

# BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH PROVIDENCE



**1795 -  
2025**

**230<sup>th</sup>**  
**CHURCH  
ANNIVERSARY**  
*Celebration*

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH | 3PM**

**RT. REV. SAMUEL LAWRENCE GREEN, SR., PRESIDING PRELATE**  
**REV. JOCELYN K. HART LOVELACE, PRESIDING ELDER**  
**BRO. EDDIE JOSEPH LOVELACE, CONSULTANT**  
**REV. WAYNE SYLVESTER DALEY, MDiv., PASTOR**

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## NEW ENGLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*First Episcopal District*  
*African Methodist Episcopal Church*  
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Reverend Dr. Ellis I. Washington  
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Reverend Daylan K. Greer, Sr.  
*Bethel, Bloomfield*

Reverend Ray A. Hammond, M.D.  
*Bethel, Boston*

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Reverend Marcus T. McCullough  
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Reverend Bria Y. Belim  
*Bethel, Lynn*

Reverend Wayne Sylvester Daley  
*Bethel, Providence*

Reverend Sean Michael Lewis  
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Reverend Khaden V. Nurse, Sr.  
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Reverend Desiree Lindsay  
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Reverend Dr. George Walters-Sleyon  
*St. James, Danbury*

Reverend Mariama White Hammond  
*New Roots*

Reverend Aderonke O.A. Lipede  
*Bethel, Fall River*

Reverend Sharel Roberson-Gills  
*Bethel, Lowell*

Reverend Gloria Harris Cater, Ph.D.  
*Malden Mission*

Reverend Sarah R. Smith  
*People's, Chelsea*

Reverend Martha Florestal  
*New Life in Christ International*

Reverend Robert Thompson  
*Sovereign Souls*

*Bishop Samel Lawrence Green, Sr., Presiding Prelate*  
*Reverend Jocelyn Kahn Hart Lovelace, Presiding Elder*

September 20, 2025

Rev. Wayne S. Daley, Pastor  
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
30 Rochambeau Avenue  
Providence, Rhode Island 02906

Dear Beloved Members and Friends of Bethel:

*Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!*

It is with profound joy and thanksgiving that Brother Lovelace and I extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church family as you celebrate Two Hundred and Thirty years of steadfast faith, compassionate service, and vibrant community life. Since its founding in 1795, this congregation has been a beacon of hope in the Providence community—lighting lives through worship, fellowship, and outreach—and your legacy shines brightly across generations.

Over these 230 years, countless individuals have been nurtured at your altar, finding solace in prayer, strength in Scripture, and purpose in service. God's faithfulness has been the cornerstone of every milestone, and may this anniversary remind us that the same unchanging Lord who guided our forebears still walks beside us, empowering us to embody Christ's love in an ever-changing world.

As you gather for worship, reflection, and celebration, I pray the Holy Spirit will pour out fresh vision for the years ahead. May your anniversary services be filled with joyous singing, moving testimonies, and a renewed commitment to the Great Commission. Let us honor the sacrificial witness of those who came before, while stepping boldly into the mission fields around us—both here in our community and to the ends of the earth.

Thank you for 230 years of prayer, perseverance, and proclamation. The Boston-Hartford District rejoices with you in all the Lord has done and eagerly anticipates the next chapters of His work through your congregation.

With Joy in Christ,

Reverend Jocelyn K. Hart Lovelace  
Presiding Elder, Boston-Hartford District



## Certificate of Special Recognition

Be it known that I,

**Daniel J. McKee**

Governor of the State of Rhode Island,  
extend my sincere congratulations to

**Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
**Rev. Wayne Sylvester Daley, Pastor**

In recognition of your 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary, serving the community, offering ministry,  
fellowship and support to generations of neighbors.

I join the residents of Rhode Island in expressing our greatest admiration and deep  
gratitude for a job well done.

I am pleased to issue this Certificate of Special Recognition.

You have my very best wishes for continued success.

