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# UNDER OUR OWN VINE & FIG TREE

The AME Movement





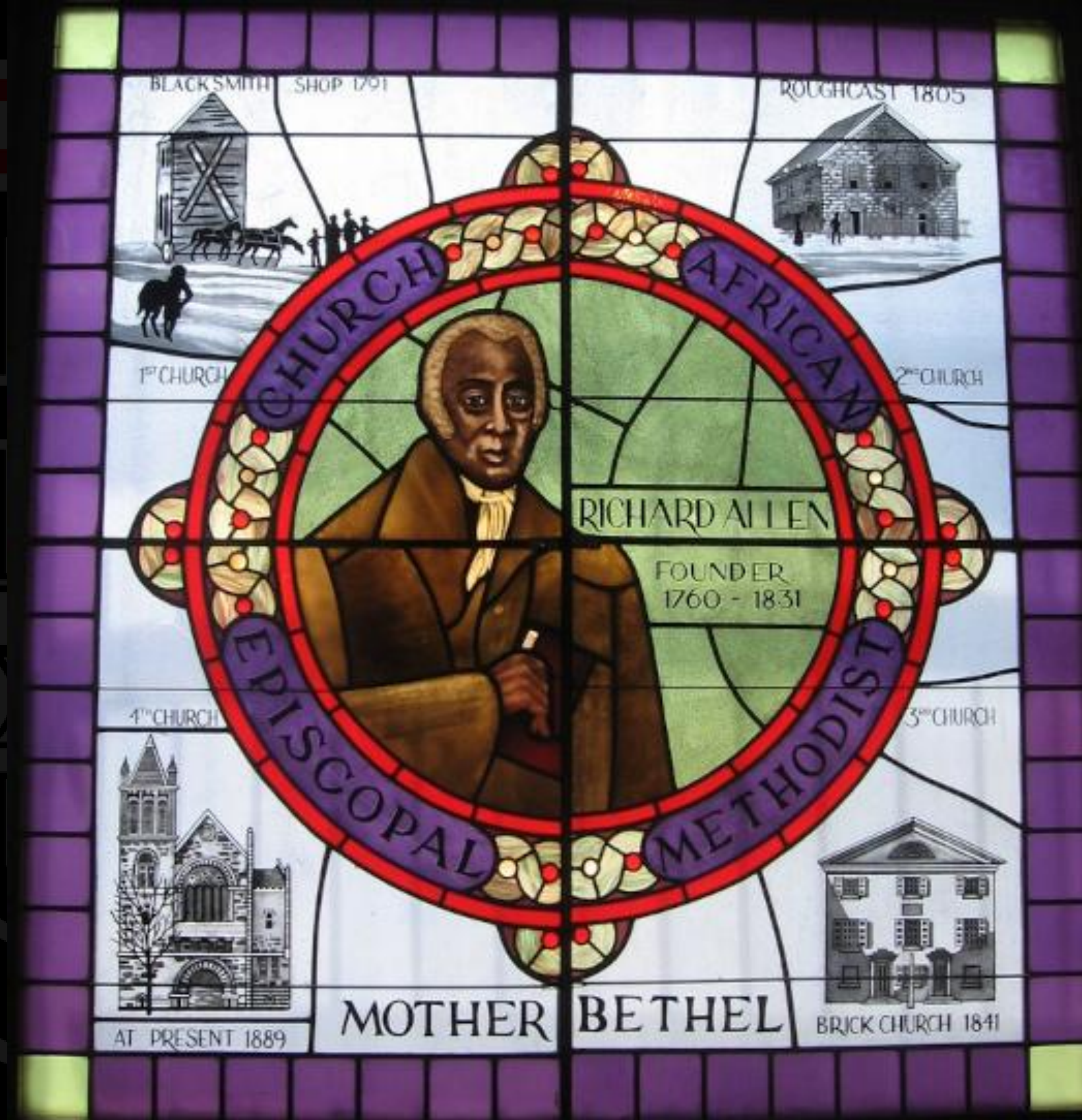
PART II: PEOPLE AND  
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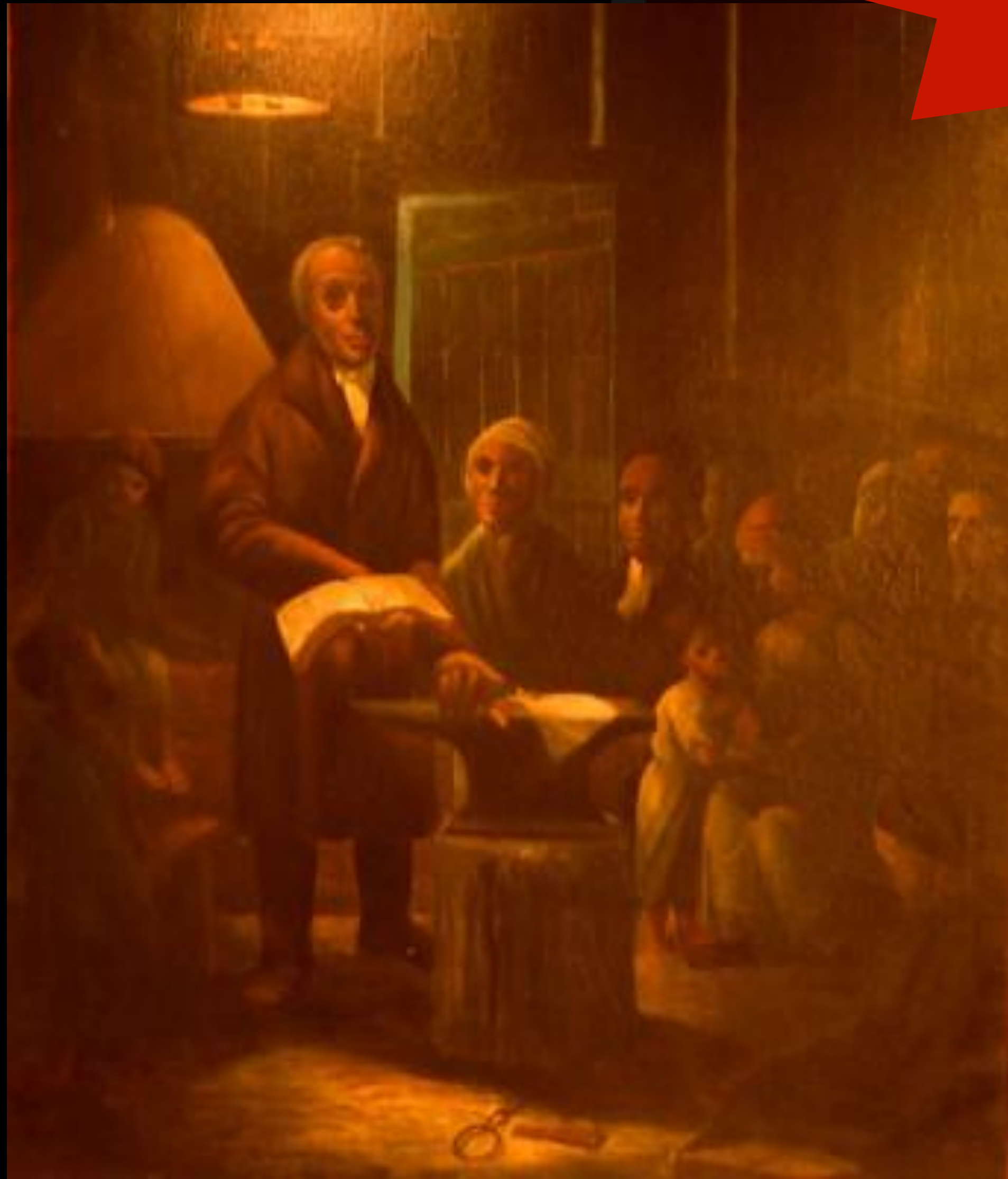
BUT FIRST...

