



13TH SESSION OF THE
WESTERN NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1st District

THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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May 14, 2009

Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse, Host Pastor
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"After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go"
Luke 10:1 (KJV)

Dear Rev. Stenhouse:

To you and to the members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, I commend and extend best wishes to you on having seized the opportunity and accepted the challenge of hosting the 13th Session of the Western New York Annual Conference. Hosting such a major event, we all know, is no small undertaking; ultimate success can be assured, however, with much prayer, much cooperation and much hard work. We have every confidence that all things will work together for good.

In my most recent letter to the pastors in the District, I urged that they "be good shepherds with transparent administrative styles that are tempered with compassion and a sensitivity to the economic realities facing us." My prayer is that as the pastors strive, that the congregants will be positively responsive to their efforts, and that all of us will become bound in a spirit of "oneness" in our efforts to church development and growth.

I continue to be pleased and inspired by what has been going on throughout the District: the hungry are being fed, the homeless are being housed, the sick are being visited, those who are down are being lifted up and the Good News is being preached with power. As you come, this year, to give an account of your stewardship, I have a very good feeling...

Your overwhelming response to the cries for help from your brothers and sisters in desperate need of disaster relief, indicates a level of faithful stewardship which will in no way be reflected in your annual report. Let me, therefore, thank you again for responding so positively.

Mother Norris and I have been anxiously looking forward to this series of Annual Conferences. Much good was wrought in our churches last year, and we are certain that the plans and projections for the year to come will be even more ambitious.

Let us work to make this Thirteenth Session of the Western New York Annual Conference the most productive, the most spiritually uplifting---the very best ever.

