



# THE 174TH SESSION OF THE WESTERN NEW YORK ANNUAL *Conference*

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# *Greetings From*



*Bishop Dennis V. Proctor*

*Presiding Bishop*

*&*

*Mrs. D. Diane Proctor*

*Missionary Supervisor*



# Greetings from the Host Presiding Elder



FROM THE DESK OF

**PRESIDING ELDER KEVIN D. COAKLEY**

BUFFALO DISTRICT  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

Rev. Kevin D. Coakley,  
Presiding Elder,  
Buffalo District

Greetings to the 174th Session of the Western New York  
Conference:

Mrs. D. Diane Proctor,  
Missionary Supervisor

Psalms 95:2-3 declares, *"Let us come before His presence with  
thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with songs. For the  
Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."*

Bishop Dennis V. Proctor,  
Presiding Prelate,  
North Eastern  
Episcopal District

Well, it is by the Lord's mercy and for His purpose that we gather  
together at this moment in time for Holy Conferencing.

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To our esteemed Episcopal Leadership Team, Bishop Dennis V.  
Proctor and Missionary Supervisor D. Diane Proctor, Presiding  
Elders, Pastors, Ministers, Conference, Regional, and District  
Officers, Delegates, Laity, and friends, welcome to the Western  
New York Conference, hosted by the 'Brave Buffalo District' here  
in Rochester, New York. We are delighted to come together once  
again for a divine move of God as we share in our labors over this  
past conference year.

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The Henry Durham Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, Pastor Michael  
D. Bell, myself, and the Brave Buffalo District are here to serve  
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As we chart this part of the course, I pray sincerely that we lock  
hearts, heads, and hands—united together—as we go forward in  
God's plan.

In His service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Coakley".

**Presiding Elder Kevin Coakley, M.Ed., M.Th.**  
**Presiding Elder/Buffalo District**

THE FREEDOM CHURCH:  
A MOVEMENT EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT  
STRENGTHENING OUR FELLOWSHIP • SHARING OUR FAITH  
SERVING OUR FLOCK • SECURING OUR FUTURE



## *Greetings from the Host Pastor*

To the members of the Western New York Annual Conference:

I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is my joy to welcome the members of the 174<sup>th</sup> Session of the Western New York Annual Conference (formerly, the Genesee Annual Conference), the Rt. Rev. Dennis V. Proctor, Mrs. D. Diane Proctor, Presiding Elders, the Rev. Kevin D. Coakley, Rev. Derrill A. Blue, and Rev. Alphonse Meadows, Jr., Pastors, Ministers, Conference and District Officers, visitors, and guests.

As the host church, Durham Memorial AME Zion Church at Buffalo, NY, it is our prayer that you will find the presence of God at every corner throughout your stay. As you notice members from the Durham Memorial Charge, they will be wearing royal blue shirts, brilliantly marked with an AME Zion logo; they will be eager to assist you with your questions. Should anyone feel themselves ill, we will have our own Care Team available for assistance.

Should there be anything I can help with, don't hesitate me for assistance. As we pilgrimage together, let's make this the best annual conference ever. Don't forget to pray nightly that God's will be performed in all we do.

Sweet blessings,

*Michael D. Bell*

Rev. Michael D. Bell, Mdiv.,  
Host Pastor

NORTH EASTERN EPISCOPAL DISTRICT  
OF THE  
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH



CONFERENCE THEME:  
**THE FREEDOM CHURCH: SHARING OUR FAITH**

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; **EPHESIANS 4:11-13**

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# **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE WESTERN NEW YORK CONFERENCE**

