



## GENERATIONS DAY

### MUSIC & WORSHIP RESOURCES

**Sunday, July 7, 2013**

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#### **Worship Planning Notes**

The future of the Black Church, regardless of denominational affiliation, is a conversation that most believers has either engaged in or to which they have given thoughtful consideration. The struggle between the traditional and the contemporary in the Church can often cause great stress between the elders and the younger members of the church. The observance of *Generations Day* provides an opportunity for both celebration and conversation across generations.

It is extremely important that the focus of this day be centered on that which unites the body. Our belief in God and the sacrifice God made through God's son, Jesus, must be at the center of worship; it unites us. While dialogue is needed and opinions must be expressed, worship of our God and our Savior must be at the center of this worship experience. However, the worship service and moments following it provide valuable opportunities for generations to engage one another in meaningful ways.

## **Creative Ideas to Integrate into the Worship Experience**

- The following quote from the great George Washington Carver may be displayed on the cover of or included in the worship guide.

*“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the thriving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life, you will have been all of these.”* **THE LORD WILLING!**

- Compose a theme that reflects a generational focus and is inclusive. For example: **FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: We Will Worship God.**
- On a Saturday prior to **Generations Day**, organize a day of dialogue. This fellowship can include team-building exercises, presentations concerning the history of the church, and dialogue concerning the present state of the ministries within the church. Allow the youth and young adults to be among the first of the church to express their concerns and desires for the ministries of the church

### **1. Call to Worship and Litany**

#### **Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations (Psalm 90:1).

**All:** For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations (Psalm 100:5).

**Leader:** But thou, O Lord, shalt endure forever; and thy remembrance unto all generations (Psalm 102:12).

**All:** He hath remembered His covenant forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations (Psalm 105:8).

**Leader:** God remembered and honored His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as he established a nation and blessed her lineage forever and ever.

**All:** For His mercy endureth forever.

**Leader:** God remembered His covenant with Moses, Joshua, and the children of Israel as He delivered them from 400 years of slavery in Egypt and brought them into the Promised Land.

**All:** For His mercy endureth forever.

**Leader:** God remembered His covenant with the house of David, blessed his son Solomon, and established the bloodline for the coming Messiah, God incarnate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** For His mercy endureth forever.

**Leader:** From the coasts of Africa, through the Middle Passage, to the hush arbors of slavery through the Emancipation of peoples of African descent, You have remembered Your covenant and been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

**All:** For His mercy endureth forever.

**Leader:** We praise You now for the witness of the ancestors on whose shoulders we stand.

**All:** For Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Mary McLeod Bethune, we praise your name.

**Leader:** For Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Medgar Evers, and all of the soldiers of the Civil Rights Movement, we praise your name. And now we re-establish a covenant with You that shall extend from this generation, and every generation, from now until the end of the earth.

**All:** The Lord shall reign forever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord! (Psalm 146:10).

### **Litany**

**Leader:** Dear God, today we, Your children, youth, adults, and seniors celebrate the covenant that You made with Abraham, his descendants, and the generations yet to come.

**People:** We proclaim as You proclaimed that You are our God and the God of generations yet to come.

**Leader:** We pray that Your Holy Spirit will unite, lead, guide, and direct us by Your transforming power. We re-commit ourselves as a body of believers to dwell together, always being available and accepting of Your will and Your vision.

**People:** Make us one, Holy Spirit.

**Leader:** God, you have called us to be in covenant relationship with you and with each other. You have called us to maintain Godly relationships that transcend age and encourage respectful yet truthful dialogue that will impact generations of believers to come.

**People:** Open our hearts and ears, Holy Spirit.

**Leader:** Bind us in love, O God, so that our ministries might be a reflection of the grace and mercy that You have freely given to each us. Bind us with a love that will inspire us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, remember the lonely, care for the sick, and embrace the outcasts.

People: Inspire us, Hoy Spirit.

**Leader:** Remind us that we have all been children and that if it be Your will, we will all be seniors. Gracious God, cleanse our hearts so that our own doubts, fears, and judgmental natures will not impede our abilities to serve and progress in kingdom building, together.

People: Cleanse us, Holy Spirit.

**Leader:** God, you have called us to minister to the young and old alike. Whether in the hospital, the prison, the school, or the corner, remind us that the Church is the body of Christ beyond these walls.

People: God, prepare our minds and souls to be Your vessels, ever respectful and loving of one another.

**Leader:** Dear God, today we Your children, youth, adults, and seniors celebrate the covenant that you made with Abraham, his descendants, and the generations yet to come.