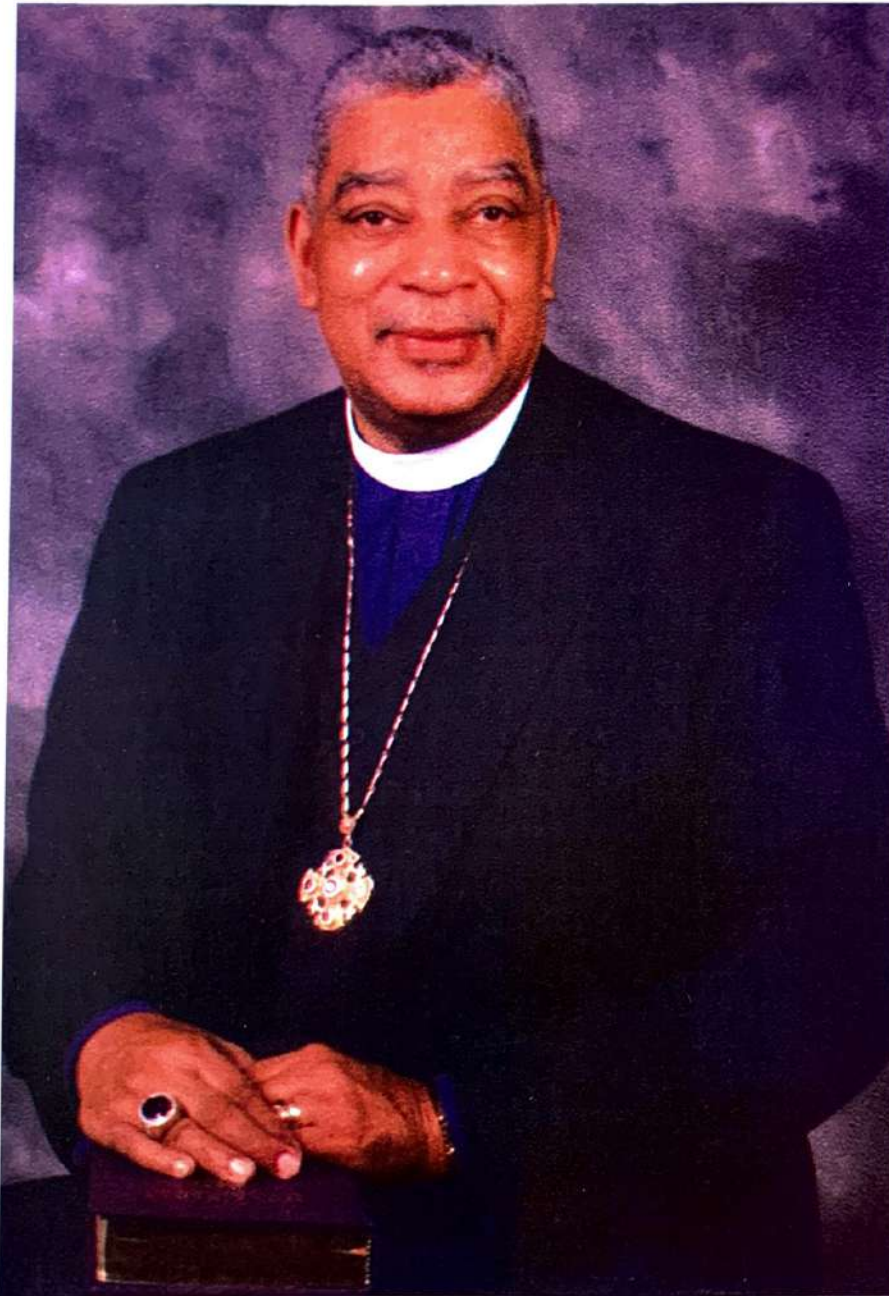
Sincerely,

Richard F. Norris, Bishop

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THE RIGHT REVEREND
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May 14, 2009

I greet you in the name of Him, who calls Himself, "I Am That I Am."

The challenge for the Western New York Annual Conference this past year continues to be the assuring words housed in the book of Joshua 1:1-9.

Our focus of understanding is: **"God the Promiser is the Giver of Opportunities. Let's Seize the Moment"**.

It is with precious joy that I am able to greet and welcome our Episcopal Leaders, Bishop and Mother Richard and Mary Ann Norris to the Thirteenth Western New York Annual Conference. My prayers and love are shared with you. May Almighty God strengthen your mind, soul and spirits as you lead the "people of God in new and different pastures."

To the Host Pastor and his charming wife, the Reverend and Mrs. Richard A. Stenhouse, the distinguished congregation called Bethel, thank you for opening your doors and hearts to us. We are already internalizing the blessings the creator has planned for us. Your love and labors are not in vain.

To the pastors, ministers, laity and youth of the Western New York Annual Conference, thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement shown to me and Sister Mitzi this past conference year. I am most grateful.

I simply desire to fulfill the tenets of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ found in Matthew's Gospel: 25:35-45, with you and under God's direction, I believe we shall succeed.

We, the members of the Western New York Thirteenth Annual Conference welcome our friends and visitors, who thought it not robbery to come see about us. Thank you.

As a Christian community of God blessed with many spiritual gifts, **Let Us Walk Worthy of the Calling With Which We Are Called...** Ephesians 4:1.

Let us open our hearts and spirits unto Him, and have a powerful, profound, Holy Ghost-filled Annual Conference.

Because of Him, I Am. Because of you, we are. God is pleased. May He be glorified.

Love & Peace,

Rev. James E.F. Lawrence
Presiding Elder

"Look Up, Not Down, Trust God and Be Brave"



REVEREND JAMES E.F. LAWRENCE
Presiding Elder
Buffalo - Albany - Rochester District
and Mrs. Mitzi Lawrence





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Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse ~ Pastor

Jesus Joy! The Bethel-Buffalo Family, Sharon, and I welcome you to the Thirteenth Session of the Western New York Annual Conference. It is with great pleasure and profound gratitude that we host our third annual conference in Western New York.

We welcome our esteemed Bishop, The Right Reverend Richard Franklin Norris and Episcopal Supervisor Mary Ann Norris for another quadrennial. Their continued leadership will result in the Western New York Annual Conference and the First Episcopal District achieving our theme: "Reach, Reclaim, Engage, Empower".

