



FIRST AME CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

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FIRST AME CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES WILL LEAD A FINAL TRIBUTE CEREMONY For Former South African President Nelson Mandela on the day of his burial

LOS ANGELES -First AME Church of Los Angeles announced today that it will offer a closing tribute to former South African President Nelson Mandela on Sunday, December 15, 2013 on the day of his burial. At the end of the 12:00 Noon service Pastor J. Edgar Boyd and First Lady Florence Boyd along with elected officials and community leaders, will lead the congregants to the outside of the church for a moment of silence in front of the "Reverend Dr. Cecil L. Chip Murray Traffic Circle" in honor of former South African President Nelson Mandela. The historic chimes of First AME Church of Los Angeles will toll 27 times in recognition of the 27 years that Nelson Mandela was imprisoned; followed by the South African National Anthem.

Pastor J. Edgar Boyd will then lead the congregation and community in a prayer of benediction. As attendees depart for their cars in silence, a verse of the beloved hymn "Nearer My God To Thee" will ring out. First AME Church of Los Angeles bells have been rung in many other watershed moments in our church's over 141-year history. This Sunday we will join with the citizens of the world in remembering Nelson Mandela as he is buried in South Africa. We encourage our sister churches to join in similar tributes to commemorate a life well-lived. The public is invited to sign condolence books and attend the 12:00 Noon Worship service.

FAME Church has a longstanding relationship with the citizens of South Africa as the church was very active in the anti-apartheid movement, and President Mandela visited the First AME Church of Los Angeles upon his release from prison. His family, along with South African Officials, have visited the church when they are in the Los Angeles area. The church was recently visited by two of President Mandela's grandsons on March 10, 2013.

The service gets underway at 12:00 Noon. The service will be attended by elected officials and community leaders. South Africans living in the United States will also attend. Members of the public are invited to attend the final tribute. **This Service will be broadcast live via the FAME Church Website (www.famechurch.org).**

12:00 Noon

Sunday, December 15, 2013

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ALL ARE WELCOME!!! JOIN US!

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