APRIL 9-11, 1816  
THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE  
IS HELD AT BETHEL.

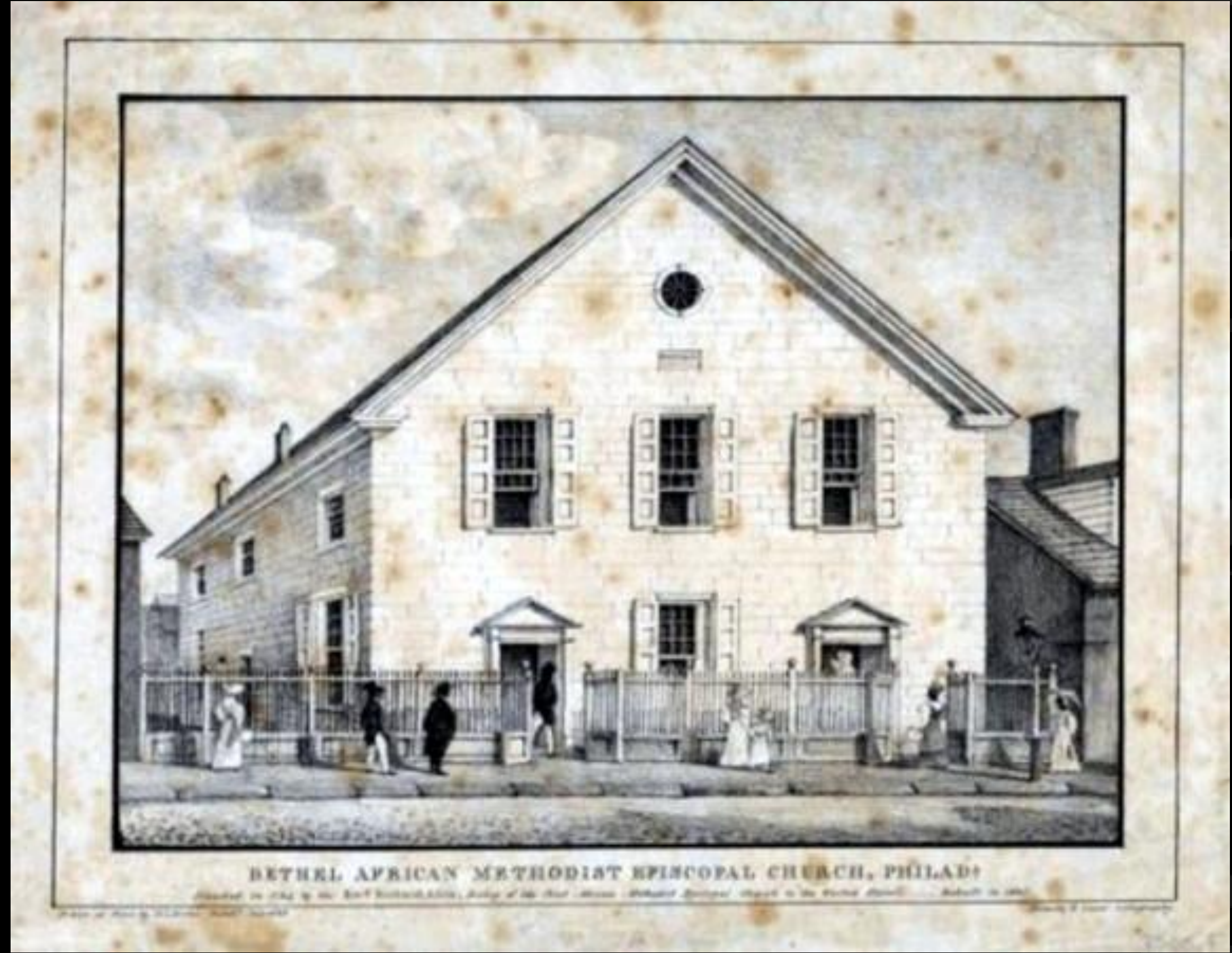
THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED.  
RICHARD ALLEN IS CONSECRATED THE FIRST BISHOP.