The Bethel-Buffalo family has prepared that the established excellent history of hosting in our conference will be repeated this year. I thank the Bethel-Buffalo family for their cooperation, support and prayers during this conference year and in hosting this thirteenth session.

We pray God will make this conference a spiritual blessing that will propel us to become the conference we all desire.

Let's have a blessed conference; To God Be The Glory!

Sincerely,

Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse

God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Man Our Brother



REVEREND & MRS.
RICHARD ALLEN STENHOUSE
Pastor & First Lady
Bethel A.M.E. Church Buffalo





STATE OF NEW YORK
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DAVID A. PATERSON
GOVERNOR

May 11-17, 2009

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all gathered for the Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Western New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Empire State's religious institutions are cornerstones upon which communities thrive and their leaders are sources of spiritual enrichment, strength and inspiration for all humankind. As the beneficiaries of their contributions to greater society and our own lives, New Yorkers are thankful for their service to so many families.

Founded in 1787, the A.M.E. church was established from modest beginnings and today, with a total of 8,000 churches, is recognized as having a profound impact on the African American community. All of our citizens embrace this opportunity to acknowledge this meeting of the distinguished leaders, pastors, delegates and other faithful members of the Western New York District as you look ahead toward a hopeful future. In reflecting upon your past achievements, you are certain to further guide your proud congregations toward a destiny that is filled with the rewards of a sound spiritual life.

The Bethel A.M.E. Church is appreciated for the significant place it occupies in our great City of Buffalo and we recognize the meaningful history of your congregation that is very proud to host this event. We also join in congratulating Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse whose vision, guidance and presence adds to such a special occasion that celebrate a longstanding tradition of service, accomplishment and dedicated stewardship.

Best wishes for a productive and meaningful conference, and continued service to your church family. Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

David A. Paterson



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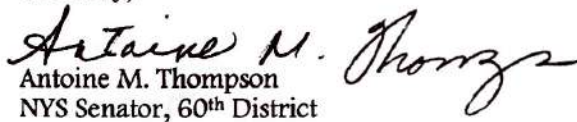
Welcome

On behalf of the residents of Western New York, I would like to welcome Bishop Richard Franklin Norris, Supervisor Mary Ann Norris and all of the conference pastors and delegates and members to Buffalo, New York.

It is a privilege and an honor for Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church to host the Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Western New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

I hope that all of you enjoy your stay, enjoy our wonderful city and by all means have a successful conference.

Sincerely,


Antoine M. Thompson
NYS Senator, 60th District



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Dear Officers, Members and Conference Delegation,


On behalf of the New York State Assembly I would like to welcome the Officers, Delegates and Members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the 13TH Annual Convocation of the Western New York Annual Conference.

I extend a special welcome to The Rt. Rev. Richard Franklin Norris, Presiding Prelate and Supervisor Mary Ann Norris, 1st District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. James E. F. Lawrence, Host Presiding Elder and Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse, Host Pastor.

May each of you be blessed during the week as you go about the business of the church, embodying the theme of the African Methodist Episcopal Church "*God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, the Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family.*"

I hope the conference is fruitful to all in attendance and each of you has an opportunity to visit the many historical venues in our city such as the Colored Musicians Club, the Jesse Nash House, the Michigan Street Baptist Church, restaurants and businesses owned by African Americans.

Sincerely,


 Honorable Crystal D. Peoples
 New York State Assembly
 141st District



COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 11, 2009

Dear Friends,

As County Executive, I would like to welcome you to Erie County for the 13th Annual Convocation of the Western New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. We are honored that you have chosen to spend your week of spiritual reflection in the City of Buffalo.

As you may know, the Western New York area is one of New York State's hidden treasures. Buffalo offers a variety of unique cultural, sporting and family entertainment activities. Our proximity to Niagara Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world, guarantees an unparalleled experience for all visitors.

I am certain once you are familiar with the friendly, family atmosphere of Erie County and Buffalo, the City of Good Neighbors, you will fall in love with all this region has to offer. I hope you enjoy your convocation in the wonderful City of Buffalo and County of Erie.

