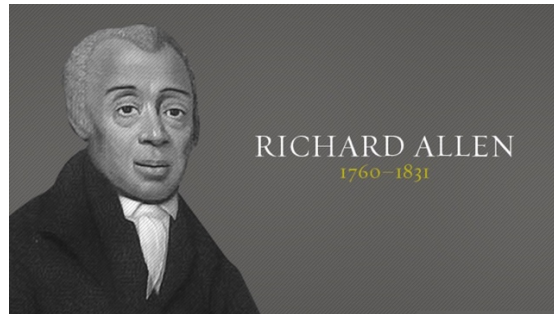




CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Resources and Ideas for AME Church Founder's Day



Whether it is in virtual worship or church school or even during family devotional time, we hope that we all will pause to celebrate the Founder's Day of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Reflect on the rich life and legacy of our founder, Bishop Richard Allen, and all those who have served God in this particular church, making it a Bible-centered and justice-seeking church around the world.

Many of the resources that the Department of Christian Education has created and collected can be used in various settings as well as individually and in congregations or groups.

The following resources can be found at <https://ameced.com/free-resources> (Scroll down to the Founder's Day Resources section.) There, you will find:

- **Litanies** by Bishop John H. Adams, Bishop Adam J. Richardson, and Rev. Garland F. Pierce
- **Founder's Day Songs:** Added this year, three original pieces, created by Ms. Florine Pernel Herron (8th Episcopal District), Connectional MCAM Director of Instruments and Connectional WMS Worship Leader, each tells the story of the African Methodist Episcopal Church's founding:
 - *The Dignified Triumphant Exodus*
 - *Get Up Off Your Knees*
 - *We Were Interrupted While Praying*
- **Activities**
 - **Word Search Puzzle**

-- **Richard Allen Faux Stained Glass Crafts Activity** by Rev. Margaret V. L. Tyson (3rd Episcopal District), Connectional MCAM Director of Multi-Media

--**Video with short exercise** by Dr. Johnel Bryant Robinson, 8th Episcopal District

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- **Richard Allen Documentary:** This short video tells the story of Richard Allen and the founding of the AME Church. There are also versions with Spanish, French, and Portuguese subtitles.

-- **Video Study Resources**

Christian Educators from Mother Bethel, the South Philadelphia District, and the Philadelphia Conference produced study resources for various age levels to accompany the documentary.

The Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts has introduced the Episcopal Patch Series. It is open to ALL (scouts, non-scouts and adults from any scouting or youth servicing organization and persons of EVERY faith and NONE). This learning adventure will allow you to learn about the men and women of the oldest African American denomination in the United States of America. The information and workbooks can be found at: <https://ameced.com/scouting/>.

In addition to the resources found at ameced.com, another valuable resource is *The African Methodist Episcopal Church: A History* (Cambridge University Press) by Dr. Dennis Dickerson, retired historiographer for the AME Church. It is a comprehensive history of the church that can be purchased through most book sellers. You can also find chapter summaries, historical contexts, and panel discussions for each chapter of the book (23 videos total) at the YouTube channel for the book: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfOWLU-YmHyCZ6bvAwfUPlg/featured>

Special Church School Note

Across the age levels for Sunday, February 14, 2021, the AMEC church school lessons (<https://www.amecpublishing.com>) focus on Mary Magdalene and other various women who were important to Jesus' ministry: Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:40; John 20:10-18. As the 14th is Founder's Day, some focus can be given especially to Sarah Allen, Jarena Lee, Charlotte Maxeke, and other women who have faithfully served and given valuable leadership in the AME Church. Who are your heroes AND sheroes of the faith?

You can share photos of your 2021 Founder's Day activities and observances with the AMEC Christian Education Department at cedoffice@ameced.com or through Facebook and Instagram.