

CAMPBELL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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May 4, 2017

Dear Friend,

As members of Campbell we are proud of our outreach efforts and our presence as the small church on the corner of East 22nd Avenue and Humboldt Street in Denver, Colorado. We have been at this location for over 100 years and have used our gifts to ease the burdens of the homeless, feed the hungry, and give comfort to the oppressed and disenfranchised.

A major part of our outreach efforts was the establishment of a “feed the hungry” ministry. This ministry rested in the loving hands of several members of our retired church membership. For more than five years, the retired women and men spent their week, every week, shopping for, preparing, and serving hot, home cooked meals each Friday to the homeless. The meals were prepared with love and served with compassion as each member understood the importance of this ministry and the recognition that, “but for the grace of God go I.”

Another successful ministry is the Lighthouse of Hope Food Bank program. This program was established nearly 20 years ago and continues to be a loving presence in the community providing weekly food to individuals and families, especially to families with children. While handing out food, the Lighthouse Food Bank volunteers continuously hear stories of families living in shelters, sleeping on friends’ or family members’ couches, or spending the night in empty buildings. These living arrangements, while bad for adults, are worse for children who often have to go to school unclean, hungry, and ashamed. As an outreach church we continually seek partners to assist us in securing adequate housing for homeless individuals and families, to support struggling youth, single parents, members of oppressed communities, and those in religious communities who are being singled out for deportation, even though they are in this country legally with visas or other official documents.

Campbell has a long history of community activism, including the work done under the leadership of Rev. D. C. Coleman, whose faith and diligence guided the Campbell membership in building Coleman Manor, a HUD (Housing and Urban Development) subsidized low-income housing complex. Coleman Manor has provided housing to hundreds of needy individuals and families for over 50 years. In addition, Campbell is proud of the efforts of the late State Representative Ari Taylor, a long-time member of Campbell, for initiating significant legislation to promote social justice and equality for Colorado citizens, particularly members of the African American and Latino communities. For her efforts, former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb supported the naming, for her, of a municipal building. Other Campbell members have served Denver and

Colorado as legislators passing significant legislation beneficial to the constituents we serve. These include State Senators Regis Groff and his son, Peter Groff who was elected by his fellow senators to serve as the first African American to preside as President of the Colorado State Senate.

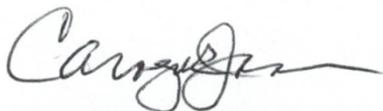
As the newly appointed Pastor of Campbell A.M.E. Church, Rev. Dr. Leath, has taken a leadership role in moving the church toward an even greater outreach presence in the community. We currently have the opportunity to highlight our presence and outreach efforts by serving as the host church for the 131st Session of the Desert Mountain Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to be held at Shorter Community A.M.E. Church in Denver from September 13-16, 2017. Hosting this event will allow Campbell to spread the word of our outreach efforts to clergy and lay members attending the conference, and to commemorate our 131-year outreach presence through the creation and distribution of a Souvenir Journal.

The Souvenir Journal will highlight activities and programs developed by the church and profiles of past clergy and members, many of whom are your relatives and friends. You can participate in this worthwhile endeavor (process outlined in the attached 2-page Solicitation Appeal document) by: (1) becoming a Patron Sponsor, (2) placing an Advertisement for your family, business or organization, and/or encouraging others to do so, (3) making a Financial Donation, and/or (4) volunteering your talents and skills. Half of the Souvenir Journal proceeds will be used to defray some of the costs incurred through the sponsorship of the Desert Mountain Conference in September and the other half will be used to support our outreach efforts.

The Souvenir Journal will be of high quality and something you will want to share with friends, colleagues and family. We ask that you act in a timely manner to meet the deadline for solicitation which is before or no later than July 15, 2017. Please honor the solicitation process to ensure proper credit, a quality ad, and acknowledgement of ways in which you wish to volunteer.

As you give, we thank you and send God's blessings, peace and joy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Jones', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carolyn Jones Ph.D., Campbell Trustee
Souvenir Journal Chair