

# “The Dream...”

## ***The Cleo B. Love Hall of Recognition Program***

During the October 12, 1989 Executive Board Planning Meeting in St. Louis, MO, Episcopal Supervisor Vivienne L. Anderson announced her dream and vision of honoring Mother Cleo B. Love. Thus, the Cleo B. Love Hall of Recognition was born. A working committee was formed and the guidelines and program was established.

### ***THE CLEO B. LOVE HALL OF RECOGNITION PROGRAM GIVES THE DISTRICT AN OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR NON-LIFE MEMBERS.***

## ***The Cleo B. Love Story***

Cleo B. Love, a native of Kansas was a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church all of her life. At the age of ten, she was elected secretary of the Sunday school, sixteen served as Superintendent of the Sunday school, and was elected delegate to the Sunday School Convention at the age of twelve. Mother Love joined the Senior Missionary Society at the age of eighteen. Her one desire was to go to Africa as a missionary.

Being the wife of an itinerate Minister, (Rev. C. Wayne Love) she moved often. To this union one son was born, the late Edward James Love. Her husband was appointed Pastor of St. John A.M.E. Church in Topeka, Kansas in 1941 and Pastor of St. James in St. Louis, MO in 1944. Rev. Love also Pastored in the California and Southern California Conferences. Cleo B. was a graduate of Western university, Kansas City, KS majoring in Home Economics and Business Administration.

### ***Mother Love has held the following positions in the Women’s Missionary Society,***

- Executive Board in the Colorado Conference
- Area Chairperson in the Nebraska Conference
- Conference Branch President Nebraska Conference
- Voting member of the 1939 Quadrennial Convention of the Women’s Parent Mite Missionary Society in Chicago, Illinois
- President of the Missouri Conference Branch in 1948
- President California Conference Branch WMS (6 years)
- Elected local president of Artishia W. Jordan WMS of Ward A.M.E. Church Los Angeles, CA (seven years) A unit is named in her honor
- Elected Seventh Vice President of the Connectional Women’s Missionary Society 1951 Quadrennial Convention held in Memphis, TN (at that time a Vice President was elected for each Episcopal District) Mother Love held this position for eight years.
- Appointed Connectional Chairperson of the Foreign Missions Emergency Committee in 1969. Funds were raised to assist in the emergencies overseas.
- Appointed Fifth Episcopal District WMS President in 1969 by Bishop Harrison J. Bryant
- Elected Connectional Parliamentarian in 1975 (served for eight years)
- General Conference 1984 appointed Interim President of the Fifth Episcopal District by Bishop Henry W. Murph
- Appointed President Emeritus of the Fifth Episcopal District by Episcopal Supervisor Vivienne Anderson

Mother Love’s childhood dream was answered in 1958 when she went to Africa to attend the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District. She was consecrated “MOTHER” Love by the missionaries during the celebration. Episcopal Supervisor Frances Gow placed the black robe on her shoulders and the leopard skin cap on her head. During the years she also visited the 14<sup>th</sup> District, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Dakar with Mrs. Anne Heath. She also visited the grave of Sarah Gorham the first woman Missionary of the A.M.E. Church to serve in the 14<sup>th</sup> District. Cleo was also active in the World Federation of Methodist Women, Church Women United, Past President of the Interdenominational Ministers Wives of Los Angeles and vicinity and a Life member of the Maricopa Chapter No. 1 Order of Eastern Star of Arizona.

Cleo B. Love received many awards and recognition for her untiring service to Christian Missions. Her first love is and always will be ***MISSIONS.***

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***"CLEO B. LOVE HALL OF RECOGNITION" CRITERIA***

- I. MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN GOOD AND REGULAR STANDING
- II. MUST BE RECOMMENDED BY THE LOCAL SOCIETY.
- III. MUST HAVE DEMONSTRATED CONSISTENT SUPPORT OF MISSIONS THROUGH THE LOCAL, AREA OR CONFERENCE BRANCH.
- IV. MUST HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE IN LOCAL SOCIETY FOR A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) CONSECUTIVE YEARS.
- V. MUST HAVE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE LOCAL SOCIETY
- VI. MUST HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOCAL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.
- VII. MUST HAVE APPLICATION SIGNED BY THE PASTOR AND LOCAL PRESIDENT AND SUBMITTED TO THE RESPECTIVE CONFERENCE BRANCH BY THE ESTABLISHED DEADLINE.
- VIII. MUST SUBMIT MEMBERSHIP FEE OF SIXTY DOLLARS (\$60.00 includes pin) ALONG WITH APPLICATION; CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

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Mrs. Cleo B. Love, President Emeritus (Deceased)

**APPLICATION FOR THE  
"CLEO B. LOVE HALL OF RECOGNITION"**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF LOCAL CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARS IN LOCAL SOCIETY \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF YEARS CONFERENCE BRANCH MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY INVOLVEMENT**

LOCAL SOCIETY \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

AREA \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

**This Certifies that**

**Is a Member in Good and Regular Standing in the Local Church and Missionary Society.**

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LOCAL PRESIDENT

DATE

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LOCAL PASTOR

DATE

ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ CLEO B. LOVE HALL OF RECOGNITION FEE OF \$60.00 PAID

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ENDORSEMENT \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED BY \_\_\_\_\_

CONFERENCE BRANCH PRESIDENT

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DATE

EPISCOPAL DISTRICT PRESIDENT

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MRS. BEVERLY THOMAS

DATE

EPISCOPAL DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

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MRS. MARY KIRKLAND

DATE

PRESIDING BISHOP

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RT. REV. THEODORE LARRY KIRKLAND

DATE

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

DISSAPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR Cleo B. Love Hall of Recognition**  
*Please complete this form and return with your Application*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN AND OR GRANDCHILDREN (*PLEASE INDICATE*) \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual Influence: \_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Grandmother \_\_\_ Grandfather \_\_\_ Minister \_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_ Sister \_\_\_ Brother

Actual Name of Influence: \_\_\_\_\_

How/When did this person Influence you? \_\_\_\_\_

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**MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY**


**WORDS OF WISDOM/SCRIPTURE SONG FOR OTHERS**


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**THANK YOU!**

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