**All:** We proclaim as You proclaimed that you are our God and the God of generations yet to come.

## **2. Hymns and Congregational Songs**

(a) We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing. By Theodore Baker

(b) What a Fellowship. By Elisha A. Hoffman and Anthony J. Showalter

(c) There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit. By Doris Akers

## **3. Spirituals or Traditional Songs**

(a) God Is. By Robert J. Fryson and Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

(b) I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart. By Moses Hogan

(c) Unity. Text and Tune by Glorraine Moone. Arr. by Daniel Mario Carson II

## **4. Songs for Praise Teams**

(a) Everybody Praise. By Gerald Haddon

(b) Lord You Are Good. By Israel Houghton

(c) For Your Glory. By Paul S. Morton

## **5. Modern Songs**

(a) Let's Come Together. By Kevin LeVar

(b) We've Come to Lift You Up. By Gregory Booth

(c) Be Blessed. By Paul S. Morton

**6. Liturgical Dance or Mime Ministry Music**

(a) The Storm Is Over Now. By Rodney Boyden

(b) In This Place. By Darwin Hobbs

(c) Great Praise. By Stephen Hurd

**7. Offertory Song or Instrumental**

(a) Completely Yes. Text and Tune by Sandra Crouch. Arr. by Stephen Key

(b) Holy Spirit. By Richard Smallwood

(c) Be a Worship. By David Frazier

**8. Song or Instrumental for the Period of Prayer**

(a) Awesome. By Charles Jenkins

(b) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name. By Edward Perronet. Tune, (CORONATION).

(c) The Prayer of Jabez. By Donald Lawrence

**9. Sermonic Selection**

(a) I Speak Life. By Donald Lawrence

(b) Faithful Is Our God. By Hezekiah Walker

(c) We Are Not Ashamed. By Andraé Crouch

**10. Invitational Song or Instrumental**

(a) We Offer Christ to You. By Paul S. Morton

(b) It's Time to Make a Change. By Jay Terrell and Maurice Watson

(c) There's a Lifting of the Hands. By Israel Houghton

**11. Benediction Song or Instrumental**

(a) I Need You to Survive. By Hezekiah Walker

(b) Let the Church Say Amen. By Andraé Crouch

(c) God Be with You. Text and Tune by Thomas A. Dorsey

**12. Anthems**

(a) Let Mt Zion Rejoice. By J.B. Herbert

(b) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God. By Martin Luther. Tune by Carl F. Muller

(c) Christ Will Be Lifted Up. By Mary McDonald

## **Cites and Additional Information for Music and Material Listed**

**1. Litany** by The Leadership of the Washington Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop William Phillips DeVeaux, Sr., Area Bishop.  
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**Call to Worship** by Rev. Edward D. Rockett, Jr.

### **2. Hymns and Congregational Songs**

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Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, 2001. #342

African Methodist Episcopal Church Hymnal. Nashville, TN: AME Publishing House, 1998. #576

Online location: [www.hymnalplus.com](http://www.hymnalplus.com)

(b) What a Fellowship. By Elisha A. Hoffman and Anthony J. Showalter

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #371

African Methodist Episcopal Church Hymnal. #525

(c) There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit. By Doris Akers

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #326

African Methodist Episcopal Church Hymnal. #196

### **3. Spirituals or Traditional Songs**

(a) God Is. By Dr. Robert J. Fryson and Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #134

(b) I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart. By Moses Hogan

Location:

J. W. Pepper & Sons Incorporated  
2480 Industrial Boulevard  
Paoli, PA 19301  
Phone: 1-800-345-6298

Online location: [www.jwpepper.com](http://www.jwpepper.com)

(c) Unity. Text and Tune by Glorraine Moone. Arr. by Daniel Mario Carson II

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #338

#### **4. Songs for Praise Teams**

(a) Everybody Praise. By Gerald Haddon

Location:

Welcome to the City. Indianapolis, IN: Tyscot Records, 2007.

(b) Lord You Are Good. By Israel Houghton

Location:

New Season: LIVE. Mobile, AL: Integrity Records, 2001.

(c) For Your Glory. By Paul S. Morton

Location:

Bishop Paul S. Morton Presents The Full Gospel Fellowship Baptist Church: Embracing the Next Dimension. Nashville, TN: Tehillah Music Group, 2008.

#### **5. Modern Songs**

(a) Let's Come Together. By Kevin LeVar

Location:

Kevin Levar & One Sound-Let's Come Together. Baltimore, MD: Habakkuk Music, 2008.

