

## **Social Action Commission - African Methodist Episcopal Church**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **“Liberty and Justice for All”**

Please join in solidarity on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> as we worship worldwide recognizing: “Confession, Repentance and Commitment to End Racism Sunday”

Racism will not end with the passage of legislation alone; it will also require a change of heart and thinking. This is an effort which the faith community must lead, and be the conscience of the nation. We will call upon every church, temple, mosque and faith communion to make their worship service on this Sunday a time to confess and repent for the sin and evil of racism, this includes ignoring, tolerating and accepting racism and to make a commitment to end racism by the example of our lives and actions.

What:

- Every faith leader is asked to preach about racism and our responsibility as people of faith to end racism.
- Bishop Adam J. Richardson has prepared a powerful and moving litany for this Sunday, which we will get out and widely distribute soon.
- “The Male Investment Plan”, a toolkit developed by Rev. Staccato Powell will be available as a guide. It is designed to effectively position African American males ages 5-25 through a rigorous and dedicated Saturday Academy mentoring program with tools to equip them academically, while also teaching them civil responsibility and spiritual enlightenment. The Male Investment Plan is a ready made tool to be implemented in churches and organizations everywhere. The only requirement is committed leadership of implementation through to successful effectiveness
- Send a report of your Sunday’s engagement to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Photos and personal stories are encouraged.)

Historically, the Black church has been the conscience of the nation; and we shrink not from that conscience stirring role for the nation once again.

This is a joint effort spearheaded by the AME, AME Zion, and CME Churches. Joining in partnership are the United Methodist and UAME Churches, the National Council of Churches (and representatives from communions which comprise the NCC), and the Conference of National Black Churches.

Please be in prayer as we begin this effort, asking God to guide and empower us for this effort.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Bishop Reginald T. Jackson, chair – Social Action Commission or Sister Jackie DuPont Walker, Connectional Director of Social Action.