise, and proclamation of the word. This annual event should climax with the clergy and laity of the Presiding Elder District coming together for a special service on Saturday. The suggested theme and daily sub-themes for Spiritual Emphasis Week 2005 are as follows:

THEME: Reaching Our Full Potential in Christ

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 5:12 – 9:14

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>TOPIC</u> | <u>SCRIPTURE</u> |
|------------|--------------|---|--------------------|
| Sunday | Jan. 2, 2005 | Laying a Foundation [Establishing a Relationship with Christ] | Hebrews 5:12 - 6:3 |
| Monday | Jan. 3, 2005 | Bearing Fruit [Maintaining a Vital Connection with Christ] | Hebrews 6:4 - 8 |
| Tuesday | Jan. 4, 2005 | Enduring Tough Times [Cultivating a Persevering Faith] | Hebrews 6:9 - 15 |
| Wednesday | Jan. 5, 2005 | Seizing Hope [Having an Anchor for the Soul] | Hebrews 6:16 - 20 |
| Thursday | Jan. 6, 2005 | Growing to Maturity [Experiencing Christian Perfection] | Hebrews 7:11 - 28 |
| Friday | Jan. 7, 2005 | Developing Character [Experiencing Change from the inside out] | Hebrews 8:1 - 13 |
| Saturday | Jan. 8, 2005 | Pursuing Holiness [Being Set Apart for God's Service] | Hebrews 9:6 - 14 |