(b) We've Come to Lift You Up. By Gregory Booth

Location:

Chicago Mass Choir. Project Praise—Live in Atlanta. Nashville, TN: New Haven Records, 2005.

(c) Be Blessed. By Paul S. Morton

Location:

Still Standing. Nashville, TN: Tehillah Music Group, 2006.

#### **6. Liturgical Dance or Mime Ministry Music**

(a) The Storm Is Over Now. By Rodney Boyden

Location:

Bishop T.D. Jakes: The Potter's House Mass Choir, The Storm Is Over. Brentwood, TN: Chordant Records, 2001.

(b) In This Place. By Darwin Hobbs

Location:

Darwin Hobbs: Free. New York, NY: Tyscot Records, 2008.

(c) Great Praise. By Stephen Hurd

Location:

My Destiny—I Know What I'm Here For. Integrity Media: New York, NY, 2006.

#### **7. Offertory Song or Instrumental**

(a) Completely Yes. Text and Tune by Sandra Crouch. Arr. by Stephen Key

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #551

Church of God Christ. Yes, Lord! Church of God in Christ Hymnal. Memphis, TN: Church of God in Christ Pub. Board in association with Benson Co., 1982.

(b) Holy Spirit. By Richard Smallwood

Location:

The Praise & Worship of Richard Smallwood and Vision. Century Oak/Richwood Music, 1990, 2003.

African American Heritage Hymnal. #319

(c) Be a Worship. By David Frazier

Location:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs, Vol. III—FAVOR. Brooklyn, NY: God's Music Inc., 2009.

### **8. Song or Instrumental for the Period of Prayer**

(a) Awesome. By Charles Jenkins

Location:

Pastor Charles Jenkins and Fellowship Chicago: The Best of Both Worlds. Chicago, IL: Inspired Music, 2012.

(b) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name. By Edward Perronet. Tune, (CORONATION).

Location:

African Methodist Episcopal Church Hymnal. #4

(c) The Prayer of Jabez. By Donald Lawrence

Location:

Lawrence, Donald. Donald and The Tri-City Singers. Go Get Your Life Back. Brentwood, TN: EMI Christian Music Group, 2002.

### **9. Sermonic Selection**

(a) I Speak Life. By Donald Lawrence

Location:

I Speak Life. New York, NY: Zomba Recording Group, 2004.

(b) Faithful Is Our God. By Hezekiah Walker

Location:

Hezekiah Walker & LFC: 20/85. New York, NY: Zomba Recording Group, 2005.

(c) We Are Not Ashamed. By Andraé Crouch

Location:

Soon and Very Soon. Waco, TX: Light Records, 2008.

### **10. Invitational Song or Instrumental**

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Location:

Bishop Paul S. Morton & The Greater St. Stephen Mass Choir. We Offer Christ to You. Jackson, MS: Blackberry Records, 1993.

(b) It's Time to Make a Change. By Jay Terrell and Maurice Watson

Location:

Beulahland Bible Church



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Macon, GA 31206  
Phone: 478-784-1555

(c) There's a Lifting of the Hands. By Israel Houghton

Location:

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Location:

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(b) Let the Church Say Amen. By Andraé Crouch

Location:

Let the Church Say Amen—Featuring: Marvin Winans. New York, NY: Riverphlo Entertainment, LLC, 2011.

(c) God Be with You. Text and Tune by Thomas A. Dorsey

Location:

African American Heritage Hymnal. #639

### **12. Anthems**

(a) Let Mt Zion Rejoice. By J.B. Herbert

Location:

Lorenz Publishing Company  
Available through Sheet Music Plus  
1300 64<sup>th</sup> Street  
Emeryville, CA 94608  
Phone: 1-800-742-3868

Online location: [www.sheetmusicplus.com](http://www.sheetmusicplus.com)

(b) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God. By Martin Luther. Tune by Carl F. Muller

Location:

J. W. Pepper & Sons Incorporated  
Phone: 1-800-345-6298  
Online location: [www.jwpepper.com](http://www.jwpepper.com)

(c) Christ Will Be Lifted Up. By Mary McDonald

Location:

Jesus Shall Reign: A Tenebrae Worship  
Dayton, Ohio: Monarch Music, A Division of The Lorenz Publishing Corporation  
Available through Sheet Music Plus  
Phone: 1-800-743-3868  
Online location: [www.sheetmusicplus.com](http://www.sheetmusicplus.com)