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### **First AME Church of Los Angeles to ring bells in memory of Newtown, Connecticut Victims**

*Los Angeles, California* — The First AME Church of Los Angeles chimes will ring out at 6:30 a.m. and will include a moment of silence in memory of those who died in Newtown, Conn.

As part of a Nation-wide remembrance, the church's bells will toll 26 times – one time for each victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary school shootings, followed by the chimes ringing out a verse of the beloved hymn "Nearer My God to Thee." In response to a request by Gov. Daniel Malloy of Connecticut who has asked for a nationwide moment of silence and the ringing of church bells. on Friday, December 21, 2012. "First AME Church of Los Angeles bells have been rung in many other watershed moments in our church's over 140-year history. Friday we join others in remembering those who lost their lives tragically, and join with the entire community to continue to work toward peace." Said Pastor J. Edgar Boyd.

All are welcome to this ceremony.

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#### **FAME CHURCH HISTORY**

First African Methodist Episcopal Church, Los Angeles is the oldest church founded by African Americans in the City of Angels. In 1872 Mrs. Biddy Mason (*a former slave*) received the vision from God to establish a church that would minister to the mind, body and soul of all who would join that small band of believers. That vision and small band of believers has grown to what is now a congregation of more than 19,500 members and several dozen ministries within 13 corporations that bless and reach tens of thousands of seekers in greater metropolitan Los Angeles.

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