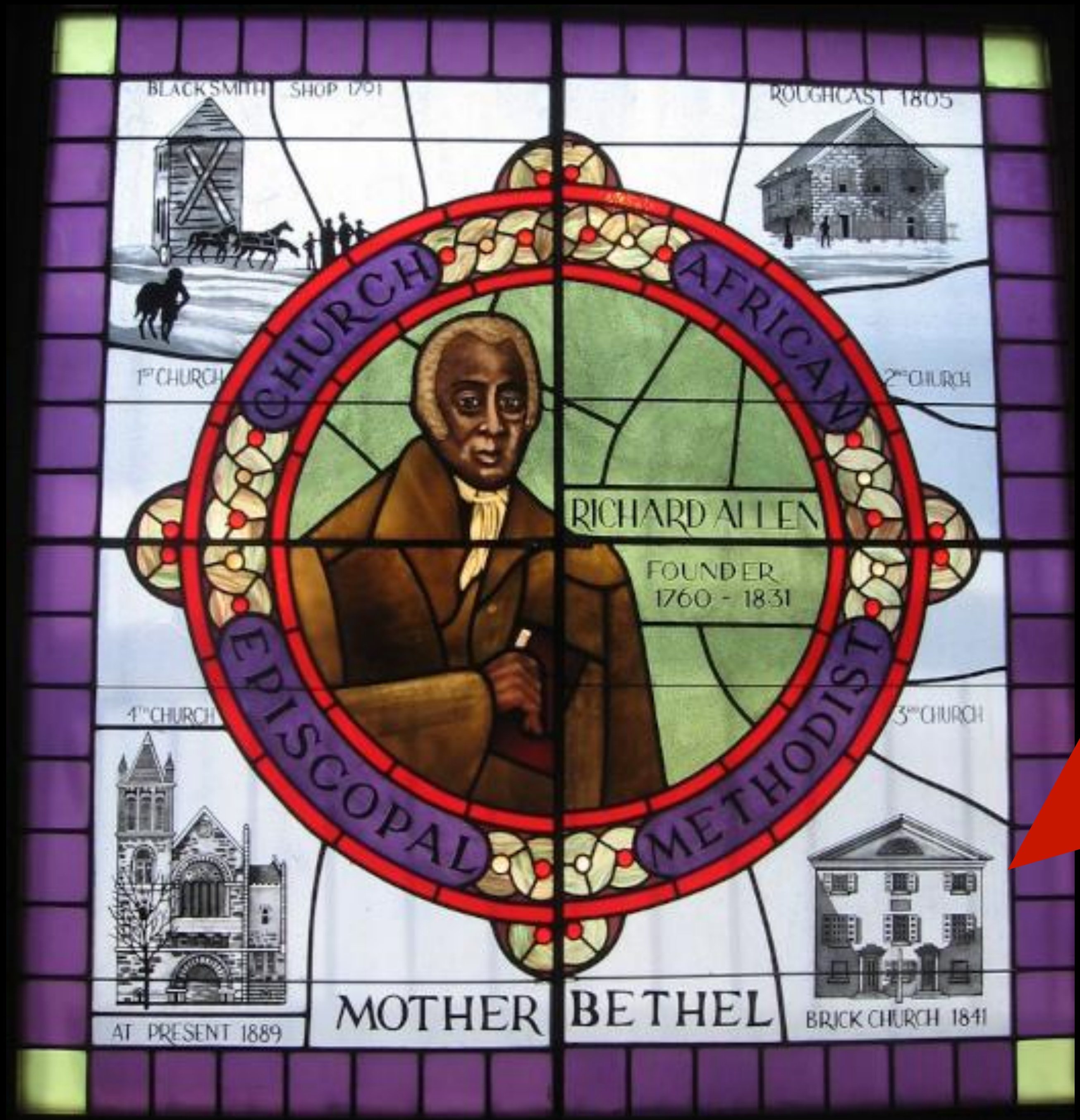
# MORE ABOUT MOTHER BETHEL





METH





BLACK SMITH SHOP 1791

ROUGHCAST 1805

1st CHURCH

2nd CHURCH

4th CHURCH