Sincerely,

CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive

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CITY OF BUFFALO
BYRON W. BROWN
MAYOR



April 13, 2009

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Buffalo, I am pleased to welcome you to Buffalo for the Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Western New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is the oldest black institution in the City of Buffalo, and is a cultural and religious landmark in our community. I am sure the church will serve as an excellent location for your conference, just as it has served the spiritual needs of our city residents for so many years.

To Bishop Richard Franklin Norris, Supervisor Mary Ann Norris, the conference pastors, delegates and members, I wish all of you the best of luck during your conference, and I thank you for everything you do for our community.

Please accept my warmest greetings and best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely,

Byron W. Brown
Mayor



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April 6, 2009

Dear Convocation Guests:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the City of Buffalo! I offer my best wishes to Bishop Richard Franklin Norris, Supervisor Mary Ann Norris, and all of the conference pastors, delegates, and members as you celebrate the 13th Annual Convocation of the Western New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church here in the "City of Good Neighbors".

Special thanks to your gracious host Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse and the Bethel A.M.E. Church family, for spreading the Good News in this community for so many years. I am certain that your Conference will be a joyous time for worship and praise, for it is when we fellowship with one another that we become inspired to continue God's work and bring others into his fold.

May God's Grace and Mercy be with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Brian C. Davis
Ellicott District Councilmember

"Communication is the key for a better tomorrow"



Reach, Reclaim, Engage, Empower

Greetings and Welcome to
Bishop Richard Franklin Norris
and
Mother Mary Ann Norris
on this the 13th session of the
Western New York Annual Conference

Bethel AME Church, Buffalo, New York
Board of Stewards

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Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse - Pastor



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Peter Niblett, Julie Hartley, Martha Younger, Ellen Morse

Paula Young, Marie Brown, Joseph Demps, Arthur Wilson, Edward Williams,
M. Elaine Ingram, Armour Rhea Funderburg, Gavina (Princess) Leonard

Absent from picture: Meredith Anding, Douglas Cassell, Dawne McNeal,
Stafford Trueheart, Jenene Williams



God Our Father, Christ our Redeemer, Man Our Brother

WELCOME

Bishop Richard Franklin Norris
&
Mother Norris
to the 13th Session of the Western New York
Annual Conference

**Bethel AME Church, Buffalo, New York
Trustee Board**

**Carolyn Veasey, Vice Chairperson
Rev. Richard Allen Stenhouse, Pastor**



First row: James Willis, Sonia Croxie, Patricia Johnson, Caroline Veasey,
Lorretta Demps, Georgia Washington, John Hart

Second row: Lamont Glover, Trevor McNeal, Willie Pulliam, Louie Veasy,
Hiram Johnson, Dedric Johnson

Absent from picture: Daniel Adams, George McCoullum, Rasheen Powell and
Richard Thompson

FOR JOY



Bethel A.M.E. Church School Proudly Celebrates the
13th Session of the Western New York Annual Conference

"Like Gideon and Deborah, we are warriors for the Lord through His word. We" Study to show ourselves approved of God: workman, women and children, rightly dividing the word of truth" (11 Tim. 2:15)



<i>Sister Linda Edwards</i>	<i>Beginners</i>
<i>Sister Dorothy Young</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>
<i>Sister Tiana Evans</i>	<i>Middle School</i>
<i>Brother Ambi Ford</i>	<i>Teens</i>
<i>Sister Sharon Stenhouse</i>	<i>Women</i>
<i>Elder Harold Hamilton</i>	<i>Men</i>
<i>Brother Celes Tisdale</i>	<i>Adult</i>
<i>Sister Cheryl Dublin</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Sister Maurice Anding</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Sister Martha Younger</i>	<i>Superintendent</i>
<i>Reverend Richard A. Stenhouse</i>	<i>Pastor</i>



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Geneva Allen Unit
Sister Tamiaka Johnson
Leader

Dorcas Sisters Unit
Sister Edith Hall Robinson
Leader

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Sister Thelma Batchelor
Leader

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Sister Martha McMillan
Leader

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Sister Nicole Stenhouse
Director

