

*30th Session of the
Western New York Annual Conference
Tuesday-Saturday, April 28-May 2, 2026*

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- Ezekiel 37:4-6 (NRSVUE)*



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Dr. Phyllis N. Green, Episcopal Supervisor, First Episcopal District

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Psalm 133:1



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Greetings! We are excited to welcome everyone to the 30th Session of the Western New York Annual Conference in the Capital Region of Albany, New York! It is our desire that you experience the committed planning that has gone into making this a time of worship, praise, thanksgiving, and fellowship. We extend a special welcome to our Episcopal team, Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr. and Supervisor, Dr. Phyllis N. Green.

Thank you Pastor Kevin T. Taylor and the historic Israel AME Church family for the dedicated work that has gone into hosting the Annual Conference. Israel has a rich history, which includes being a stop on the Underground Railroad.

✦ Thank you to my colleague, Presiding Elder Paul J. Thomas and Consultant Genelle Thomas and to all the pastors, delegates, component heads, and members who have worked diligently this Conference year. ✦

As we celebrate thirty years as a Conference, we are grateful to God for God's faithfulness. Through the highs and lows, God has been constant. The ten pastors and eleven congregations continue to serve with compassion within the communities in which they reside.

Please know that it is our hope that you leave revived, inspired, and transformed for the work that is still ahead.

Blessings,

Faye Banks Taylor,

Reverend Dr. Faye Banks Taylor,
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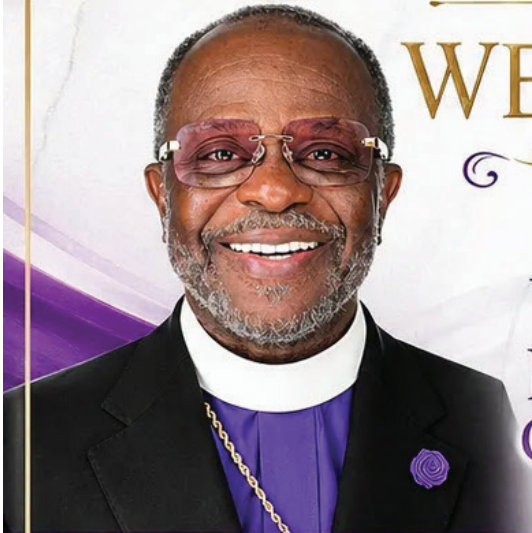
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April 28, 2026

Dear Christian Friends:

Grace and peace to you in the Name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

On behalf of the Israel African Methodist Episcopal Church family, it is both an honor and a sacred responsibility to welcome you to the 30th Session of the Western New York Annual Conference. This gathering marks more than the passage of time. It is a witness to what has been carried, what has been sustained, and what God continues to entrust to this body of believers in this season.

We are especially grateful for the presence and leadership of our Episcopal leaders, Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr., Presiding Prelate of the First Episcopal District, and Episcopal Supervisor Dr. Phyllis N. Green. Your leadership steadies this Conference and situates our work within a broader connectional witness that is both disciplined and Spirit-led.

We honor the pastors, clergy, component leaders, and laity of the Western New York Annual Conference, whose faithfulness gives this gathering its substance. Week by week, in sanctuaries and communities across this region, you are carrying the work of the Church in ways that are often unseen, yet always essential. To our visitors, guests, and friends: we receive you not simply as attendees, but as partners in the ongoing work of ministry and mission.

This Souvenir Journal is more than a commemorative publication. It is a record of participation and a testimony of shared investment. Every page reflects individuals, congregations, and organizations who have chosen to stand with this Conference at this moment. We are sincerely grateful for each contribution, not only for what has been given, but for what it represents: a collective commitment to the life and future of the Church.

We celebrate the Journal Committee, whose diligence, coordination, and care have made this publication possible. Their work ensures that this moment is not only experienced but preserved with the integrity it deserves.

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Dr. Damone P. Johnson and the members of Metropolitan New Testament Mission Baptist Church. In opening your doors and extending your congregation as an extension of our own, you have embodied the very connection we proclaim. Your hospitality is not simply appreciated; it is instructive.

As we gather for this 30th Session – a “pearl” anniversary – we are reminded that pearls are not formed in ease, but through sustained pressure and patient formation. That truth is not symbolic for this Conference; it is descriptive. It names the journey that has brought us here and the discipline that will carry us forward.

