



## **Why the AME Church is Leading on Climate Solutions**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Throughout our history, the AME Church has led on the most pressing social issues of our day. As such, our faith leads us to act on climate, on behalf of those impacted and so that all will have the opportunity to share in the benefits of the clean energy economy.

We are commanded by Jesus to love one another (John 13:34) and God has given us responsibility to care for His good creation (Gen. 1:28, Gen. 2:15).

Climate change is profoundly impacting God's creation and people. Millions of Black people suffer from toxic pollution from dirty, outdated power plants in their communities. The health of our children, elderly, and those with chronic illnesses like asthma are put at greater risk. The livelihoods of our faithful in Africa and their ability to provide for their families are damaged by changing weather patterns. Our faithful in the Caribbean are facing stronger storms and rising sea levels. Our rural communities are facing obstacles of physical isolation and limited economic diversity that increase their vulnerability to a warming world.

The attached AME and Climate Change Resolution declares our intention to support policies that will move us away from the dirty fuels that make us sick and toward safe, clean energy. We resolve to make our congregations, homes, buildings, and transportation less polluting and build stronger communities that protect us from the harmful climate impacts we already experiencing. We will build awareness for climate solutions in our ministries, congregations and communities. We will stand together with others who are calling for urgent action on climate change and partner with others including Blessed Tomorrow as a means of sharing our work and witness with others.

We encourage you to visit our booth and learn more. In support of the intentions of this resolution, we are going green at the General Conference, with materials being posted online- thus reducing paper, printing and energy use.

This week, as we answer God's call to love and serve one another, we urge you to prayerfully consider joining us in support of this resolution. Together we will build a just and healthy world for our families, communities, and neighbors.