3rd CHURCH

RICHARD ALLEN

FOUNDER  
1760 - 1831

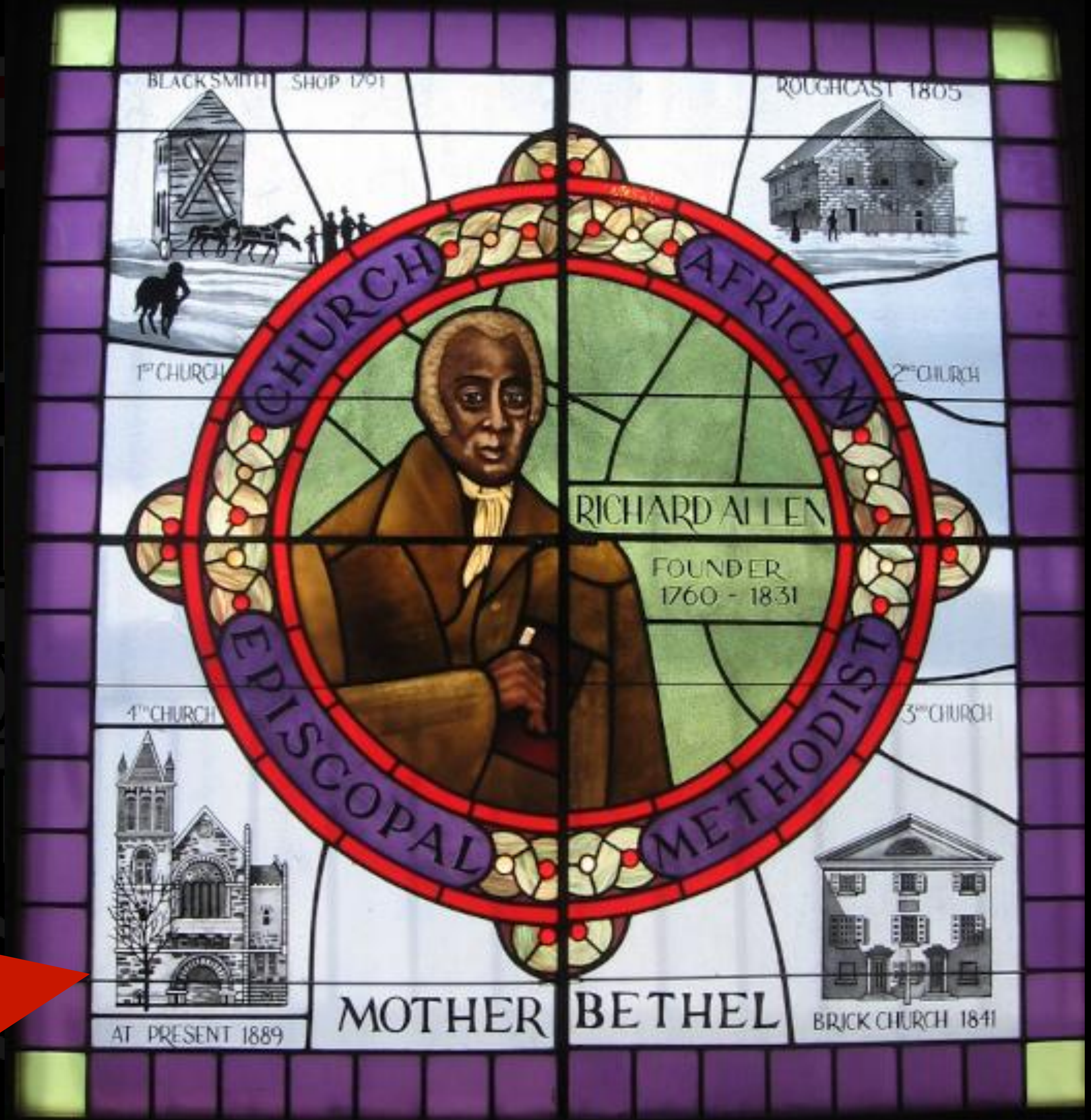
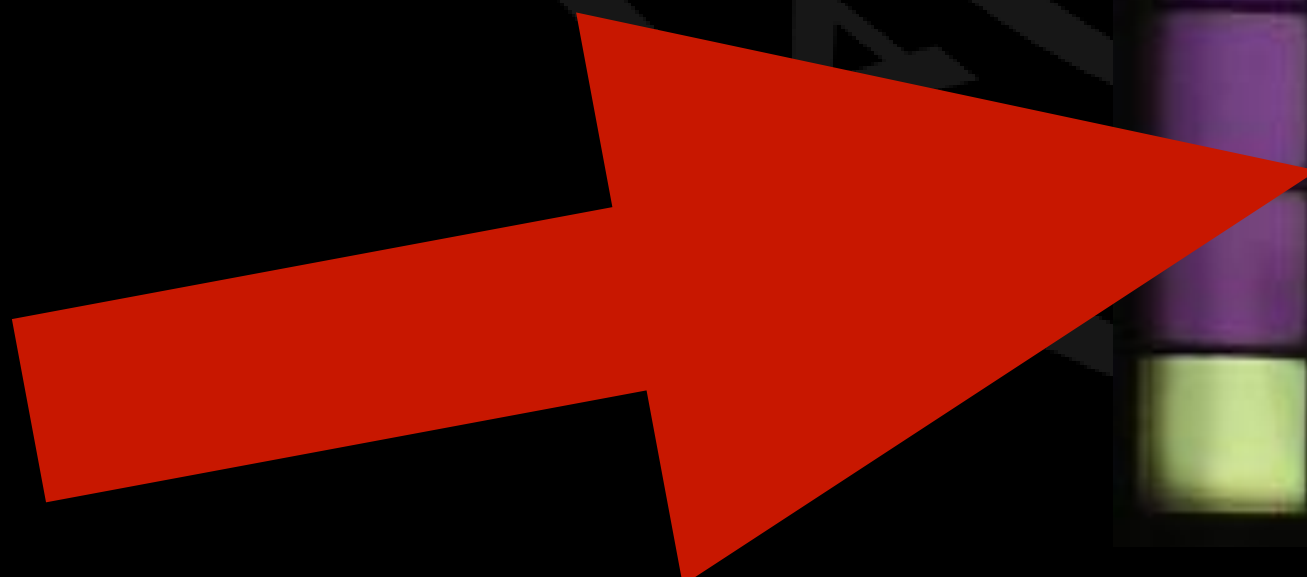
MOTHER BETHEL