This is not simply a moment to celebrate what has been. It is a moment to recognize what is being required. May this gathering be ordered, but not routine. May it be Spirit-led but not ungrounded. May it strengthen what must endure and clarify what must change. And when this Session concludes, may it be said that we did more than convene. May it be said that we listened, that we discerned, and that we left prepared to carry what has been entrusted to us with greater clarity, greater courage, and greater faithfulness.

Kevin T. Taylor
Yours in Christ,
Rev. Kevin T. Taylor
Host Pastor

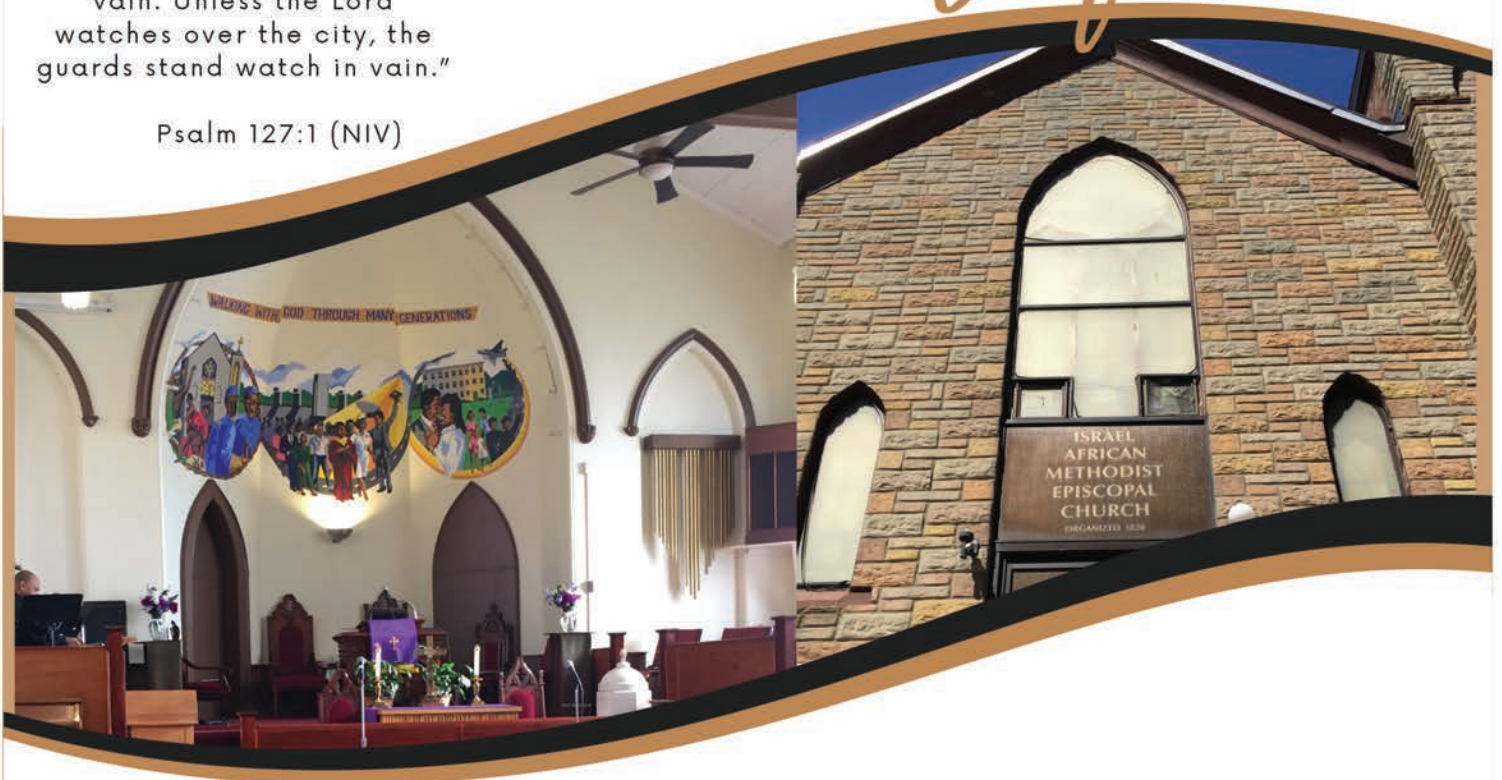
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Psalms 127:1 (NIV)



The Trustee Board of Israel A.M.E. Church gives thanks to God as we host the 30th Annual Western New York Conference.

As stewards of the church's property, it is our honor to ensure that God's house remains a place of worship, refuge, and growth for all who enter.