*Given under my hand and the seal of the  
Office of the Governor of the State of Rhode  
Island, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.*



Daniel J. McKee  
Governor



## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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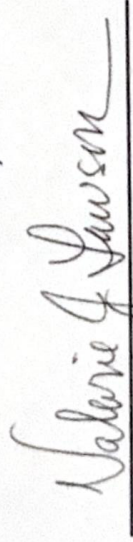
*Be it hereby known to all that the Rhode Island Senate  
hereby offers its sincerest congratulations to:*

#### *Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church*

Honoring 230 years of faith, service, and community

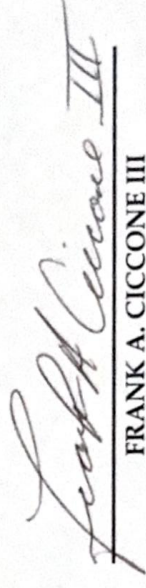
*The entire membership extends its very best wishes on this memorable occasion  
and expresses the hope for continued good fortune*

*Proposed this 14th day of September 2025 at the State House in Providence, Rhode Island*

  
VALARIE J. LAWSON  
President of the Senate



TIARA T. MACK

  
FRANK A. CICCONE III  
Majority Leader of the Senate



**The Reverend Theresa H. Dent**

4952 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street | Philadelphia, PA 19141

Dear Rev. Wayne S. Daley, Clergy, and Members of Bethel A.M.E. Church,

I extend my warmest greetings to the members of Bethel. While I am pleased to acknowledge this significant milestone in the church's history, I regret that I am unable to attend and participate in this important occasion.

Congratulations on your 230th Church Anniversary. Your dedication over the years in service and ministry has been commendable. It is amazing to see how much of an impact Bethel, Providence has had on so many people over the years.

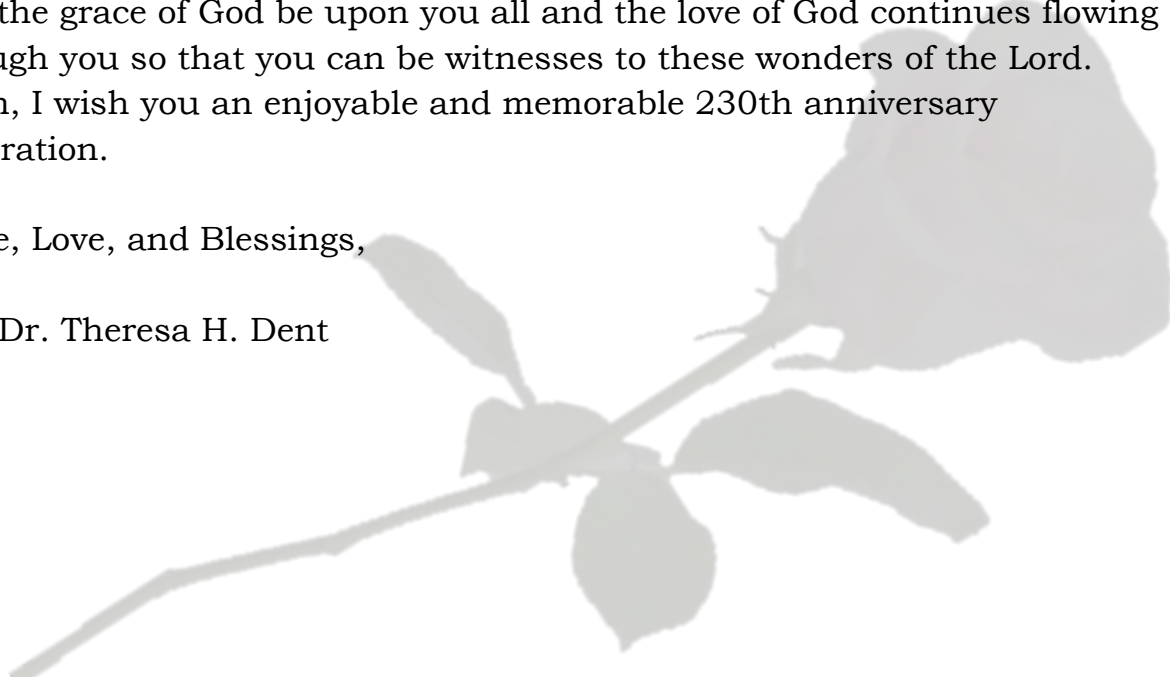
Ephesians 4:3 (NIV) reminds us to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

It is my prayer and hope that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire unity and love within your congregation.

