

RESOLUTION 154
African Methodist Episcopal Church

WHEREAS, the AME Church was organized by people of African descent and heritage. In 1816 the Church was founded in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Mission of the AME Church is to minister to the social, spiritual, and physical development of all people; and

WHEREAS, at every level of the Connection and in every local church, the AME Church shall engage in carrying out the spirit of the original Free African Society, out of which the AME Church evolved: that is, to seek out and save the lost, and to serve the needy. It is also the duty of Church to continue to encourage all members to become involved in all aspects of church training; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate purposes of the AME Church is to make available God's biblical principles, spread Christ's liberating gospel, and provide continuing programs which will enhance the entire social development of all people; and

WHEREAS, the AME Church celebrates its 163rd Missouri Annual Conference in the City of St. Louis from October 4, 2017 to October 8, 2017 under the leadership of Host Pastor, Rev. Steven Shepard of St. Peters AME Church located in the 21st Ward of the City of St. Louis. The conference welcomes AME members from 15 states; including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, with hundreds of churches and thousands of members, the 5th Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church is a vibrant connection of Christians who share a rich and deep history and heritage. With its roots running back to 1787, the A.M.E. Church is the first independent black denomination founded in the Western hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, today, the African Methodist Episcopal Church has membership in twenty Episcopal Districts in thirty-nine countries on five continents; led by the Governing Board of Bishops & Presiding Bishop, Rev. McKinley Young; 5th Episcopal District Presiding Prelate, Rev. Clement Fugh, and St. Louis Regional Presiding Elder, Rev. Emund Lowe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor African Methodist Episcopal Church and to recognize its positive impact in the City of St. Louis and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this the 7th day of October, 2017 by:

The Honorable John Collins-Muhammad, Alderman 21st Ward

Adopted this the 13th day of October, 2017 as attested by:

Board of Aldermen
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Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen