

REV. KEVIN T. TAYLOR

Pastor • Educator • Executive Leader • Change Agent

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Rev. Kevin T. Taylor has served as **Pastor of Israel A.M.E. Church in Albany, NY** since June 2021. His first sermon in 1997, “*Move Out of Your Comfort Zone: Keep Your Eyes on the Prize*” (Matthew 14:22–33), continues to define his ministry and leadership philosophy.

He has faithfully led congregations in **Alabama, California, New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut**, preaching a message of courage, vision, and transformation. Known for blending tradition with innovation, he has introduced:

- **Speaking Truth to Power Tuesdays** – engaging elected officials on justice issues
- **Encouragement Sunday** – uplifting extended families with notes of support
- **Summer Literacy Challenge** – combating summer learning loss among students
- **#BlackGirlMagic** – a celebrated program honoring girls of color

His ministry integrates **worship, social justice, intergenerational care, and creative outreach**.

EXECUTIVE & PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Beyond the pulpit, Rev. Taylor is a **seasoned executive leader** with more than 20 years of cross-sector experience across education, nonprofits, and startups.

- **Connecticut RISE Network** – Chief Finance & Talent Officer, saving \$500K while advancing equity for high school students
 - **Greentown Labs** – Interim CEO & CFO at North America’s largest climatetech incubator
 - **City on a Hill Charter Public School** – CEO, leading a successful turnaround during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - **KIPP Massachusetts** – COO, overseeing finance, operations, and DEI initiatives
 - **Scholastic, Inc.** – Directed \$70M in educational product divisions
 - **Achievement First** – Led finance during network growth from 20 to 29 schools across three states
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EDUCATION & RECOGNITION

A native of Ann Arbor, MI, and a proud product of **Tuskegee University (Political Science & Mathematics)**, Kevin’s academic foundation sharpened his analytical and leadership skills.

His leadership and service have been recognized by:

- **Marquis Who’s Who (2025)**
 - **100 Men of Color**
 - **National Council of Negro Women**
 - **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**, among others
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SERVICE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Rev. Taylor serves on the **Advisory Board of the CC Taylor Foundation**, a philanthropic organization named for his grandparents, supporting students in higher education.

He also contributes as:

- Instructor on **Church Financial Administration** (First District Ministerial Institute Consortium)
- **Chair of Christian Education** for the Western New York Conference

His **greeting card ministry** is widely known, sending personal notes of encouragement, memorial tributes, and seasonal reflections that inspire hope and strengthen bonds across the community.

PERSONAL LIFE & VISION

Kevin enjoys traveling, listening to audiobooks, and spending quality time with family.

Looking ahead, he aspires to expand his denominational impact by seeking election as **General Secretary/Chief Information Officer of the A.M.E. Church**, with the long-term goal of serving as a **Bishop**.

Through **preaching, teaching, writing, and community engagement**, Rev. Taylor continues to live out his calling: building bridges across generations and equipping communities for **spiritual and social transformation**.