May the grace of God be upon you all and the love of God continues flowing through you so that you can be witnesses to these wonders of the Lord. Again, I wish you an enjoyable and memorable 230th anniversary celebration.

Peace, Love, and Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Theresa H. Dent





1795, under the teaching of Reverend Childers, is considered the official starting date of the African Freedmen's Society in Rhode Island, Second African Methodist Episcopal Church, Providence – changed to Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Providence, Jan. 1895. A former slave, Ichabod Northrup, was among the founders of the church; Northrup fought in the Revolutionary War.

During those early years, men and women of color were ostracized, criticized, arrested and even convicted of the crime of organizing a church of their own. But Bethel continued to prosper, meeting in the homes of members as well as in a Quaker meeting house on North Main Street. When one meeting place was removed by the authorities, it was replaced by another, and sometimes two or three. As the significance of the church began to grow, its reputation as a monument of freedom and destination on the Underground Railroad reached many slaves in the South.

The lot on which the church was eventually located was purchased in 1820, and a building was constructed on the site in 1866. After 95 years of worship in the building, the walls began to crumble, and the congregation grew smaller. In 1961 the property was sold to Brown University, and the church purchased its building on Rochambeau. The first service at that site was conducted in February 1962.

Bethel was not just a place of worship. It hosted a Sunday lyceum, bringing in speakers to educate and inspire the community on various topics. A testament to faith, education, and community strength. Since 1838, Bethel A.M.E. Church Providence, Rhode Island has had a rich history where African American's have gathered for worship for generations. We invite communities of all cultures and ethnicities to join us in worship and in community collaboration to Renew, Rebuild, and Restore the people of God.

We encourage you to experience God in a unique way through the various ministries we are called to deliver to our neighbors and friends.

Today, Bethel remains a home for those souls that are looking to find their way into the redeeming arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

It serves over one hundred members under the teaching and guidance of Reverend Wayne S. Daley, MDiv.



**Reverend Wayne Sylvester Daley, MDiv.,** earned his Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School, an affiliate of Yale Divinity School. He previously served as an associate minister for St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Ellis Ishmael Washington, and he previously served as the Minister to Men and Sr. Associate Minister under the leadership of his father in the ministry, Rev. Dr. Gregory George Groover, Sr., Pastor of The Historic Charles Street African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Wayne previously served as a Boston Reentry Coordinator, and the Community Relations Director for the Boston TenPoint Coalition, under the leadership of Rev. B. Christopher Sumner and Rev. Jeffery Lamont Brown. Rev. Wayne served as the Pastor for St. Mark Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, while serving as a part-time Protestant Chaplain for the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. He currently serves as a Chaplain for Curry College.

Rev. Daley served as the Intergenerational Justice Program Coordinator, and then the Technical Training & Assistance Coordinator, and a Peace From Within Instructor at Plymouth County House of Corrections for The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Rev. Wayne went on to serve as the Bridging the GAP Director (a diversion program in partnership with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, and the Teen Center Manager for the Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. Rev. Wayne served as the Deputy Director of Community Engagement for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office before going full time in the ministry.

Rev. Daley has partnered with many agencies, and institutions in the community such as; The Boston School Police, The Transit Police, The Department, Project Right, Inc., Haley House, Massachusetts Black Alcoholism & Addiction Council, Access To Recovery Coach, and Neighborhood Community Walk Trainer. Rev. Wayne served on the board of the Quincy-Geneva New Vision, and the Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries. Rev. Daley was appointed by Mayor Michelle Wu to the Boston Police Accountability and Transparency Civilian Review Board; he serves on the board for The Black Ministerial Alliance of Greater Boston, Inc., and My Life My Choice.