May this milestone inspire us all to continue building on the strong foundation God has established.

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Rev. Kevin Taylor, Host Pastor

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Rev. Kevin T. Taylor, Pastor
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We are expecting a mountain top experience!



**Rev. Shirley Whitlock
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"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common." Acts 2:42-44

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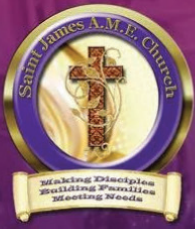
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***Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in
his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.***

***Praise the LORD.
Psalm 150:1-2; 6***



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30th Session of the Western New York Annual Conference



Congratulations Rev. Kevin T. Taylor, and the First Israel AME Church family of Albany, New York, as you host the 30th Session of the Western New York Annual Conference. The officers and members of St. John AME Church, Niagara Falls, New York, extend our prayers and God's richest blessings upon you for a successful, Spirit-filled conference



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AS WE GATHER IN THIS “PEARL” MOMENT— SHAPED BY ENDURANCE, FAITH, AND PURPOSE— WE CELEBRATE THE ONGOING WORK OF THE CHURCH IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

WE PRAY YOUR TIME HERE IS FILLED WITH POWERFUL WORSHIP, MEANINGFUL FELLOWSHIP, AND RENEWED VISION FOR THE WORK AHEAD. WE WELCOME YOU. WE HONOR YOU. WE STAND WITH YOU.

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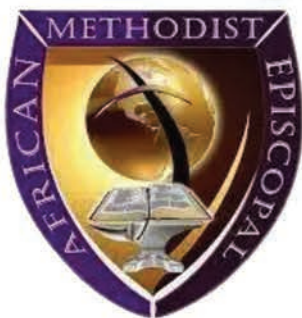
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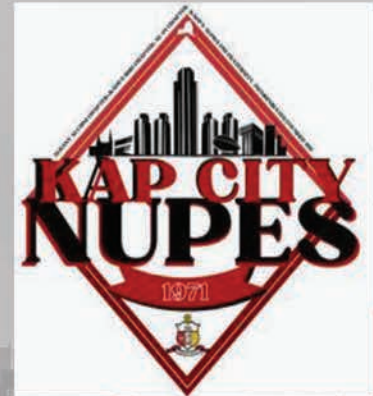
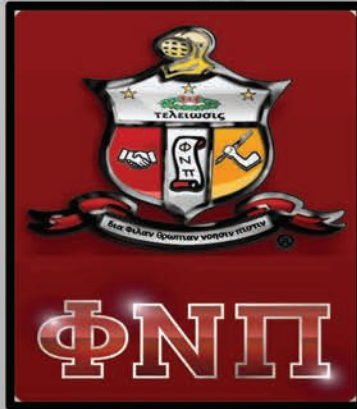
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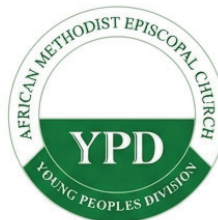


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and

Phyllis N. Green, Episcopal Supervisor

We honor the legacy of the Western New York Annual Conference as we celebrate 30 years of walking in His grace. From our founders to our youth we thank God for His steady Hand that has guided every annual conference in the past and His steady Hand that will guide all future conferences.

"I will establish an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God..."

Genesis 17:7



With Love,

***Bennie F. Mackey,
Honorary Chair
and
Ethel Curtis-Mackey***



Congratulations *Israel A.M.E Church* *on hosting the* *30th Annual* *Western New York Conference*

As we celebrate 30 years of fellowship, worship and spiritual growth, may we come expecting a time of renewal, powerful preaching and teaching, uplifting praise music and connection.



★ *“But they that wait upon the
Lord shall renew their
strength; they shall mount up
with wings as eagles.”*

Isaiah 40:31

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Mrs. Sadie Harper has been a faithful and devoted member of Israel AME Church since 1960. A native of Alabama, Mrs. Harper relocated to Albany, New York in 1955 in search of a better life. Although she initially attended a Baptist church, she remained a lifelong Methodist at heart.

Mrs. Harper joined Israel AME Church after attending services with her landlords, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kidd, during the pastorate of Reverend R.C. Burton. From that time forward, she committed herself wholeheartedly to the life and ministries of the church.

Her service to Israel AME Church spans many decades. Mrs. Harper faithfully served on the Usher Board for 50 years and now holds the honored title of Honorary Usher. In addition, she has served as Treasurer of the Missionary Society, Vice President of the Ladies Trustee Auxiliary, and both volunteer and President of the Senior Lunch Program. She has also generously given her time as a volunteer with the Food Pantry Ministry.