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023

3:00 PM

## **The Organization of the Annual Conference**

**The Roll Call.....**Reverend Sharon Baugh

**The Committee on Rules.....**Reverend Michael D. Bell

**The Committee on Credentials &.....**Reverend Nicolle D. Jean-Simon  
**Seating of the Delegates**

**The Nomination Committee.....**Reverend Derrill A. Blue

**The Treasurer's Report and Election.....**Reverend Alphonso H. Meadows, Jr.

**Places & Dates of the 2024 Annual.....**Missionary Supervisor D. Diane Proctor  
**Conference/Check-Up Meetings**

**Lay Council Convocation & Observations.....**Mrs. Joyce Harrington

**Recognition of Visitors**

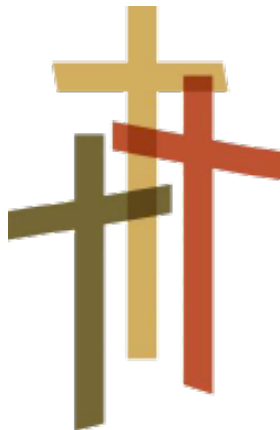
**5:30 PM**

**Dinner (Grand ABC Ballroom)**

**7:00 PM**

**Thursday Night Service – CED Night**

Rev. Reginald D. Smith, Jr., Evening Preacher



# FRIDAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

JULY 7, 2023

**7:00 AM to 9:45 AM.....Breakfast (Grand ABC Ballroom)**

**9:45 AM.....Devotion**

**10:00 AM.....Annual Conference Business**

## **Reports**

Lay Delegates

Pastors

Supernumerary Preachers

## **Presiding Elder Reports**

Albany District.....Reverend Alphonso H. Meadows, Jr.

Rochester-Syracuse District.....Reverend Derrill A. Blue

Buffalo District.....Reverend Kevin D. Coakley

**Missionary Convocation.....Missionary Supervisor D. Diane Proctor**

WH&OMS President Reports

Albany District.....Ms. Geraldine Alexander

Rochester-Syracuse District.....Mrs. Julya Guins-Clark

Buffalo District.....Mrs. Karen Wimes

## **Reports**

Admissions Committee.....Reverend Derrill A. Blue

Conference Studies.....Reverend Derrill A. Blue

Necrology.....Reverend Loretta Brooks

## **Recognition of Visitors**

**1:00 PM.....Lunch (On Your Own)**

**2:30 PM.....Christian Education Convention**

**5:30 PM.....Dinner (Grand ABC Ballroom)**

**7:00 PM.....WH&OMS Candlelight Service**

# SATURDAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

JULY 8, 2023

**7:00 AM to 9:45 AM.....Breakfast (Grand ABC Ballroom)**

**9:45 AM.....Devotion**

**10:00 AM.....Episcopal Address**

**11:30 AM.....The Election of General Conference Delegates**

**1:00 PM.....Annual Conference Business**

## Reports

Holy Orders Committee

Audit Committee

Sampling of the Minutes

Courtesy Committee

Disciplinary Questions

The Passing of Character

Reading of Appointments

Reverend Kevin D. Coakley

Reverend Loretta Lewis-Brooks

Reverend Sharon Baugh

Mrs. Vivian Meadows

Bishop Dennis V. Proctor

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**3:00 PM.....The Close of the WNY Annual Conference**





**Thursday Night Service  
Christian Education Service  
JULY 6, 2023**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Terrance King**

**Praise and Worship.....**Western New York Conference Worship Team

**Scripture.....**Mr. Cary L. Jones, Jr.  
Buffalo District Director of CED

**Prayer.....**Mr. Robert Nelson, III  
Rochester-Syracuse District Director of CED

**Selection.....**Durham Memorial AME Zion Church Choir

**ACE Stoling.....**Mrs. Pamela Sharpe and Reverend Robert Linder  
Albany District Director of CED | Former President of ACE

**CED Report.....**Ms. Sarlyn Tate  
WNY Conference Director

**Introduction of Preacher.....**Bishop Dennis V. Proctor

**Selection.....**Durham Memorial AME Zion Church Choir

**The Education Message.....**Reverend Reginald D. Smith, Jr.  
Blackwell Chapel AME Zion Church – Jamestown, NY

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Offering.....**Ms. Tasha Washington and Ms. Sharon Jones

**Announcements**

**CED Benediction** *Every member a Christian. Every Christian a worker. Every worker trained.  
That need not be ashamed. This we ask in...Jesus' name. Amen*

**Friday Night Service  
WH&OMS Candlelight Service  
JULY 7, 2023**

**Worship Leader: Mrs. D. Diane Proctor**

**Opening Hymn.....**Walk in the Light

**Recognition of Life Members.....**Mrs. D. Diane Proctor

**Introduction of the Bishop.....**Mrs. D. Diane Proctor

**Scripture.....**Mrs. Vivian Meadows

**Prayer.....**Reverend Loretta Lewis Brooks

**Introduction of Preacher.....**Bishop Dennis V. Proctor

**Selection.....**Buffalo District Choir

**The Missionary Message.....**Reverend Jacqueline King  
Boston District, Presiding Elder

**The Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Missionary Offering**

**The Recognition of Visitors/Announcements**

**The Missionary Benediction**

“God be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His  
face to shine upon us and give us peace.” Amen.

