



## The Greater Centennial A.M.E. Zion Church *Women's Ministry*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have entered a new era in American history. With the election of our first female Vice-President of the United States, Kamala Harris exemplifies the distance that Black women have come in this country.

For more than 100 years, Black women have forged an indelible footprint on the history and progress of our nation. Harriet Tubman was born into slavery and served as a field hand and house servant until her courageous escape to the North. Once she experienced freedom, she was not satisfied to make it there alone. Determined to lead others out of the oppression of slavery, she returned to the south 19 times to lead an estimated 300 slaves to freedom along what became known as the Underground Railroad. Sister Tubman relied heavily on her faith to get her through those dangerous times. She was a faithful member of the A.M.E. Zion Church – the Freedom Church - and in 1903 she deeded 25 acres in Auburn, NY to the A.M.E. Zion Church.

During the month of March, as we celebrate Women's History Month, the Greater Centennial A.M.E. Zion Women's Ministry will once again recognize a group of Harriet Tubman Award recipients. These women have been faithful in their efforts to model excellence as they serve their families, church, and community. The Harriet Tubman Award was established in (2011)\* to honor women who exemplify Sister Tubman's commitment, compassion, sacrifice and work ethic.

The Women's Day theme this year is "*Adjusting Each Other's Crown*". It is symbolic of the efforts of a woman who encourages and supports others while working to improve the conditions of our people. With our theme and the intention of this award in mind, we invite you to nominate a Greater Centennial A.M.E. Zion woman to be honored with the Harriet Tubman award. We want the group of honorees to reflect diversity in age and experience, so we encourage nominations of young adults (age 21 to 40) as well.

The subsequent page will provide details on the nomination process.

Reflecting the Glory of God with Love,

*Jan Fennell*

Women's Ministry - Greater Centennial AME Zion Church

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*2021 Harriet Tubman Awards*  
**N O M I N A T I O N F O R M**

*Submissions due no later than February 15, 2021*

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The following criteria will be used in selecting the honorees:

- **Church** – Her faith is evident in her commitment to her Greater Centennial church family. She actively supports / participates in church ministries, initiatives, and events.
- **Community Service / Organizations** – Her commitment to community is reflected in her participation in local (or national) organizations that work to meet the needs of their members and surrounding community.
- **Social Action / Civic Engagement** – She takes her civic duties seriously and is actively involved in organizing or supporting efforts to address issues of public concern. This includes topics of civil rights, changes in legislation, political and non-political actions that make change within a community.
- **Mentorship** – She invests in others by actively guiding their professional or personal development.

**The Process:**

Step 1 - Please complete the form below

Step 2 – Submit to: Sister Jan Fennell; c/o The Greater Centennial Women's Ministry

Email Address: [gcamezwomen@gmail.com](mailto:gcamezwomen@gmail.com)

Email Subject Line: 2021 Harriet Tubman Award Nominee

Step 3 – The Women’s Ministry planning committee will send out an official letter to the awardees once they have been selected. The letter will specify which Sunday they will be honored with their award; on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated for Outstanding Contributions to (please check at least one):**

**Church**

**Community Service**

**Social Action / Civic Engagement**

**Mentorship**

**Please use the space below to describe why you think this nominee is an excellent candidate for this honor:** (*Bios, photos, news clippings, etc. may be attached separately*).

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ agree/believe that \_\_\_\_\_ deserves to be a *Harriet Tubman Award* recipient. We feel that her love for Christ and care for God's people is evidenced by the love, courage, intellect and compassion that she consistently shows us all.

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_