On Monday, June 24, 2024, Rev. Wayne Sylvester Daley, was appointed Pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Providence, Rhode Island by Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Sr. Lastly, during the 174<sup>th</sup> Session of the New England Annual Conference Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr., reappointed Rev. Daley back to Bethel Providence.

I would like to thank Minister Jayden David Bradley, Sr., from Pentecostal Church of God in Christ, (Pastor Quintin Nard), Herman Kinds, Jr. (Peoples Baptist Church, Boston (Pastor Art J. Gordon), Pastor Lauri Smalls (Union Baptist Church, New Bedford, MA), Ondrea Robinson ( The King's Cathedral, Providence, RI), Elder Sandra Robinson (The King's Cathedral, Providence, RI), Joyce Braboy (Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Providence, RI), the Bethel Providence music ministry and the 230th Church Anniversary Committee for their tireless efforts, commitment, dedication and sacrificing your time every week to plan, strategize and pray, so this day would be a day to remember.

Blessed Love 🍷

Rev. Wayne Sylvester Daley, MDiv., Pastor

### **MINISTERIAL STAFF**

Rev. Christy Nelson  
Rev. Dorothy Ola  
Evangelist Danielle A.N. Wilson

### **STEWARD BOARD MINISTRY**

Disciple's Andrea Smith, Pro Tem  
Eva P. Simmons  
Paul A. Williams  
Evangelist Danielle A.N. Wilson  
LouAnn Bradley  
Lavonne N. Lopes  
Gamell Robles

### **TRUSTEE MINISTRY**

Disciple's Donald J. Lopes  
J. Frank Easter  
Janice Campbell  
Barry P. Colbert, Sr.

### **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY**

Disciple's LouAnn Bradley, Church Clerk  
Paul A. Williams  
Eva P. Simmons  
Lavonne N. Lopes  
Andrea Smith

### **WISDOM OF GOD MINISTRY**

Mother Janie Clifton  
Mother Elma Lucille Cooper  
Father Daniel "Danny" McCall  
Mother Barbara Fudge  
Mother Patricia Symonds

### **UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTRY**

Evangelist Danielle A.N. Wilson, Director  
Pastor Daley  
Rev. Dorothy Ola  
Disciple's Barbara Fudge  
Patricia Symonds  
Eva B. Smith  
Lynn Bell  
Ethel Bethea  
Brittany Shirl Wilson  
Willa Hemmenway  
Eva P. Simmons  
Beck Bartfield  
Andrea Smith

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Disciple's Eva P. Simmons, Director  
Andrea Smith  
Brittany Shirl Wilson  
Pastor Daley

Evangelist Danielle A.N. Wilson  
Rev. Christy Nelson

### **HEALTHY LIVING: CULTIVATING A BETTER YOU MINISTRY**

Disciple's Andrea Smith  
Lynn Bell

### **AUDIO/VISUAL MINISTRY**

Disciple's Brittany Shirl Wilson, Director  
Quentin Mason Blyden  
Dhana Whiteing  
Gavin Michael Wilson

### **USHER'S MINISTRY**

Disciple's Linda Shettlesworth, Director  
J. Frank Easter  
Dhana Whiteing  
Kenisha Barton  
Andrea Sears  
Tracey Cooper  
LouAnn Bradley  
Gianna Powell, Jr. Usher  
Gavin Michael Wilson, Jr. Usher

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Disciple's Carley Ann Pitts, Choir Dir.  
Paul A. Williams, Guitarist  
Bryce Gray, Pianist  
Caleb Cameron, Percussionist  
Wolfgang Breves, Pianist

### **YPD NEAC OFFICERS**

Quentin Mason Blyden, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Pazzaz Barboza-Hill, Communication Secretary  
Rowzey Reid, Historiographer/Statistician

### **STEWARDESS BOARD MINISTRY**

Disciple's LouAnn Bradley, Director  
Elaine Nkomo  
Linda Shettlesworth

### **CAN WE TALK MINISTRY**

Disciple's Tracey Cooper, Director  
LouAnn Bradley, Treasurer  
Eva P. Simmons  
Rev. Dorothy Ola  
Rev. Christy Nelson