# Saturday Episcopal Address Service

## JULY 8, 2023

Worship Leader: Reverend Kevin D. Coakley

Processional Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation  
Scripture.....Reverend Derrill A. Blue  
Prayer Hymn.....“Sweet Hour of Prayer”  
Prayer.....Reverend Alphonso H. Meadows, Jr.  
Introduction of the Bishop.....Reverend Kevin D. Coakley  
Selection.....Western New York Conference Choir  
Episcopal Address.....Bishop Dennis V. Proctor  
Great Offering.....WNY Finance Committee

***\*\*Refer back to page 10 for Business Session Schedule\*\****

*I can do ALL THINGS*  
*through Christ*  
*who STRENGTHENS me.*  
—Phillippians 4:13





## CONFERENCE HYMNS

### Jesus the Light of the World

Hark, the herald angels sing.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Glory to the new-born King.  
Jesus, the light of the world.

#### Refrain:

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.  
Come where the dewdrops  
of mercy shine bright.  
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.  
Jesus, the light of the world.

Joyful, all ye nations, rise.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Join the triumph of the skies.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
[Refrain]

Christ, by highest heaven adored.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
[Refrain]

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
[Refrain]

### Throw Out the Lifeline

Throw out the lifeline across the dark wave;  
There is a brother, whom someone should  
save;  
Somebody's brother Oh, who then will dare,  
To throw out the lifeline, is peril to share.

#### Refrain:

Throw out the lifeline! Throw out the  
lifeline! Someone is drifting away; Throw  
out the lifeline! Throw out the lifeline!  
Someone is sinking today.

Throw out the lifeline with hand quick and  
strong, Why do you tarry, why linger so  
long? See! He is sinking! Oh, hasten today,  
And out with the life boat! Away then  
away!  
[Refrain]

Throw out the life line to danger fraught  
men. Sinking in anguish where you've never  
been; Winds of temptation and billows of  
woe. Will soon hurl them out  
where the dark waters flow.  
[Refrain]

Soon will the season of rescue be o'er; Soon  
will they drift to eternity's shore; Haste then,  
my brother, no time to delay! But throw out  
the lifeline and save them today.  
[Refrain]

## CONFERENCE HYMNS

### Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!

With such I hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage  
the waiting soul to bless.

And since he bids me seek his face, believe  
his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

### The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ  
her Lord; she is His new creation, by water  
and the Word; from heav'n He came and  
sought to be His holy bride; with His own  
blood He brought her, and for her life He  
died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the  
earth, her charter of salvation, one Lord, one  
faith, one birth;

One holy Name she blesses, partakes one  
holy food, and to one hope she presses, with  
ev'ry grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her  
war, she waits the consummation of peace  
forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her  
longing eyes are blest, and the great church  
victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the  
Three in One, and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.

O Happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace  
that we like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

# THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

## ADMISSIONS

**Rev. Derrill A. Blue**, Rev. Kevin D. Coakley, Rev. Alphonso Meadows, Jr.,  
Rev. Nicolle Jean-Simon and Rev. Loretta Lewis-Brooks

## AUDIT

**Rev. Loretta Lewis-Brooks** and Rev. Amos Goodwine

## BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Shirley Copes, Mrs. Julya Guins-Clark, Mrs. Joyce Harrington, Mr. Reginald Ingram  
and Mr. Sammie Brinson

## BUDGET

**Rev. Daren C. Jaime**, Rev. Derrill A. Blue, Rev. Kevin D. Coakley,  
Rev. Alphonso H. Meadows, Jr., Ms. Myra Reynolds, and Mrs. Julya Guins-Clark

## CHIEF MARSHALL

**Rev. Daren C. Jaime**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Rev. Daren C. Jaime**, Ms. Sarlyn Tate, Rev. Alphonso Meadows, Jr., Rev. Derrill A. Blue,  
Rev. Kevin D. Coakley, Mr. Cary Jones, Jr., Mrs. Pamela Sharpe, Mr. Tyreese Harris,  
Mr. Robert Nelson, Ms. Amara Williams and Ms. Arica Shelton