Mrs. Harper's life of service reflects her deep faith, dedication, and love for her church. Her longstanding commitment has left a lasting legacy at Israel AME Church and continues to inspire generations of members.



Best Wishes
To The
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With Love and Prayers,
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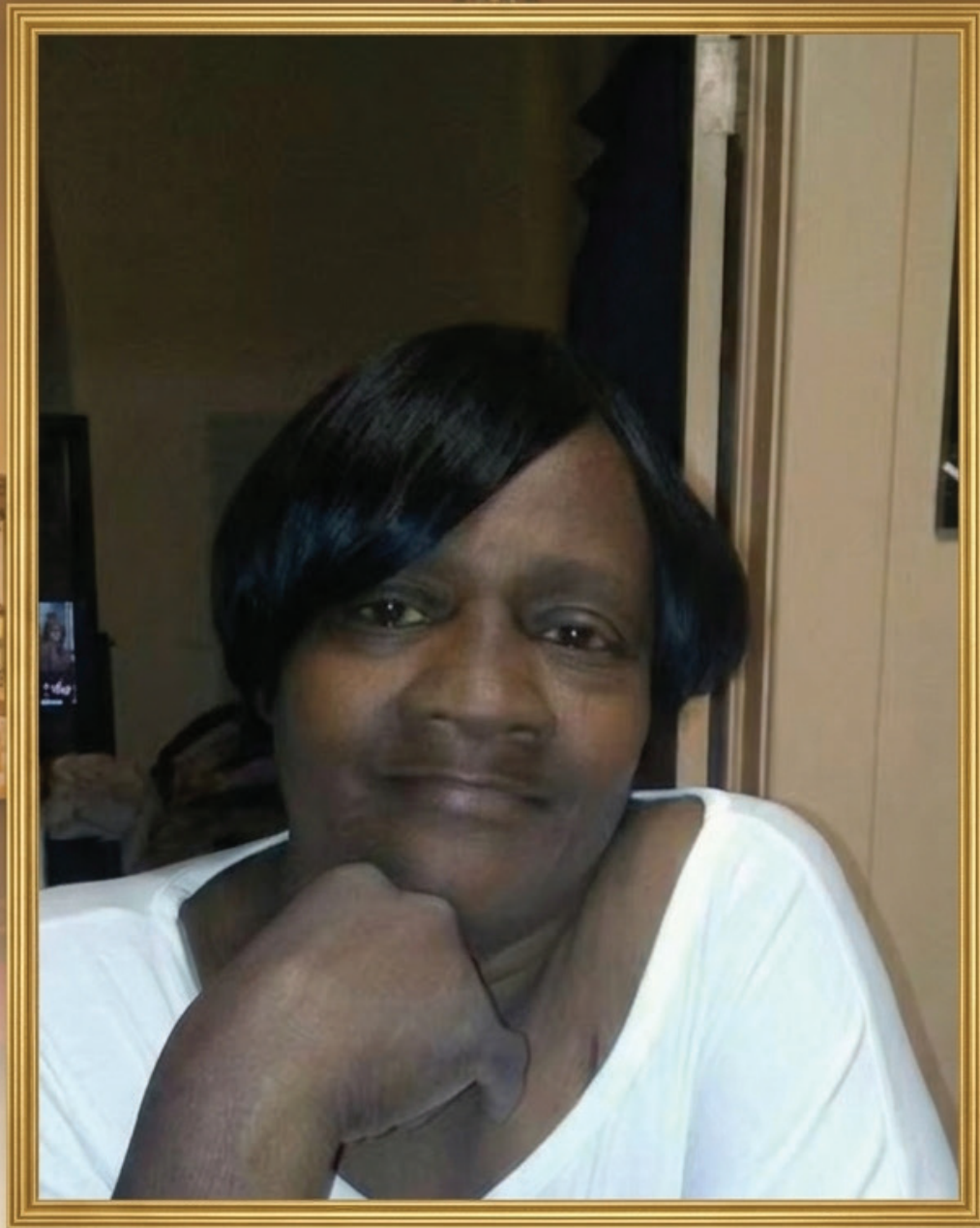
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With love, The Family.

