

NY Annual Conference AME/WIM



Reverend Carrie Thomas Hooper
Born 1894-Died 1996

"My Bible, My Book, My Guide, is a friend always by my side. It lightens and brightens my pathway each day as I read it and heed it today!"

- Rev. Carrie Thomas Hooper



The Rev. Carrie T. Hooper a trailblazer for Women in Ministry. Rev. Hooper was an author, composer and Pastor from New York, NY. Rev. Hooper was moved to NYC in 1914 and join First AME Bethel in 1934. In 1935 she was appointed an Evangelist by Bishop W. H. Heard Presiding Prelate of the 1st Episcopal District.

After the 1960 General Conference permitted the ordination of women as Itinerant Elders, Rev. Hooper announced her run for the Episcopacy, becoming the first woman to run for the Episcopacy at the 1964, General Conference in Cincinnati, OH. Rev. Hooper offered herself for Episcopal Service five times:

- *1964 General Conference- 11 votes*
- *1968 General Conference-12 votes*
- *1972 General Conference-29 votes*
- *1976 General Conference-54 votes*
- *1980 General Conference- 4 votes*

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Rev. Hooper was a member of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, Organized & Founded True Vine AMEC, Harlem, NY and was married to James Napoleon Hooper.