

MT. TEMAN

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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OUR RICH HISTORY

- Mt. Teman's rich history began in 1830 when it was birthed as an African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Elizabeth, NJ. However, after several years the church was disbanded.
- In 1860, three years before the Emancipation Proclamation, 15 members under the leadership of its first pastor, Rev. A.C. Crippen, banded together and formed the nucleus of present day Mt. Teman African Methodist Episcopal Church. During its 155 years, 33 pastors have led Mt. Teman.
- Mt. Teman AME Church's Certificate of Incorporation signed November 10, 1884, distinguishes Mt. Teman as the oldest Black church in the City of Elizabeth.
- Mt. Teman's early meetings were held in various locations until property was purchased at 16-18 South Union Street in Elizabeth, NJ. Mt. Teman remained on South Union Street until March 26, 1967, when Rev. LaSalle M. Watts along with Bishop John D. Bright led a procession from old Mt. Teman to the new "greater" Mt. Teman located at 160 Madison Street in Elizabeth, NJ.

OUR PROUD ACHIEVEMENTS

MT. TEMAN HAS A LONG HISTORY OF ACTIVISM, INCLUDING:

- Recognition as a leader in Elizabeth's Civil Rights campaigns, including serving as the host of the first NAACP meeting in the 1960s to protest the lack of hiring African Americans to work in construction in Elizabeth.
- Playing an instrumental role in the election of the first African American to City Council in 1978.
- Leading other Black churches in the formation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee of Elizabeth in 1985.
- Hosting historic 1995 Million Man March and Urban League of Union County Guild meetings.
- Recognition as one of Elizabeth's leading hunger-relief organizations, as it serves thousands of community residents annually via its Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry and Clothing ministries.
- Providing tools for economic empowerment via its Federal Credit Union and Endowment Fund.

AFTER 155 YEARS:

**"STILL PREACHING THE GOSPEL
AND PROCLAIMING FREEDOM"**

OUR MOTTO

"A Place of Worship and Witness"

OUR MISSION

To make disciples who can transform the world, by spreading the liberating love of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