Sister Armour Rhea Funderburg, President
Sister Sharon Stenhouse, Advisor
Rev. Richard Allen Stenhouse, Pastor

***“Remembering, Refocusing and Rededicating
Our Lives
for Service”***



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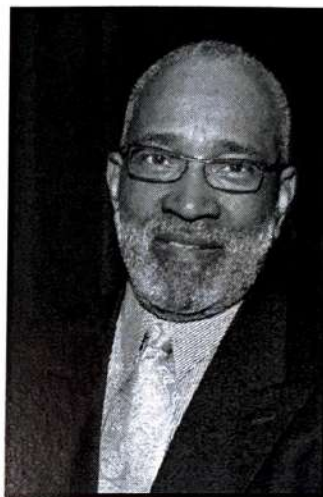


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Marvin Rogers, Karen Williams, Quinlan McNeal



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Rev. Richard Allen Stenhouse, Pastor*



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Sister Martha Younger ~ Superintendent



Bethel AME Church ~ Buffalo, New York

Male Usherboard



Brother Raymond Walton ~ President



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Bethel AME Church ~ Buffalo, New York



Ladies Usherboard #2



Bethel A.M.E. Church ~ Buffalo, New York



Conference Greeters



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Bethel Greeters



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Junior Usherboard

Sister Deborah Lewis, Advisor



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Sister Nicole Stenhouse - Director

Sister Paige Thomas, President

Heather Minor, Advisor

Sonia Croxie, Advisor



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Bethel AME Church ~ Buffalo, New York

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Mass Choir



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Men's Choir



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Children's Choir



Sister Natalie Trueheart ~ Director

Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse ~ Pastor



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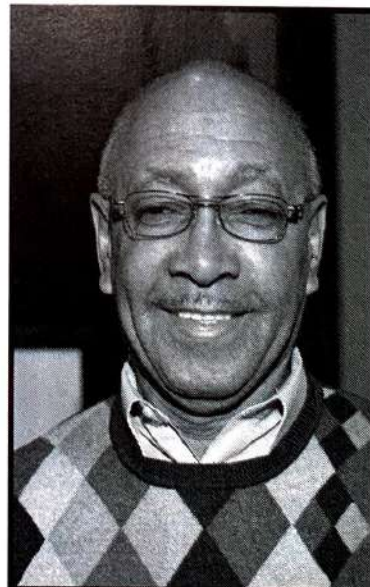
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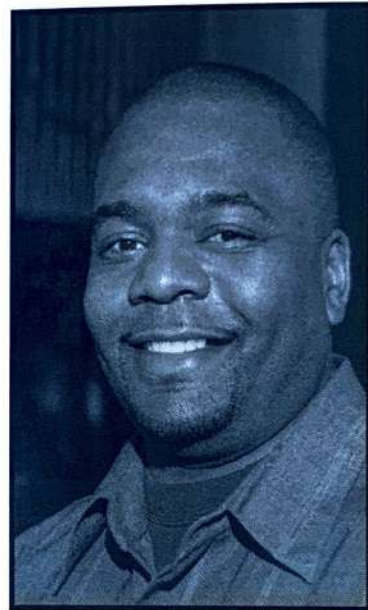
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Bethel AME Church ~ Buffalo, New York

Audio Video Ministry



Stafford Trueheart



Dedric Johnson

* not pictured Ambi Ford



***The First African Methodist Episcopal Church
of Albany
Meeting in 1789***

2 Centuries of Service



God Family
Community

Rev. Dr. Edward B. Smart, Pastor

***Greetings and Best Wishes to Bishop Richard Franklin Norris
and Mother Norris on this the 13th Meeting of the Western New
York Annual Conference.***

***We congratulate Presiding Elder James E.F. Lawrence and Sister
Mitzi Lawrence for their dedication to the work of the
Conference.***

***We look forward to a spirited and exciting Conference prepared
and planned by our hosts, the Rev. Richard Allen Stenhouse, and
First Lady Mrs. Sharon Stenhouse; our prayers are with you and
the Bethel Family.***

***The "First" Israel A.M.E. Church Family
Rev. Dr. Edward B. Smart and Sister Marion Smart***

2 Centuries of Service



Greetings to

**Bishop Richard Franklin Norris,
Mother Mary Ann Norris
and**

**The Thirteenth Session of the
WESTERN NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE**



A.M.E.