AT PRESENT 1889

BRICK CHURCH 1841

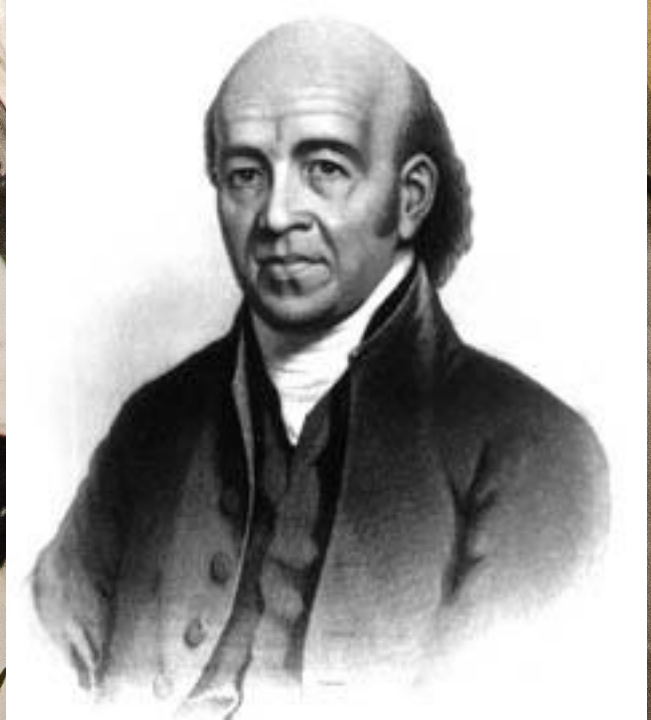
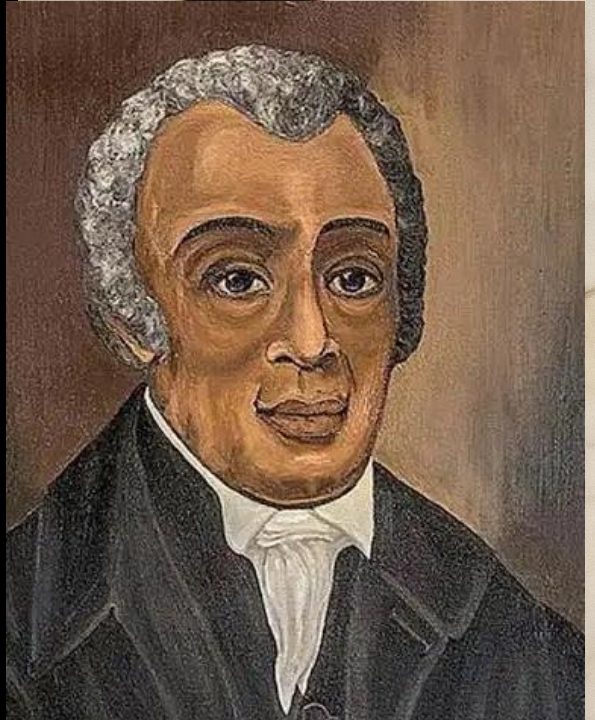


METH



**TO THE MEMORY OF THE**  
**RT. REV. RICHARD ALLEN**  
 first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal  
 Connexion in the United States of AMERICA, and  
 founder of this church, who was born in this city, A.D.  
 1760. At the age of 17, experienced religion and joined  
 the Methodist Society in the State of Delaware, at  
 the age of 22, commenced his ministerial labours, which  
 were extended through various parts of the Middle  
 States. In 1786 he returned to his native city where  
 his unexampled labours will redound to posterity. He  
 was instrumental in the hands of the first African  
 ing many thousands of his brethren the descendants  
 of Africa, and was the founder of the first African  
 church in AMERICA, which was erected in Phila-  
 delphia, A.D. 1793. He was ordained Bishop of the  
 by the Rt. Rev. FRANCIS ASBURY, Bishop of the African  
 Methodist church, A.D. 1816. he was elected and or-  
 dained a Bishop for the said church by their first  
 General Conference and was the first African Bishop  
 in AMERICA, which office he filled for upwards of  
 fourteen years with uncommon zeal, fidelity, per-  
 severance and sound judgment. He was an affection-  
 ate husband and tender father, and a sincere Christian.  
 He finished his course in this city after a tedious  
 illness which he bore with Christian fortitude on  
 the 26th day of March 1837. In the 72nd year of  
 his age gloriously triumphing over death and  
 in the hopes of a better resurrection through the  
 merits of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have fought the good fight. I have finished my  
 course. I have kept the faith  
**VOX POPULI,**  
**VOX DEI.**



