**Young Adult Missionary Society ~ Historical Review**

The vision of the Young Adult Missionary Society began in August 1975

when Dr. Willa Mae Rice, then General President of the WH&OM Society, brought a resolution to the 18th Quadrennial Convention held in Los

Angeles, CA to establish a department for women ages 27-40. The

resolution was not adopted, but in 1979 at the 19th Quadrennial Convention held in Miami, FL, the delegates voted to bring the Y.A.M.S. in under the

umbrella of the Parent Body.

However, in 1983 at the 20th Quadrennial Convention in New Orleans, LA, the YAM Society was adopted as the sixth Department of the Women’s

Home and Overseas Missionary Society. Dr. Adlise I. Porter, the Second

Vice - President, was appointed Coordinator of the Department by the

Convention. Through her spiritual gifts, Dr. Porter developed the structure of the Department which included writing the operational guidelines for the

Department’s Thematic Bible Studies, Social Concerns Projects, motto, colors, and theme song. Prior to the 22nd Quadrennial Convention held in New Orleans, LA, the YA.M.S. Anniversary Day was called “Willa Mae Rice Day”. It was during this Convention that a resolution was adopted to change “Willa Mae Rice Day” to “Founders’ Day” to honor Dr. Rice as Founder and Dr. Porter as the Organizing Coordinator.

In 1991, at the 22nd Quadrennial Convention, Mrs. Joann B. Holmes became the first elected General Coordinator. During the 23rd Quadrennial meeting, a resolution was adopted to change the ages of Y.A.M.S from 27-40 to

22-40. To chart the course of the Y.A.M.S. into the 21st century,

Mrs. Sandra B. Crowder was elected the 3rd General Coordinator at the 24th Quadrennial Convention in Dallas, TX. In 2007, at the 26th Quadrennial

Convention in Orlando, FL, Mrs. Dawn L. Walker was elected the 4th

General Coordinator of the Y.A.M.S. In Orlando, FL, Dr. Joy L. Kennedy, was elected the 5th General Coordinator. During the 29th Quadrennial

Convention, a resolution passed changing the title from General Coordinator to Connectional Coordinator. Recently, at the 30th Quadrennial Convention, Ms. Karlease M. Smalls was elected as the 6th Connectional Coordinator of Y.A.M.S., in New Orleans, LA.

**Y.A.M.S. MOTTO**

**“With hearts and hands,**

**We reach up to God for strength and direction We reach out to love and touch others.**

**We reach down to lift fallen humanity.”**

**Young Adult Missionary Society**

**42nd Anniversary**

**1983-2025**

**Founders’ Day Observance**



**November 9, 2025**

**2023-2027 Quadrennial Theme**

**Reaching The Masses in an Ever-Changing World:**

**The Journey Continues**

**~Leadership & Legacy ~**

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

**The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (Your Name)**

**District Coordinator of the Y.A.M.S. Ms. Karlease Smalls**

**Connectional Coordinator of the Y.A.M.S.**

**Mrs. Sandra Crowder**

**International President of the WH&OMS**

Order of Worship

**Processional** “Marching to Zion” (BH #648)

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 65: 1-2)

What mighty praise, O God, belongs to you in Zon. We will fulfill our vows to you, for you answer our prayers. All of us must come to you.

**Invocation** O God we thank you for daily grace and mercy. Thank you for being alpha and omega. We thank you for divine order, O Lord. Please guide our lives that we may fulfill your plan. Help us to lead others to Christ. For your glory. We ask all these things in your son Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise** “Our Promise, Praise, and Petition” (BH#671)

**Responsive Reading:**

**Leader**: Where there is confusion in the world,

**People**: With hearts and hands we will pray for direction

**Leader**: Where there are people who are lost and looking for a Savior,

**People**: With hearts and hands, we will lead people to Christ. **Leader:** Where there is a lack of love within leadership, **People**: With hearts and hands, we will be loving leaders

**All**: With hearts and hands, Let the legacy of our lives be

representation of our faith in you.

**The Gloria Patri**

**The Affirmation of Faith**

**The Scripture Lesson:** 1 Timothy 4:7-12 (NIV)

**Prayer**

**Choral Selection**:

“You Brought me Through This” By Rev. Timothy Wright

**Founders' Day Tributes to Dr. Rice and Dr. Porter The Offering/The Offertory**

**Introduction of Founders’ Day Messenger**

**Sermonic Selection**: “Trust in God” by Elevation Worship

**Founders' Day Message:**

**Theme: “Leadership & Legacy”**

**Invitational Hymn:**

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” (BH #508) **Invitation to Christian Discipleship Remarks**

**Missionary Benediction**:

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause His face to

shine upon us and give us peace.” Amen.

**Please send funds for Founders’ Day to the District President for remittance to**

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