**GOD OUR FATHER
CHRIST OUR REDEEMER
MAN OUR BROTHER**

**Rev. James E.F. Lawrence, Presiding Elder
Rev. Richard Allen Stenhouse, Host Pastor
and the Officers & Members of
Bethel A.M.E. Church
Buffalo, New York**

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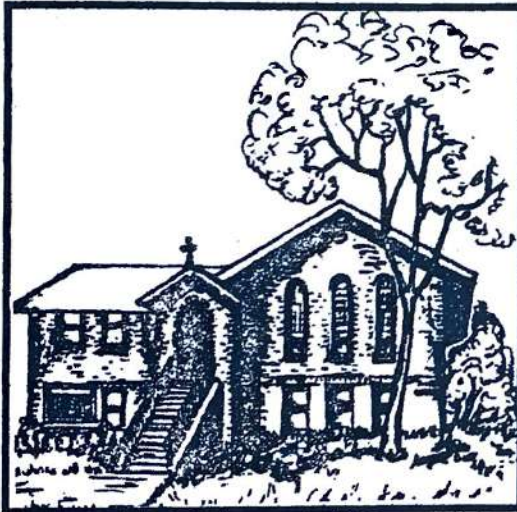
GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS

**The 13th Session of the Western New York Annual Conference
Of the African Methodist Episcopal Church**

Bishop Richard F. Norris • Presiding Prelate of the 1st Episcopal District
Mother Mary A. Norris • Episcopal Supervisor of the 1st Episcopal District

Rev. James E. F. Lawrence • Host Presiding Elder
Mrs. Mitzi Lawrence • District Consultant

Rev. Richard Allen Stenhouse • Host Pastor
& the Bethel A.M.E. Church of Buffalo, NY Family



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“...Expect the Impossible!”



Greetings

To

The Right Reverend Richard F. Norris, Presiding Prelate
Mother Mary Ann Norris, Episcopal Supervisor
The Reverend James E.F. Lawrence, Presiding Elder
Sis. Mitzi J. Lawrence, Consultant

CONGRATULATIONS

To

**The Reverend Richard A. Stenhouse
& Mrs. Sharon Stenhouse &
The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Family
On Hosting the Thirteenth Session of
The Western New York Annual Conference
Bethel AME Church, Buffalo, New York**

*"The Christ-Centered Conference Striving To Enhance African Methodism
Through Relevant & Effective Ministry"*

To God Be The Glory

From

Rev. Iris F. Waddell, Pastor
& The Membership of
Payne African Methodist Episcopal Church
Chatham, New York



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and Mrs. Mary A. Norris;
Rev. and Mrs. James E. Lawrence,
and**

**The Buffalo-Albany-Rochester District;
Rev. and Mrs. Richard A. Stenhouse, Pastor
and the Bethel Church Family**

**Greetings and Best Wishes
to the Officers, Members and Friends
of the
13th Session of the Western New York Annual Conference**

**Our prayers for a most rewarding conference
of new vision and direction.**

Mount Zion Church Family

**Dr. Kenneth Bell, Chair, Pro-Tem, Board of Trustees
Dr. Wilma Mishoe, Chair, Pro-Tem, Board of Stewards
Rev. Ellis B. Loudon, Pastor**

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Greetings

**Bishop Richard Franklin Norris, Presiding Prelate
Mother Mary Ann Norris, Episcopal Supervisor
Rev. James E. F. Lawrence, Presiding Elder**

Congratulations

**Rev. Richard Allen Stenhouse, Host Pastor
First Lady Sharon Stenhouse And The Bethel Church
Family**

**As You Host the 13th
Session Of The Western New York Annual Conference**

**"We are believing for a Christ-Centered, Spirit-filled
Conference"**

**From: Pastor Eleanor D. Dawson, Officers and
Members Of St. James AME Church, Utica New York**

"The House Being Built By God"