# MORRIS BROWN

- Born in 1770 in Charleston, SC.
- Licensed to preach in the Methodist Church, affiliated with Bethel Methodist Church in Charleston.
- In 1817, he and other Black congregants formally seceded from the Methodist connection of Charleston, and sought to form their own church.
- In 1818, they formally connected with Richard Allen and the AME Church. The church erected in Charleston was known as Hampstead Church. Later, it was renamed Emanuel AME Church.
- Morris Brown served as its first pastor until 1822...



*Engraved by John Sartain, from the original by John Neagle.*

THE REV. MORRIS BROWN.

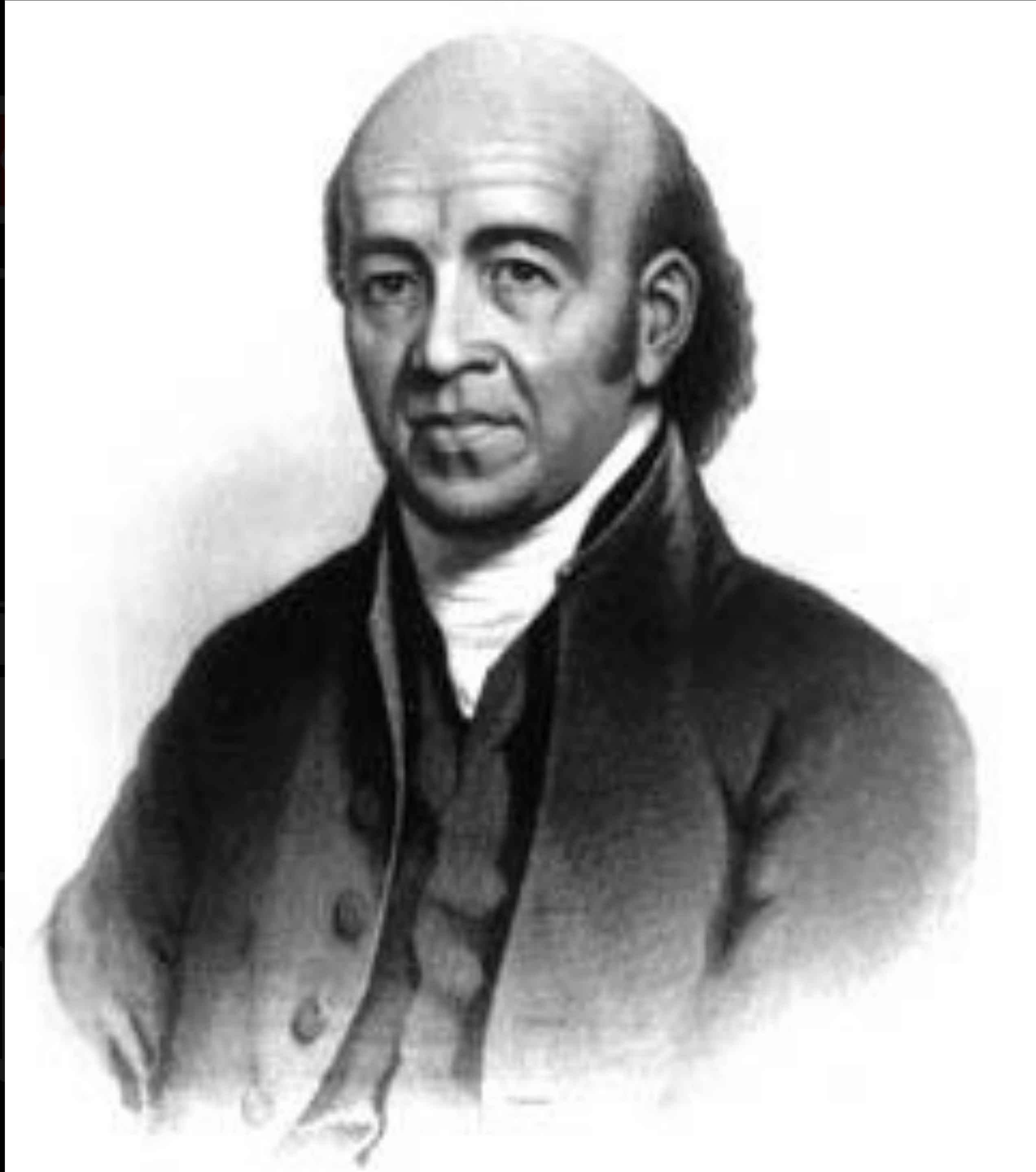
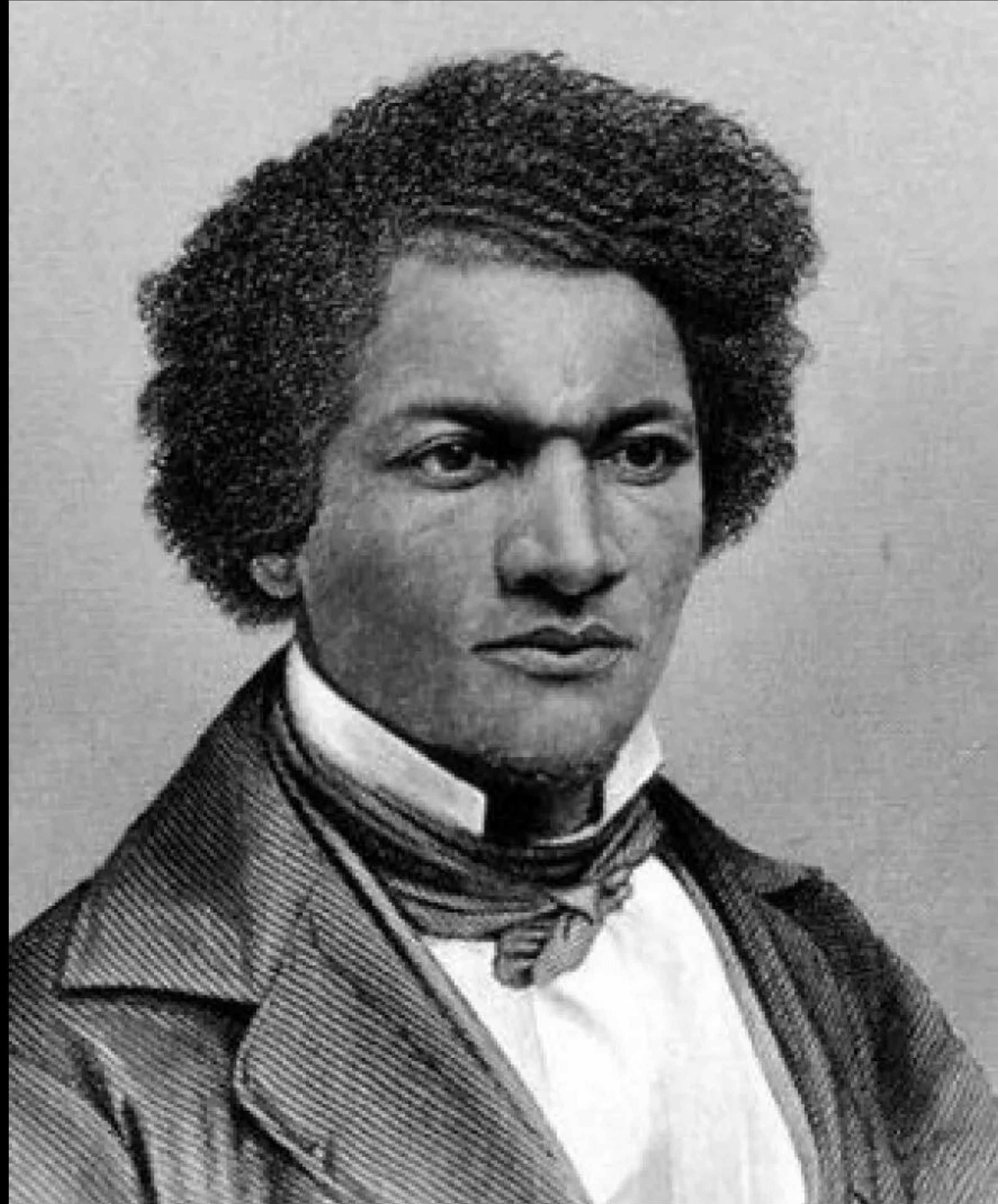
*of Philadelphia.*

