**AME/SADA SUNDAY – MAY 17, 2015:**
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*Appended below is the Worship Guide for AME/SADA Sunday, May 17, 2015.  We thank Dr. Daryl Ingram, Executive Director, AMEC Department of Christian Education and the Reverend Joy Gallmon, Connectional Chair of the Fellowship of Church Educators for their assistance in the development of this Worship Guide.

Please feel free to reformat and use this guide as a resource for worship on AME/SADA Sunday.*

**AME-SADA Sunday Worship Guide**

"*Helping People Help Themselves*"

**The Doxology**

**The Call to Worship**

Leader:  I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

**People**:  O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God’s name together.

Leader: I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.  Look to Him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**People**: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God’s name together.

Leader: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.  The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

**People**: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God’s name together.

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him.  O fear the Lord, you His holy ones, for those who fear Him have no want.

**People**: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God’s name together.

Leader: The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**All**: Come let us worship the Triune God together.  Psalm 34

**The Opening Hymn -** "*Take My Life and Let It Be*" - AME Hymnal No. 292

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.*
*Take my hands, and let them move, at the impulse of Thy love.*
*At the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.*
*Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.*
*Always only, for my King.*
 T*ake my lips and let them be filled with messages for Thee.*
*Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.*
*Not a mite would I withhold.*

*Take my love, my God; I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.*
*Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.*
*Ever, only, all for Thee.*

**The Opening Prayer**
O gracious and mighty God, forgive the sins we have committed against You through our actions and against our neighbors by our inaction.  We thank You for Your loving kindness, Your grace and Your mercy.  We pray now for the strength to do all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can, all the times we can, to all the people we can, for as long as we can.  In the name of our Savior and our Redeemer, Jesus the Christ.  Amen.

**The Prayer Response** - AME Hymnal No. 619

*Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.*
*Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.*
*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*
*Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.*

**The Scriptures**

**The Old Testament** - Exodus 22:21-27 or Deuteronomy 15:4-11 or Leviticus 19:9, 10

**The Epistle** - I John 3:16-24

**The Gospel** - Matthew 25:31-46

**The Preface to the Decalogue**

**The Summary of the Decalogue**

**AME-SADA Litany**
Leader: AME-SADA founded in 1977, grew out of the collective efforts of several primary individuals including, Bishop John Hurst Adams, Bishop Frederick C. James, Reverend Lonnie Johnson, Mrs. Wilburn Boddie, Dr. Joseph C. McKinney, with critical support from Bishop Donald G. K. Ming, as they sought to strengthen the mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the lives of people in Africa and the Caribbean.

**People:** Thank you gracious God for AME-SADA’s commitment to helping people help themselves.

Leader: AME-SADA was created to coordinate and administer international development and relief projects outside of the United States.  Responding to local conditions and needs, AME-SADA seeks to enhance the activities of the local population and provide appropriate additional assistance and resources in the areas of health, education and micro-credit.

**Men**:    Yes, Lord, you know that we love you.

**Women:** Then feed my sheep.

Leader: AME-SADA serves over 350,000 people, has provided direct services for over 70,000 children age 0-5 years, and over 95,000 women in the Arahaie/Cabaret regions and sections of Port-au-Prince. Their efforts have produced 60 AME-SADA trained physicians, nurses, nursing assistants, laboratory and pharmacy technicians, along with 144 health agents and 485 traditional birth attendants who help to promote heath care awareness in the community.  In 2014 over 30,659 women received pre-natal care and over 6,000 experienced a birth assisted by a traditional birth attendant.

**People:** Thank you Jehovah-Jireh for AME-SADA’s commitment to helping people help themselves.

Leader: With the dismantling of the apartheid laws, the AMEC decided to reopen Wilberforce College in Evaton, Republic of South Africa and AME-SADA was called upon to assist in this endeavor. Wilberforce reopened under the name, Wilberforce Community College, keeping the original campus, renovating its buildings and undertaking a modernization program to serve the people of South Africa.

**Women:** Yes, Lord, you know that we love you.

**Men:** Then feed my lambs.

Leader: A total of five grants from USAID were awarded to AME-SADA for new construction at Wilberforce Community College.  These grants and generous gifts from the AMEC funded the building of the Multipurpose Educational Facility dedicated in 2000, the Distance Learning Center and the Faculty residences which were dedicated in 2003 and the Dormitory Facilities dedicated in 2007.  The Dining Hall and Students’ Community Center were completed and the facilities are in use by the 610 students enrolled.

**People:** Thank you El Shaddai for AME-SADA’s commitment to helping people help themselves.

Leader: As the staff of AME-SADA travels to Haiti, South Africa, Botswana and Swaziland to review programs, follow leads for new projects, and the development of strategic alliances, they often find themselves working in precarious political environments in hard and remote places.  We pray for their continued strength of mind, body and spirit and the financial resources to sustain and to expand the work.

**Men:** Yes, Lord, you know that we love you.
Women: Then feed my sheep.

**All:**  Oh Lord, our God, we give you all the honor and the praise for AME-SADA’s commitment to helping people help themselves.

**The Mission Offering for AME-SADA**

**The Offertory**

**The Worship through Music**

**The Sermonic Selection or Hymn**

**The Sermon**

**Suggested Sermon Titles:**

- A Christians Call: Helping Others Help Themselves
- Feed my Sheep
- Here Am I Lord
- To Whom Much Is Given…

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**The Worship in Giving**

**The Offertory**

**The Doxology**

**The Benediction**