## CONFERENCE EXAMINERS

**Rev. Derrill Blue**, Rev. Nicolle Jean-Simon, Rev. Alphonso Meadows, Jr.,  
Rev. Magelene Moore, Rev. Daren C. Jaime, Rev. Kevin D. Coakley  
and Rev. Loretta Lewis-Brooks

## CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

**Rev. Daren C. Jaime**, Rev. Kevin D. Coakley, Rev. Derrill A. Blue,  
Rev. Alphonso Meadows, Jr., Mr. Mordeci Jones, Mr. Ike Sturgeon, and Mr. Curtis Wilkins

## COURTESY

**Mrs. Vivian Meadows**, Mrs. Christine Carter, Rev. Paula Blue, Mrs. Lashundra Coakley,  
Mrs. Thomasene Moorehead, and Mrs. Joyce Harrington

## EVANGELISM

**Rev. Kevin D. Coakley**, Rev. Patricia A. Bufford, Rev. Paul Gordon Carter, and  
Rev. Nicolle Jean-Simon



# THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

## FINANCE

**Rev. Kevin D. Coakley**, Rev. Daren C. Jaime, Rev. Derrill A. Blue, Mrs. Sharon Jones, and Mr. Reginald Ingram

## HOLY ORDERS

**Rev. Kevin D. Coakley**, Rev. Alphonso Meadows, Jr., Rev. Derrill A. Blue, Rev. Daren C. Jaime, Rev. Loretta Lewis-Brooks, and Rev. Nicolle Jean-Simon

## HOME MISSIONS

**Rev. Alphonso Meadows, Jr.**, Rev. Sharon Baugh, Rev. Michael D. Bell, Rev. Vivian Franklin, Mrs. Gwen Lane-Bragg, Mrs. Linda Murray, Mrs. Christine Carter, Mrs. Karen Johnson Neal, and Ms. Anita Gambrell

## MEN of ZION

**Mr. Daren Price**, Rev. Reginald D. Smith, Jr., and Rev. Alton Franklin

## PENNY BRIGADE

**Mrs. Cynthia Barber**, Ms. Margaret Lawrence, and Ms. Marion Davis

## CONFERENCE MUSIC

**Ms. Pamela Sharpe**, Mrs. Martha Connor, and Mr. Adolphus Allen

## NECROLOGY

**Rev. Loretta Lewis-Brooks**, Rev. Paul G. Carter, Rev. Margie T. Graham, Ms. Darleen Sampson, and Mrs. Stella Wiley

## PUBLICITY

**Rev. Paris Price**, Ms. Sarlyn Tate, Ms. Darleen Sampson, and Ms. Anita Gambrell

## RULES

**Rev. Michael D. Bell**, Ms. Sharon Jones, Ms. Cheryl Williams- Manney, and Mrs. Q. Esther Irvin McGhee

## STATE OF THE CHURCH

**Rev. Paul G. Carter**, Rev. Vivian Franklin, Rev. Patricia A. Bufford, Ms. Darleen Sampson, and Mrs. Lucy Bolden

## STATE OF THE COUNTRY

**Rev. Michael D. Bell**, Rev. Cassandra L. Salter-Smith, Rev. Robert Linder, Mrs. Julia Guins-Clark, Mrs. Shirley Copes, and Ms. Sharon Jones

## WORSHIP

**Rev. Nicolle Jean-Simon**, Rev. Magelene Moore, Rev. Terrance King, Mr. Brandon Irion, and Mrs. Karen Wimes

# PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

<u>ALBANY DISTRICT</u>	Name	<u>BUFFALO DISTRICT</u>	Name	<u>ROCHESTER- SYRACUSE DISTRICT</u>	Name
Presiding Elder		Presiding Elder		Presiding Elder	
Fifth Avenue		St. Luke		Memorial	
Hope Chapel		Durham Memorial		People's (Syracuse)	
Walls Temple		Walls Temple		Frederick Douglass	
Duryee Memorial		St. Paul		Trinity	
People's (Gloversville)		Centennial		Harriet Tubman	
Sojourner Truth		Blackwell Chapel		St. James	
Dyer Phelps					

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE & CHECKUP MEETINGS DATES

Annual Conference Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Host Church \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Checkup Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Host Church \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Checkup Meeting: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Host Church \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Checkup Meeting: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Host Church \_\_\_\_\_

# **CONFERENCE NOTES**



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