# THE AME MOVEMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA



The loss of [the AME Church in] South Carolina was occasioned by a terrible civil excitement in 1822 produced by the discovery of a contemplated insurrection on the part of Denmark Vesey and Gullak Jack.







HODIST

# MOTHER EMANUEL AME CHURCH

## THE EMANUEL 9



Clementa Pinckney



Depayne Doctor



Cynthia Hurd



Susie Jackson



Ethel Lance



Tywanza Sanders



Daniel Simmons



S. Coleman-Singleton



Myra Thompson



BISHOP DANIEL  
ALEXANDER PAYNE  
(1811 - 1893)



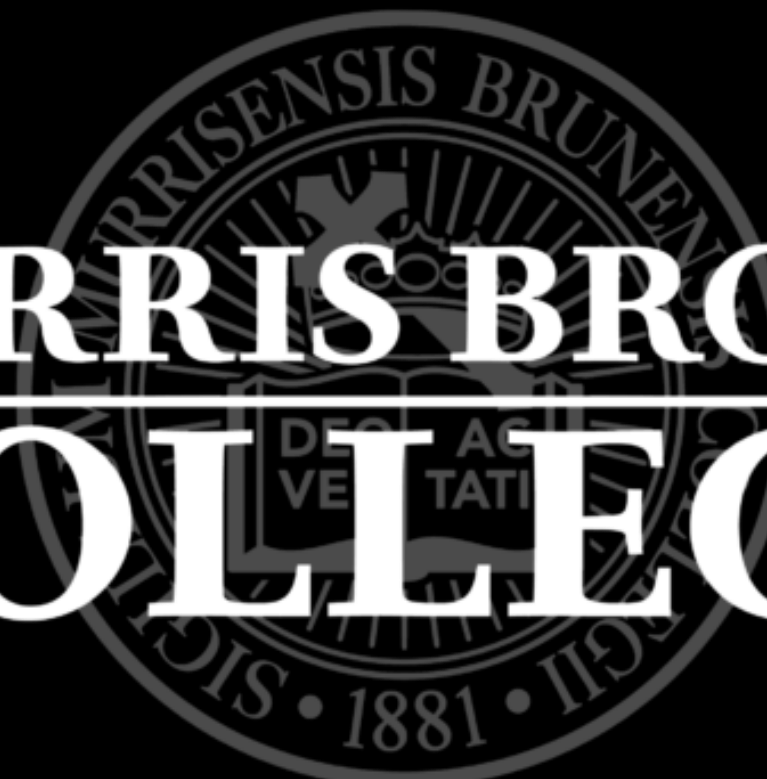
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UNIVERSITY

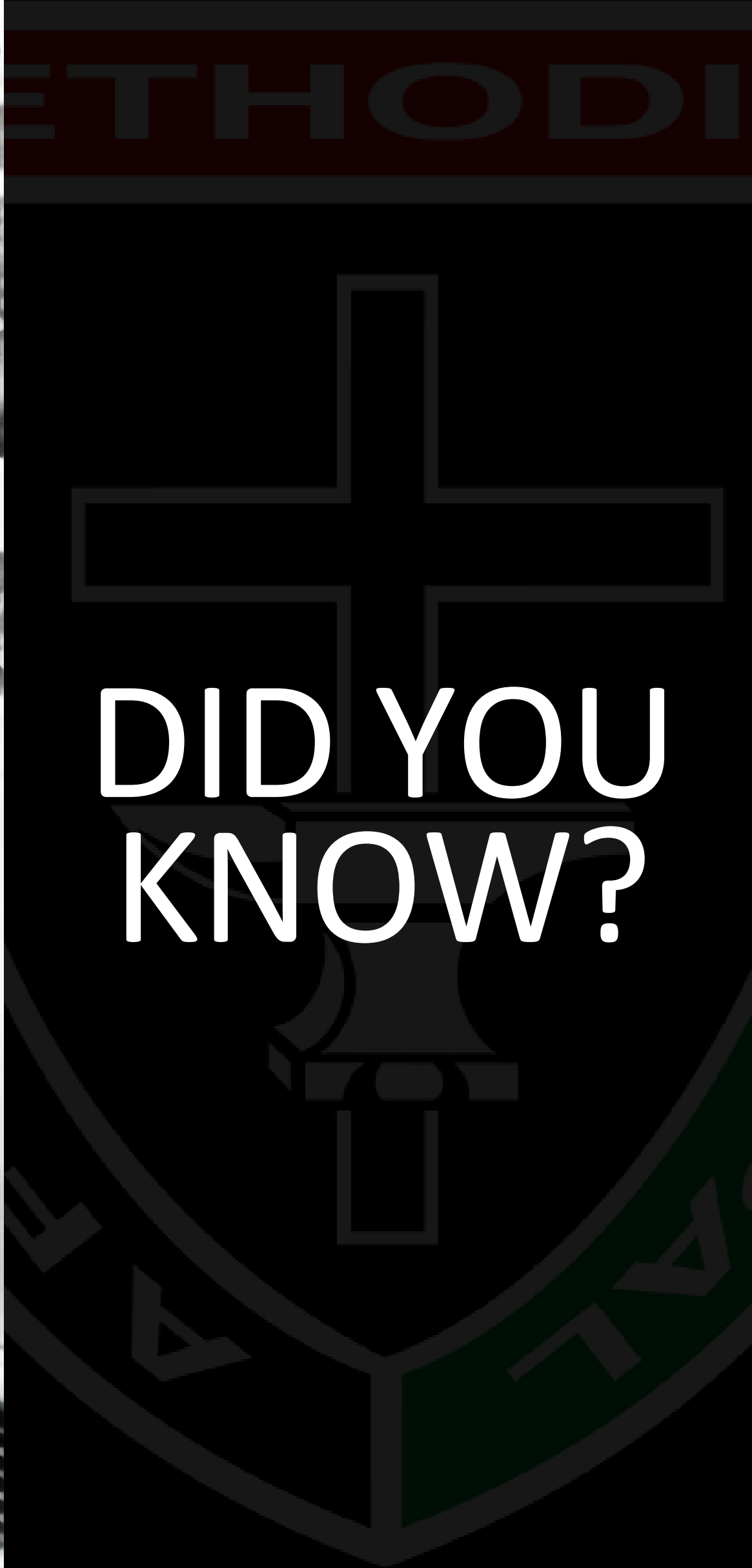


SHORTER  
COLLEGE  
FOUNDED 1886



MORRIS BROWN  
COLLEGE





DID YOU  
KNOW?



# METROPOLITAN A.M.E. CHURCH WASHINGTON, D.C.



## Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal

Black church selling 'Proud Boys' merch  
after winning trademark, vows to 'never' let  
the group use their name again

#OnTheGrio



QUESTIONS?



**NEXT TIME:  
PART III: POLITY**