

## First Annual Celebration of the AME Men's Empowerment Center September 18-20, 2015

The Second Episcopal District is pleased to invite you to the First Annual Celebration of the AME Men's Empowerment Center. We will celebrate the past of the organization and give appropriate recognition to the founders and early supporters. We will hear from men whose lives have been changed.

As a lasting memento of the occasion, we are preparing a book of letters which will be located in a secure place in the center to mark this event. The letters will be written by a variety of persons who will express their

prayers and well wishes for the well being of the center and the persons who have worked so hard over the years to sustain and maintain as a safe haven for our brothers. You are welcome to submit your expressions to the Second Episcopal District by September 14, 2015.

We are so proud of the work of the Second Episcopal District who has successfully completed the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of renovations to the AME Empowerment Center (AME Men's Shelter). In speaking with the residents of the center, our hearts were gladdened by the responses of appreciation and gratitude. These men recognize that they are not forgotten and the AME Church truly embraces and celebrates them. Many of them have achieved in spite of difficult challenges they have encountered. We continue our commitment to fulfilling the mandate of Christ, by reaching out to our brothers in need.

We would ask that you participate during this First Annual Celebration, September 18-20, 2015

Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>- 6:30 pm reception 7:00 pm Worship Service

Host Church: St. Paul AME Church - Raleigh, NC- Host Pastor Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Edmond.

Saturday, September 19<sup>th-</sup> 11:00 am- Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony

Held at the Empowerment Center, 412 Capital Boulevard, Raleigh, NC

- Come and help us dedicate the Empowerment Center
- Meet the staff and residents
- Take a tour of the Empowerment Center

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>- (Each Worship Service)

We ask that you lift up a special prayer for the AME Men's Empowerment Center and pledge to support the AME Empowerment Center during the year. If you have questions, please contact Sis. Shirley Sheares at 919-931-5824.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop William and Supervisor Pam DeVeaux