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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Stewards, Trustees and members of First AME Church thank Pastor John Hunter and First Lady Denise Hunter for their 8 years of dedicated service to the church and the larger Los Angeles Community. One of the hallmarks of Pastor John's leadership was his effectiveness in ministering to members of the church.

In his effort to minister to families, he instituted a marriage ministry that was wildly popular with the church congregation. The Hunters established many effective programs that served the community but some of their more visible successes were the annual back to school program, which provided computers, bicycles, backpacks, shoes and other materials to thousands of children in South Los Angeles and the FAME So Fresh Produce Market. Recognizing the lack of quality fruits and vegetables in South Los Angeles, the Hunters established the market on the corner of Adams Blvd and Western Ave. The weekly weekend produce market brought quality and affordable fresh fruits and vegetables to residents of South Los Angeles for the last four years.

Pastor Hunter made a difference during his tenure at First AME Church Los Angeles. In the AME Church pastoral appointments are made on an annual basis and are subject to change. The decision for a change has been made by the appointing power of the Bishop. As leaders of the church it is our responsibility to make the transition to new leadership as smooth as possible. As part of the leadership of First AME Church our responsibility first and foremost is to the church. We are grateful of all the good Pastor John accomplished to further the mission of our church, and now we welcome the new leadership. Our motto is "First to serve" and we will continue that tradition of community service and building the kingdom of God.

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FAME CHURCH HISTORY

First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles is the oldest church founded by African Americans in the City of Angels. In 1872 Mrs. Biddy Mason (a freed 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 19,000 members and several dozen ministries within 13 corporations that bless and reach tens of thousands of seekers in greater metropolitan Los Angeles.

Built on the foundation laid by Bishop Richard Allen who in the City of Philadelphia in 1787 started the movement that later became the African Methodist Episcopal Church, FAME Church finds joy in being the "First To Serve."