**HISTORY OF ANNA L. ANDERSON DAY**

Bishop William Jacob Walls stated in his book*, The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church: Reality of the Black Church* “...In 1943 the [WHOMS] convention voted that October be set aside as Life Members Month in memory of AnnaLucille Anderson. It was she who in 1916 suggested the plan adopted for the foundation of the Life Members Council.

Sheworked tirelessly for its salvation and fundamental rootage and watched it come to fruition in 1935 at the Convention held in Indianapolis.” The Life Members Council is designated as the Educational Arm of the Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society. Membership in the Council enables the Society to support the ministries on the Tree of Hope. Because of your investment and continued support, financial assistance is given to Hood Theological Seminary, Livingstone College, Clinton College, Lomax-Hannon Junior College, A.M.E. Zion University, and Hood Speaks Theological Seminary. Funds are also used to provide grants and scholarships to students attending these institutions, to pay stipends for field workers, to fund Missionary Education Leadership Training in America and overseas, and to support the general operation of the Society.

When we see and read about the contributions made by the Council, we can see how important it is for every member of Zion to become a Life Member, Honorary Life Member, Life Matron, Life Patron, or Heart for Overseas Missions supporter.

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Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society

Anna L. Anderson Day October 2025



2023 – 2027 QUADRENNIAL THEME:

“REACHING THE MASSES IN

AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD

**LEADERSHIP & LEGACY**

Mrs. Joy Foster, Connectional Chairman,

Life Members Council

Mrs. Sandra B. Crowder, International President

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Stand up, oh ye people, Stand up! The call has been given to lead; To lead in a manner pleasing to God, reaching the masses in an ever-changing world to leave a legacy that inspires generations to come. AMEN.

THE INVOCATION

Heavenly Father we invoke your presence on this day as we honor the legacy of Anna L. Anderson the visionary for the Life Members Council. Let her vision continue throughout Zion and your spirit guide us today and for years to come. AMEN.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Traditional- “Lead Me, Guide Me.”

Contemporary- “A Leader’s Faith” by LaRue Howard

THE LITANY OF LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY

**Leader**: Generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts (Psalms 145:4 MSG)

**People**: Help us to understand the need to intentionally grow in leadership and to leave a legacy

**Leader**: From 1935 to 2025, the Life Members Council continues to be the “Educational Arm” of the Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society

**All:** We thank you God for branches on the Tree of Hope which remain in season and flourish throughout the ages. We thank you God for 90 years of “Throwing out the Lifeline” leaving a legacy for future Missionaries. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 2:2

THE PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY

Almighty God, we are filled with gratitude for all that you have done for us. Christ’s sacrifice serves as our Sanctuary. As your humble Servants, we yearn to draw closer to you. We wholeheartedly rely on you to equip us to be the Servants, you purposed us to be. Grant every Servant the strength and guidance to endure hardships without growing weary, but instead, to rely solely on you. Provide us with the courage to share our stories about your love, grace and mercy that have guided us through. As we share our testimonies of your faithfulness with others, let those stories linger in their minds and hearts, serving as a legacy of our service to you. Amen

THE SERMONIC SELECTION

THE MESSAGE OF LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY

THE INVITATIONAL HYMN & CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE ANNA L. ANDERSON DAY OFFERING APPEAL

THE MISSIONARY BENEDICTION

**God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us and give us peace. AMEN.**