### **PASTOR'S VOLUNTEER MINISTRY**

Disciple's Pablo G. Watson  
Marlon B. Watson  
Christopher Barboza, Sr.  
Fabian "Ric" "Pooh" Nesbert

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 | 3:00PM-5:00PM**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

230<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PRAISE TEAM CHOIR  
MIN. JAYDEN DAVID BRADLEY, SR.  
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

**DOXOLOGY**

REV. WAYNE SYLVESTER DALEY, MDiv., PASTOR  
BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH, PROVIDENCE

**PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW, PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE  
BELOW, PRAISE HIM ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOST, PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST.  
AMEN.**

**INVOCATION**

EVANG. DANIELLE ASHLEY NICOLE WILSON  
STEWARDS BOARD MINISTRY

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

REV. CHRISTY NELSON  
MINISTERIAL STAFF  
LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS | A.M.E. HYMNAL #525

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

ISAIAH 46 | NLT  
REV. KHADEN NURSE, PASTOR, BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH, PLYMOUTH

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

ACTS 17:16-31 | AMP  
DISCIPLE EVA P. SIMMONS  
STEWARDS BOARD MINISTRY

**FROM ALL THAT DWELL | HYMN #69**

**FOR DIRECTIONS IN ALL THINGS | A.M.E. HYMNAL #777**

REV. DOROTHY OLA

**THE GLORIA PATRI | A.M.E. HYMNAL #626**

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE  
BEGINNING IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 | 3:00PM-5:00PM**

**RECOGNITION OF GUEST**

DISCIPLE ANDREA SMITH, PRO TEM  
STEWARD BOARD MINISTRY

**WELCOME REMARKS**

MAYOR BRET P. SMILEY, PROVIDENCE, RI

**INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHOP**

REV. JOCEYLN KAHN HART-LOVELACE, PRESIDING ELDER  
BOSTON-HARTFORD DISTRICT

**SERMONIC SELECTION**

230<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PRAISE TEAM CHOIR

**THE DIVINE MESSAGE**

RT. REV. SAMUEL LAWRENCE GREEN, SR., PRESIDING PRELATE  
FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

REV. WAYNE SYLVESTER DALEY, MDiv.

**230<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SACRIFICIAL OFFERING**

REV. DR. GREGORY GEORGE GROOVER, SR., PASTOR  
THE HISTORIC CHARLES STREET A.M.E. CHURCH, BOSTON

**BLESSING AND THE BENEDICTION**

RT. REV. SAMUEL LAWRENCE GREEN, SR., PRESIDING PRELATE  
FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

# Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green Sr.



Bishop Samuel L. Green Sr. discovered his calling to ministry at a young age, driven by a profound sense of purpose. As the newly appointed presiding prelate of the First Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, he oversees the Bermuda, Delaware, New England, New Jersey, New York, Western New York, and Philadelphia annual conferences. His ministry is rooted in the belief that when we put God first, He will 'Do It Again.'

From 2016 to 2024, Bishop Green led the Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church (South Carolina) with dynamic leadership, affectionately known as "The Green Effect." He founded the Vision Center, a 218-acre Conference and Retreat Center, fulfilling a long-held dream of providing a comprehensive meeting facility for the AME Church. Bishop Green's ministry is also marked by his innovative and record-breaking conferences and events, designed to reach members of all ages and to support local churches in expanding their ministries.

Bishop Green's legacy is highlighted by his passion for expanding God's kingdom, supporting pastors and local churches, and advocating for justice and equality. He established the Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary, the first and only ATS-accredited African American seminary in South Carolina.

Elected as the 125th bishop in the history of the AME Church, Bishop Green has served faithfully across several districts. He is also the founder of God First Ministries, a platform designed to promote evangelism, discipleship, and church growth.

Despite his many achievements, Bishop Green remains focused on his mission, guided by Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

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