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**Bishop Francis Herman Gow
Activity Patch**

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Scout/Youth

Unit/Org Leader: _____

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QUESTIONS

The Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts Episcopal Patch Series

This patch series honors the faith and sacrifices of the men and women who built, led, and continue to lead the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church in the 21st century. These men and women not only defended the faith, but worked tirelessly to promote equality, diversity, and excellence for the whole of humanity. The A.M.E. bishops, both past and present, participants will meet in this series were/are devout followers of the God of Liberation who often found themselves getting into “good trouble - necessary trouble” in their fight for racial justice and religious freedom. It is the hope that glimpses into their lives will inspire youth and adults alike to strive to create a more just society.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who may earn this activity patch?

All youth and adults – scouts or non-scouts, AME or non-AME – are welcome to participate in the Episcopal Patch Series offered by the Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after earning this activity?

No. This activity is considered a religious activity, not a religious emblem. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning any of the activity patches.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard that the BSA, GSUSA and/or any religious institution or youth agency establish for youth protection.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?

Yes. After the requirements and activities are reviewed by your adult leader (scouts, school, other youth agency, or religious institution) or parental unit, please submit answers to the requirements and pictures depicting the activities selected. Please note that the submission of any pictures automatically grants AAMES consent to publish said submissions.

Will there be more Episcopal Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Episcopal Activity Patches released periodically.

Requirements for Completing The Bishop Francis Herman Gow Activity Patch

1st thru 5th Grades: Complete any 5 requirements and any 2 activities

6th thru 8th Grades: Complete any 10 requirements and any 3 activities

9th thru 12th Grades: Complete **ALL** requirements and any 4 activities

Requirements for Adults:

1. Assist any youth or youth group with earning this Episcopal Activity Patch
2. Share your thoughts with the youth/youths you are assisting about this Bishop.
3. Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm accuracy and insure understanding.
4. Guide each youth participant in selecting the requisite number of activities framing a strategy for completing them.



Online Resources

<https://www.facebook.com/FreedomCenter/photos/happy-veterans-day-francis-herman-gow-was-born-of-jamaican-decent-in-cape-town-so/10154111107444123/>

<https://www.sahistory.org.za/people/frances-herman-gow>

http://flatinternational.org/template_volume.php?volume_id=270

https://books.google.com/books?id=r2FljxUTizQC&pg=PA161&lpg=PA161&dq=biography+of+bishop+francis+herman+gow&source=bl&ots=ib4F36CeBQ&sig=ACfU3U30zqoD_2JjFur_h6X3YXXgP6BTTg&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiq-NTu-c_rAhXCuVkkKHfUrDms4FBD0ATAFegQIBxAB#v=onepage&q&f=false

<https://billiongraves.com/grave/FRANCIS-HERMAN-GOW/16105604>

<https://stpaulamewv.org/our-history>

Feel free to use other resources.

*The information and online resources contained in this activity workbook have been compiled by:
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REQUIREMENTS

1. What is Bishop Gow's full name? Where and when was he born?

2. What schools (and where are they located) did Bishop Gow attend?

3. What international conflict did Bishop Gow serve in? What was his rank?

4. Where was Bishop Gow commissioned?

5. Before becoming a clergyman, what was Bishop Gow's profession? Where was he employed?

6. What is the name of the musical society launched by Bishop Gow?

7. What was the name of the musical group for whom Bishop Gow served as conductor?

8. What is the significance of the June 1930 recording of the group referenced in question #7?

9. What are the names of the AME Churches that Bishop Gow served as pastor?

10. While serving as Pastor of St. Paul AME Church in Charleston, WV, what ministries were organized under Bishop Gow's administration?

11. When was Bishop Gow elected to the Episcopacy of the African Methodist Episcopal Church?

12. What is the significance of Bishop Gow's election to the Episcopacy of the African Methodist Episcopal Church?

13. What were the names of Bishop Gow's spouse and child/ren?

14. When and where did Bishop Gow die?

15. Where is Bishop Gow buried?



ACTIVITIES

1. Compose an original poem or song (in any genre) and perform it for your scout unit, youth group, family, or activity mentor.
2. Join a youth or scout choir or band and participate in at least one (1) performance/engagement with that choir or band.
3. Learn to play any musical instrument (i.e. recorder, harmonica, bugle, guitar, piano, drums, etc.) and perform a musical selection, utilizing your new instrument, for your scout unit, youth group, family or activity mentor.
4. Provide at least 5 hours of tutoring (in any subject) to any student. Please have a school administrator or teacher document your hours.
5. Read a book or watch a short documentary about any famous African American composer (i.e. Scott Joplin, Charlie Parker, Billie Holiday, Duke Ellington, Wynton Marsalis, Louis Armstrong, etc.) and discuss what you have learned about that composer with your scout unit leader, youth supervisor or activity mentor. The following resource may aid you in completing this activity: <https://www.king.org/ten-great-black-composers-to-know/>.
6. Visit your local cemetery to search for the grave(s) of a World War I Veterans. Place an American flag on the grave(s). Discuss with your scout unit leader, youth supervisor or activity mentor what you have learned about the individual from the information on the tombstone. (where applicable, please obtain any necessary permission from the appropriate authority/agency/organization before entering a cemetery).

**CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS TO EARN THE
BISHOP FRANCIS HERMAN GOW ACTIVITY PATCH!**

Have your mentor submit your workbook, proof of completion of the prescribed activities, along with the completed order form for the patch.

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AAMES EPISCOPAL PATCH/AWARD ORDER FORM



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Episcopal Patch Series	Daniel Coker		x	\$ 10.00			
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	Frank Curtis Cummings		x	\$ 10.00			
	Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr.		x	\$ 10.00			
	Vashti Murphy McKenzie		x	\$ 10.00			
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Awards	Bishop Award of Excellence		x	\$150.00			
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	P.R.A.Y.: God & Me Emblem		x	\$ 1.00			
	P.R.A.Y.: God & Family Emblem		x	\$ 1.00			
	P.R.A.Y.: God & Church Emblem		x	\$ 1.00			
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