

## THE DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE

### BRIEF HISTORY

The legacy of the Daughters of Conference is full of self-sacrifice and devotion to the cause of missions and the promulgation of the Gospel. Our AME Zion historians have written that these noble and dedicated women were organized in 1821 at Mother Zion African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in New York. It is recorded that, "The preacher must go and preach, Zion churches must be erected and we will raise the money", and for this grand and glorious purpose the group was organized at that early and needy time of the AME Zion Church. The Daughters of Conference was the greatest means of support in raising money to pay pastor salaries, financing the building of new churches as Zion continued to grow and to the overall finance and general well being of the church. The first coordinator of the Daughters of Conference was Sister Mary Roberts.

With this rich and noble heritage, the Daughters of Conference was first organized at Trinity AME Zion Church, Greensboro, North Carolina in 1918 by the Rev. Edgar Watson, later becoming Bishop.

In 1985, under the leadership of Dr. Beatrice Asbury Houston, and under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Joseph H. Johnson, later Bishop, the Daughters of Conference of Trinity established the Adopt-A-Minister Project (A.A.M.P.) scholarship fund for students attending Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, North Carolina in pursuit of the Masters of Divinity Degree. With financial assistance from the AAMP Scholarship notable AME Zion Pastors and Ministers have completed their studies and continue to aspire to higher levels of service in their communities and the AME Zion Church.

## WHO IS CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION?

All interested candidates may apply, however,

- Applicants of Trinity AME Zion Church will be considered first.
- If there are no available candidates at Trinity, applicants from the Greensboro District will be considered.
- If there are no viable applicants from the District, candidates from the West Central North Carolina will be considered.
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## RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AAMP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

- Give his/her best to God and to Zion.
- Be dedicated to his/her studies and maintain required grades.
- Give semester updates to the group via conference calls or other forms of social media.
- Notify the Daughters of Conference President if life situations arises and you are unable to continue school as soon as known.
- Take heed to the "withdrawal" from class date and follow procedure to drop before incurring charges that might forfeit the scholarship.

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested applicants must complete the attached application accompanied by the following:

1. A personal letter of application telling us a little of your AME Zion history and affiliations.
2. Two letters of personal recommendation from the following list:
  - a. Pastor from any church in the AME Zion Church connection.
  - b. A Presiding Elder.
  - c. Dean of Hood Theological Seminary or a professor of Hood Seminary.
  - d. A member of the Daughters of Conference of Trinity.
3. An unofficial transcript if currently attending Hood Theological Seminary

The AAMP Committee, comprised of members of the Daughters of Conference will have the responsibility of reviewing applications, scheduling and interviewing applicants, and making recommendations to the entire Daughters of Conference group of Trinity AME Zion Church.

Once you have secured all of your required documents for review, you may mail or email your application packets to:

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C/O Millie Tillman, President  
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Greensboro, NC 27406 or  
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