

To women, both young and not so young:

The Women's Missionary Society of Bethel A.M.E. Church will be having our annual tea on September 27, 2008 at 4:00. The theme this year is *Young Ideas, Old Traditions: Bridging the Gap*. We hope to have discussions and activities aimed at building bridges between generations. We, as women, and especially Black women, have a long tradition of sharing and teaching our young girls what it means to be a woman. Somehow, it seems that we have lost our generational connections. We hope to begin to rebuild these bridges. Our guest speaker for the event is Dr. Carolyn Calloway-Thomas. Dr. Calloway-Thomas is a dynamic speaker who is a communications expert with specialization in African-American oratory and communication.

The tea also serves as our major fundraising effort for the year. We have big plans this year; including providing scholarships to graduating high school seniors, and offering seminars/workshops for our young girls. Tickets for the event are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 15. For that you will not only be a part of a wonderful discussion, but you will also have a great dinner and you will be supporting initiatives designed to help build our youth.

In addition to our annual tea we would also like to invite you to worship with us on Sunday morning, September 28, at 11:00 during our missionary Sunday program. Our guest speaker is Rev. Kimberly Majors Christmon. Rev. Christmon is a lifelong member of the AME church and is a dedicated servant at St. Paul AME Church in Indianapolis where her husband (Kenneth Christmon) is pastor.

Your attendance at the tea will not only be an honor, but your insights and contributions to the discussion will be invaluable to us. We encourage you to bring your daughters, nieces and any young girl you may know along with you. We guarantee that you will have a great time. For more information please e-mail our president, Sharlene Newman, at sharlenenewman@yahoo.com, or see our website, www.bethelbloom.com. We hope to see you on September 27th and 28th.

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