Unless The Lord Builds The House, its builders labor in vain..." Psalm 127:1



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***O taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed are those that trust in HIM! Psalm 34:8***

Welcome to our spiritual leaders
The Rt. Reverend Bishop Richard Franklin Norris, Presiding Prelate
Mother Mary Ann Norris, Episcopal District Supervisor
Reverend James E. F. Lawrence, Presiding Elder

on the occasion of the

13th Western New York Annual Conference

Congratulations to
Rev Richard A. Stenhouse, Host Pastor
Sister Sharon Stenhouse, First Lady
and the host church family

***Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
1525 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, New York***

We the church family of,

**Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
123 Mansion Street
Coxsackie, New York**

.....
In Jesus's name

**Praying God's blessing
on all for this occasion.**

**Sis. Lucretia Bowie, Vice-Chairperson, Board of Stewards
Rev Felix-Gerard Delatour, Pastor**



Welcome Bishop and Mother Norris Congratulations

**Rev. Richard Allen Stenhouse and Bethel
AME Church
for hosting the 13th Session of the Western
New York Annual Conference.**

**May God truly bless your efforts to have
many more.**

**Bethel AME Church
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Rev. William C. Cobb, Jr. ~ Pastor

Greetings to

*The Right Reverend Richard Franklin Norris, Presiding Prelate
Mother Mary Ann Norris, Episcopal Supervisor
The Reverend James E.F. Lawrence and Mrs. Lawrence, Host Presiding Elder
Pastors, Ministers, Officers, Delegates and Members
of the
Western New York Annual Conference*

Congratulations to

*The Reverend Richard Allen Stenhouse and First Lady Sharon Stenhouse
and the
Bethel AME Church Family
on hosting the*

The Thirteenth Session of the Western New York Annual Conference

MAY GOD'S GLORY REIGN!

From

*The Officers and Members of
St. Mark's Chapel AME Church
72 Wurts Street
Kingston, New York
The Reverend Faye Banks Taylor, Pastor*



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REV. MARCELLUS A. NORRIS ~ PASTOR



GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES

to

THE RT. REV. RICHARD FRANKLIN NORRIS
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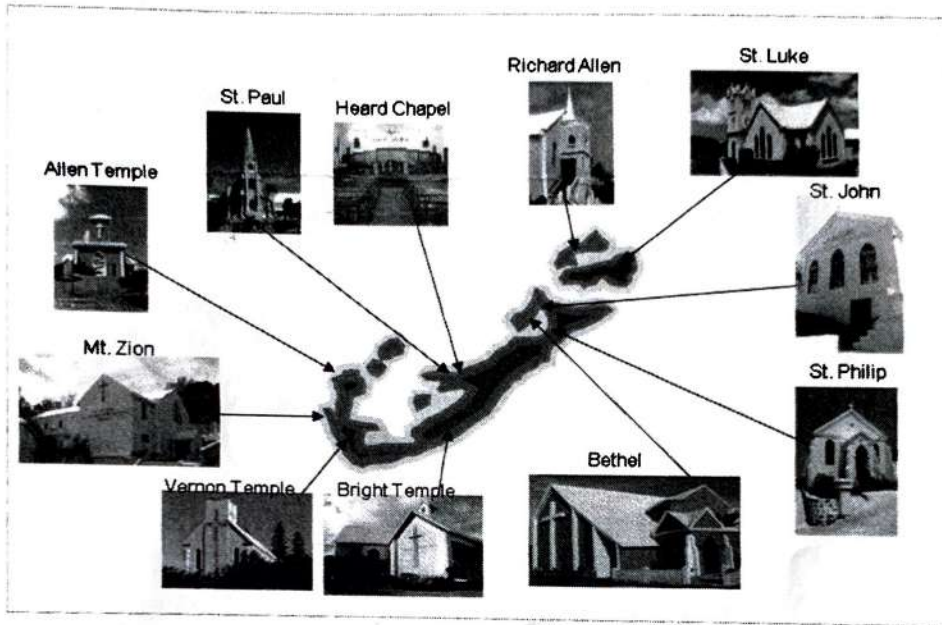
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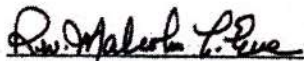
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We also extend our greetings to Presiding Elder James Lawrence and Mrs. Lawrence as well as Rev. Richard Allen Stenhouse and the Bethel Church Family as you graciously serve as hosts to this Annual Conference.