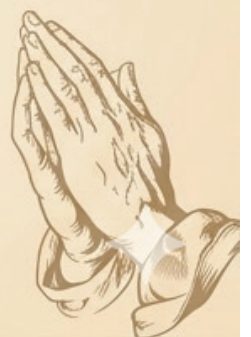
In Loving Memory of



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A faithful member of Israel A.M.E Church.
May her spirit and devotion inspire us always.

With deepest love from the family.



In Loving Memory of
Hattie Jackson



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Your Legacy Inspires Us

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Johnnie Mae Hardy



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In Loving Memory



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We love you and pray you
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Thank you both for
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Continue to walk boldly in your purpose
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With all our love, 

Mom (Michaela) & Dad (Big Naijee)

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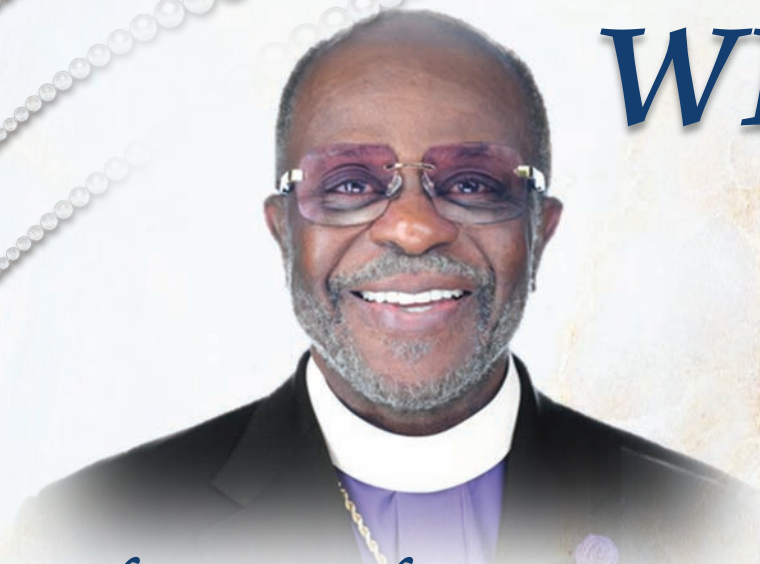
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Here's to many more years of blessing and excellence!*

*With Love and Gratitude,
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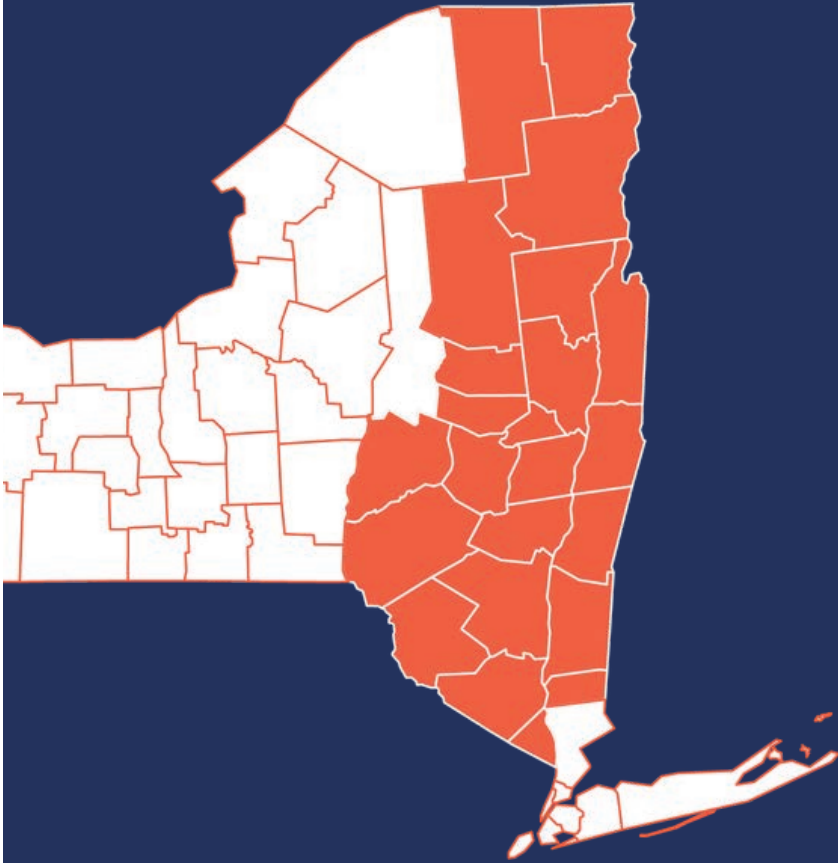
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