

In December 1973, the AALC Executive Committee decided to publish a sample copy of a new periodical in time for Christmas, which was less than a month away. The planned temporary title, *The Laestadian*, was omitted in the haste of publication. The cover nativity artwork was titled “Christmas in Zion”.



Between 1975 and 1977, a Songbook committee compiled three interim booklets of songs for learning and revision.

There was overwhelming support for the proposed new periodical. The first issue with its newly chosen name, *The Voice of Zion*, was published in February 1974.

One of the first AALC publications was a transcription of sermons from 1974 Summer Services. It was published in book form along with all the 1974 *Voice of Zion* issues. This book format was published annually until 1990.

Sunday school handbooks, coloring pages and children’s stories were published to help provide a consistent curriculum for all grade levels.