May God's presence be felt and His Spirit manifested as you conduct the business of the church, and may your faith be renewed & strengthened in the new Conference Year.


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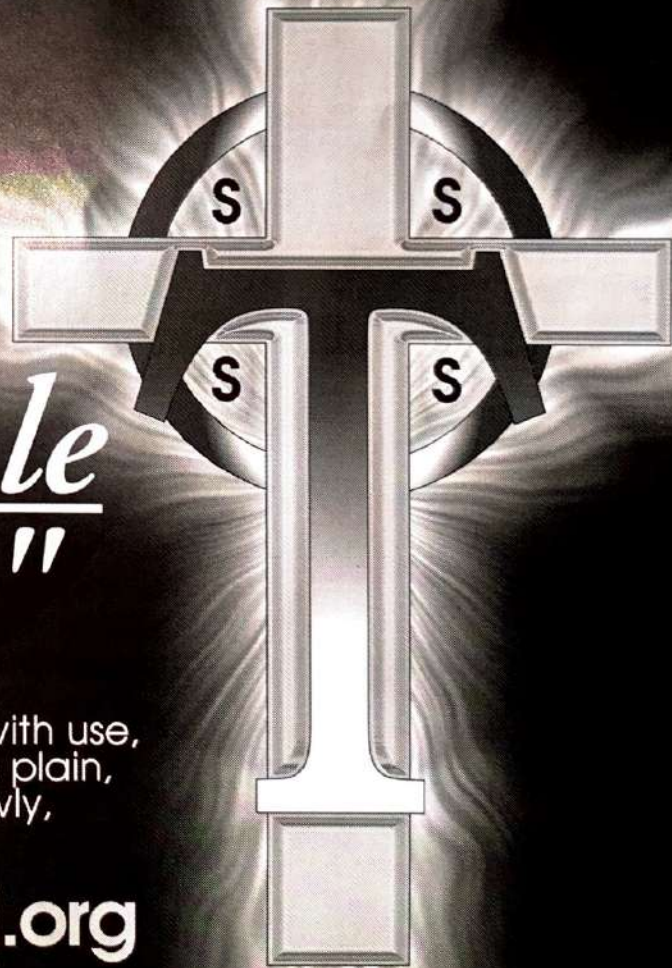
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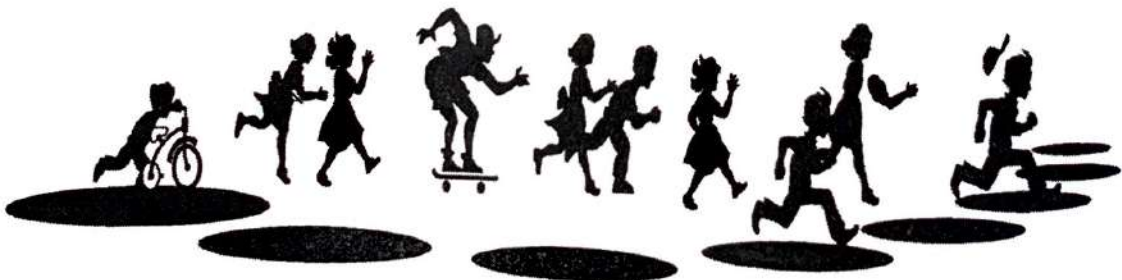
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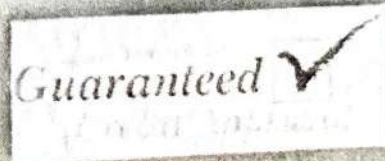
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