



Standing United. Moving Forward. Stronger Together



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Numbers 27:6-7 (NRSV)

2016-2020 AME Church Quadrennial Theme

“The African Methodist Episcopal Church: A Social Justice and Liberating Faith”

Political Justice (2016); Criminal Justice (2017); Environmental Justice (2018); Economic Justice (2019)

“And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8 (NASB)

2016-2020 AME/WIM Quadrennial Theme

In September of 2016 the Executive Board of AME/WIM intentionally assessed the state of Women In Ministry in the AME Church by reviewing the commissioning mission, purpose and objectives of AME/WIM. In doing so, the board gave prayerful thought and consideration to the denominations Quadrennial Theme - “The African Methodist Episcopal Church: A Social Justice and Liberating Faith.”

Trusting in the stated and inferred commitment of the AME Church to justice and believing that the pursuit of justice includes Gender Justice, Connectional AME/WIM established the **2016-2020 Quadrennial theme: “Standing United, Moving Forward, Stronger Together” based on Numbers 27:6-7 (NRSV)**

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About Our Theme

#Standing United

AME/WIM is unified and focused on empowering and encouraging WIM across the connection.

#Moving Forward

AME/WIM is intentional about focusing on the future of our church, we are faith forward. We belong to a new generation and we are focused on exercising our gifts, fulfilling our purpose, individually and collectively, on possessing the promises of God.

#Stronger Together

AME/WIM pursues justice for all. All WIM are equally valued, and we seek to have everyone share equitably in the distribution of power, knowledge, resources and access.

About the Text:

The story of Zelophehad's daughters is one of encouragement, empowerment, and engagement.

The Bible mentions Zelophehad's daughters by name five times and gives legitimacy to their pursuit of justice – Gender Justice.

- Numbers 26:33; 27:1-7; 36:1-12;
- Joshua 17:1-6; and
- 1 Chronicles 7:15

2016-2020 AME/WIM Quadrennial Goals

Realizing that there are times when we must go back before we can go forward, the 2016-2020 Quadrennial Goals of Connectional AME/WIM take us back to the original mission, purpose and bylaws of AME/WIM as adopted by the 44th Session of The General Conference (1992) which emboldened and empowered AME/WIM to:

- Recognize and support women in ministry as an integral part of the AME Church.
- Raise the consciousness of the A.M.E. Church on women's issues.
- Address the issue of sexism in the A.M.E. Church.
- Address issues of opportunities for women in ministry in the A.M.E. Church.
- Support women in the pastoral ministry.
- Encourage academic training for ministry.
- Support and provide assistance and outreach to women in ministry in the “Global Districts.”
- Compile a complete and accurate record of all women in ministry in the A.M.E Church.

Thus, this quadrennial our focus is:

- Unity
- Preparation
- Relationships
- Gender Justice

And we have established the following as our fivefold **Quadrennial Goals**, to:

1. Encourage women to know the church down to the local level.
2. Be intentional in acknowledging, validating, and affirming the diverse call and purpose of women in ministry.
3. Increase visibility of AME/WIM within the AME Church and the larger inter-faith and ecumenical community.
4. Develop relationships with seminaries and theological institutions.
5. Invest in the development and empowerment of the Episcopal District Executive Boards.