



## Telling a Neglected Story: Leadership of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Difficult Times

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VTS Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 196 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.5in. Telling a Neglected Story is a unique addition to African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church history. Drawing on primary and secondary sources, Dr. Cynthia Willis Stewart recounts the life stories and accomplishments of three remarkable A. M. E. Zion Church bishops: Bishop William Jacob Walls (1924-1968), Bishop Stephen Gill Spottswood (1952-1972), and Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw (1952-1979). Bishop William Jacob Walls is remembered for staging a three-hour sit-in in the segregated Washington Terminal Dining Room at Union Railroad Terminal in Washington, D. C. , in 1925, some thirty years before Martin Luther King, Jr. began leading groups in passive resistance. In 1944, when the former residence of Harriet Tubman and the home for the aged she had founded were both scheduled for demolition, Bishop Walls led the effort to restore and protect the property, which today forms part of a National Historic Landmark. Bishop Wallss leadership was also critical in the creation of Camp Dorothy Walls, a summer camp and retreat center for the A. M. E. Zion Church in North Carolinas Blue Ridge Mountains. The Reverend Stephen Gill Spottswoods ordained ministry in A. M. E. Zion...



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