

MISSION BOX 2017-2018

Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School

Anna Julia Cooper, a prominent scholar of the 20th century, added her clear, prophetic voice to the African-Americans struggle from the end of slavery to the civil rights movement (circa 1858-1964). At a time when education for African-American women was uncommon, Cooper attended and graduated from St. Augustine's University with a B.A. in mathematics. Later she earned a master's degree from Columbia and a Ph.D. from the University of Paris. Part of Cooper's educational journey included serving as principal of a downtown Washington D.C., school that met for a time in her own home. Cooper described her vocation as "investing in students to give them a community where they can learn and prosper." Cooper modeled for us what creating beloved community means.

CBFVA's 2017-18 Mission Box focuses on a Virginia school named after Anna Julia Cooper: the Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School (AJC) in Church Hill. This school that helps educate 108 students in grades 4-8 is planted in the midst of three housing projects in downtown Richmond. AJC's mission is to provide students with tools necessary to ensure the opportunity for a full and meaningful life. In addition, AJC exists to "create a community where their students grow and prosper." Certainly, the Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School in Church Hill lives out beloved community.

This year's Mission Box project will enable Anna Julia Cooper School to provide its students with necessary resources to accomplish the school's mission. Please pack these items in a shoebox for AJC:

Pack of Pencils
Pack of Pens
Dry Erase Markers
Sticky Notes
Hand sanitizer
Pack of Lysol Wipes



Optional: You may purchase gift cards at Wal-Mart or Target to help purchase khaki uniform pants.

Remember to send a five-dollar donation to defray shipping and delivery costs. Any left-over donation monies will go directly to meet the school's budgetary needs. To learn more about our Mission Box recipient, visit www.annajuliacooperepiscopalschool.org.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page throughout the year to read quotes and interesting facts about Anna Julia Cooper's life.