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February 4, 2026

Dear Attendees and Guests of the 30th Session of the Western New York Annual Conference,

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

Greetings from Israel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Albany, the oldest Black church in Upstate New York. It is with gratitude and holy expectation that we prepare to host the 30th Session of the Western New York Annual Conference of the First Episcopal District, Tuesday, April 28, through Saturday, May 2, 2026, in New York's Capital Region.

OVERVIEW OF THE OCCASSION

This 30th Session is a moment of shared memory and forward-looking mission. Traditionally, the 30th anniversary is known as the "pearl" anniversary. Pearls are formed over time, under pressure, and through patient endurance. That is an apt witness for a Conference still young enough to be agile and still seasoned enough to be wise, carrying the sacred responsibility of equipping the Church for this hour.

We are especially grateful for the leadership of Bishop Samuel L. Green, Sr., Presiding Prelate of the First Episcopal District, and Dr. Phyllis N. Green, Episcopal Supervisor, as well as our presiding elders, district consultants, pastors, officers, and laity whose faithful labor continues to strengthen the witness of African Methodism across Western New York and beyond.

To mark this historic Session, the Western New York Annual Conference will publish a 30th Session Souvenir Journal. This journal will serve as both a commemorative record and a living testimony, documenting the story of this Conference and celebrating the ministries, congregations, and leaders who carry the work forward with vision, integrity, courage, and sustainability.

We cordially invite you and your congregation to support this effort by purchasing an advertisement in the Souvenir Journal. Your message will do more than honor a milestone. It will affirm our connectional witness, celebrate the faithfulness of God among us, and strengthen the work of the Annual Conference.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit your advertisement or logo by email to: 30thwnyacjournal@gmail.com. Additional details regarding ad sizes, rates, formatting requirements, and deadlines are included in the enclosed materials.

Whether you join us in person or support from afar, thank you for helping us mark this moment with excellence and gratitude. We look forward to welcoming you to Albany and to worshipping, working, and witnessing together as one connectional family.

Yours in Christ,

Israel's WNY Annual Conference Coordinating Committee

Rev. Kevin T. Taylor, Host Pastor
Sis. Donna Mackey-Walker, Esq. | Sis. Denia Van Houter, Vice-Chair | Sis. Carolyn L. Williams

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m. | Wednesday Bible Study – 6 p.m.
Join us in-person or virtually via Facebook Live or Zoom (ID: 812 8622 8670 | PW: 381379)

30TH WESTERN NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for considering a sponsorship gift in support of the 30th Session of the Western New York Annual Conference. As we celebrate this “pearl” anniversary, we invite you to join us in marking the moment with excellence, gratitude, and shared witness. Your sponsorship helps us welcome our Episcopal leadership and delegates well, strengthen the ministry of this Session, and create a commemorative Souvenir Journal worthy of the legacy we are honoring and the future we are building.

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<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>NOTES/QTY. AVAILABLE</u>
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Full Page – Color	\$125	
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Episcopal Supervisors’ Office	\$750
Prayer Room	\$750
Fellowship Hall	\$750
The North Star Commons (History and Vendor Space)	\$500
Finance Committee Room	\$500

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Please submit a camera-ready artwork/logo (JPG, PDF, PNG, or TIF files only) to 30thwnyacjournal@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, April 1, 2026. Payment is due at the time of sponsorship and may be made electronically through the options available at israelamec.com (i.e., Vanco, CashApp, or Givelify).

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