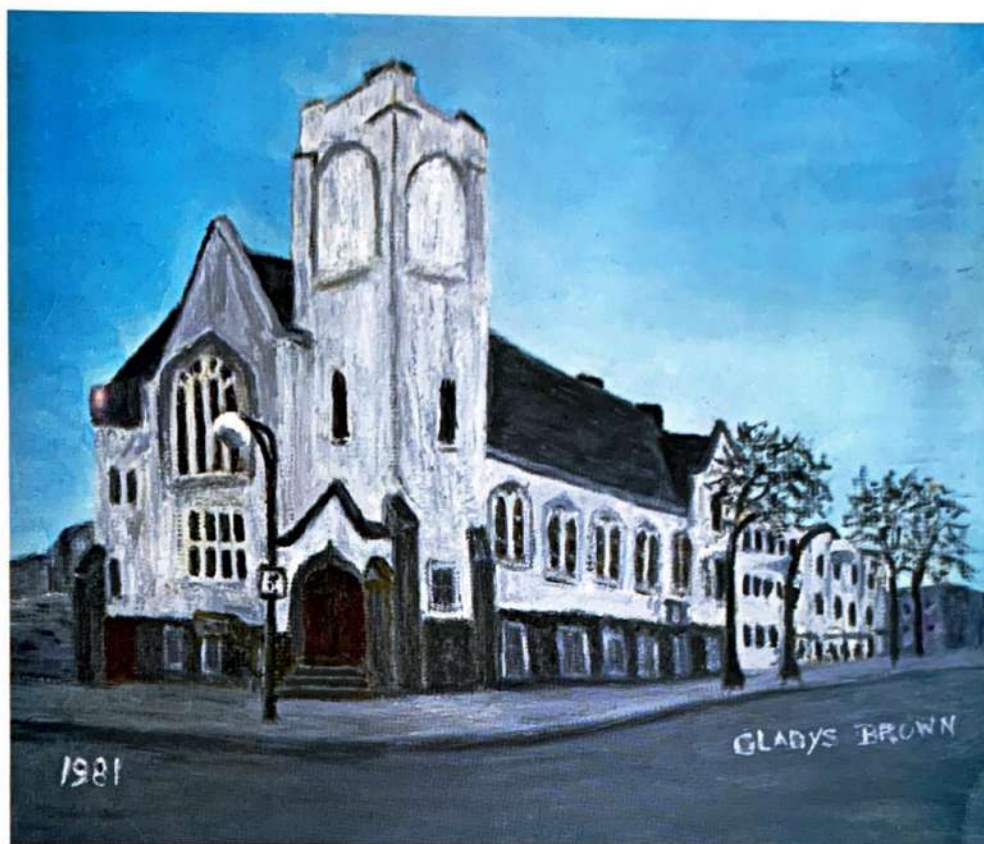


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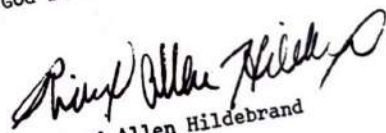
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Greetings and Salutation to all of the members of and Delegates to the 160th Session of the New York Annual Conference. We welcome all of our visitors as well.

Congratulations to the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene McAshan and the entire Bethel Church family for the extensive renovations and other preparations that have been made for entertaining this conference. Tremendous strides forward have taken place in the life of Bethel under the leadership of this dynamic pastor.

In these days of national and international stress; in these days of severe economic deprivation of our people, let us who assemble here to do the work of our Lord through the African Methodist Episcopal Church, more earnestly seek the will of God for us. Let us hear and now rededicate ourselves to serving our people more effectively. God be with you.

God be with you always,



Richard Allen Hildebrand
Bishop

God Our Father
Christ Our Redeemer
Man Our Brother

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Rev. Vernon I. Lowe, Presiding Elder



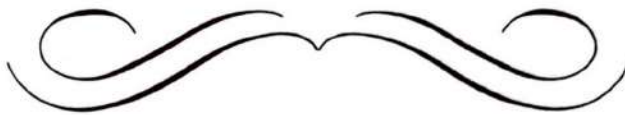
Mrs. Lowe and I extend greetings to our dear Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Richard Allen Hildebrand and our first lady, Mrs. Beatrix Hildebrand and welcome them with great joy, along with visiting Bishops, General Officers, Presiding Elders, Clergy Persons and Lay Persons to the 160th Session of the New York Annual Conference.

To the delegates and members of the conference, we extend best wishes and join in prayer that this will be a most fruitful and successful session.

We commend our host pastor, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene E. McAshan, and the very dedicated members of Bethel for their untiring effort in preparation for our entertainment. We thank God for them.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon I. Lowe,
Host Presiding Elder



Greetings and Best Wishes from the Presiding Elder Supervisor, Pastors, District Workers, and Members, of The Manhattan District of The New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; to the 160th Annual Session of The New York Annual Conference, being hosted by The Reverend and Mrs. Eugene E. McAshan, and The Entire Bethel Family of Buffalo, N.Y. and being presided over by that Prince of Bishops, The Right Reverend Richard Allen Hildebrand. From all of us.



Rev. William Lee Freeman, Presiding Elder



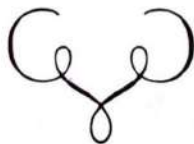
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MRS. ETHEL MULDROW

GREETINGS FROM . . .
The Brooklyn-Long Island District

Mrs. Muldrow and I wish to join our hands, hearts and outstretched arms with Dr. and Mrs. Eugene E. McAshan and The Bethel Family; one of the finest, most loyal and progressive congregations, in welcoming our distinguished Bishop and our Queenly First Lady, Bishop and Mrs. R. A. Hildebrand; Pastors, Delegates, Missionaries and Visiting Friends to the One Hundred and Sixtieth Session of the Great New York Conference.

God's blessings and His success be with you.

REVEREND & MRS. WILLIAM MULDROW



Mrs. Ruth A. Hughes



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To Bishop & Mrs. Hildebrand, Rev. and Mrs. McAshan, and the entire Bethel Membership:
The youngest District wishes you to know that you have our prayers and best wishes for a very successful Annual Conference.

To Bishop and Mrs. Hildebrand, members and friends
of the 160th Session of the New York Annual Conference —

WELCOME TO THE QUEEN CITY OF THE GREAT LAKES!



Rev. E.E. McAshan

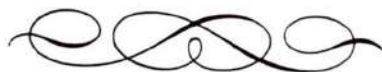


Mrs. McAshan

I am privileged to greet you at this historic Citadel of African Methodism. Mrs. McAshan and the Bethel family join me in assuring you that as your hosts we shall do all that is humanly possible to make your stay here comfortable and rewarding.

Bethel is a great congregation and we are grateful to the Almighty God and our Bishop for affording us this opportunity to host the 160th Session of the New York Annual Conference. Our facilities are at your disposal and our concern is for you.

Your Host,
Eugene E. McAshan





JAMES D. GRIFFIN
MAYOR

CITY OF BUFFALO
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April 2, 1982

Greetings:

It gives me great pleasure to extend the warmest welcome to the delegates and guests attending the 160th Session of the New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Churches being held in Buffalo May 10-16, 1982.

I join with the host minister, Reverend Eugene E. McAshan and the host church, Bethel A.M.E., in extending personal greetings to Bishop Richard A. Hilderbrand, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal District, and to other officers and ministers gathered.

I am sure you will find that even during these difficult economic times through which we are passing, Buffalo is on the move and living up to its name of the "City of Good Neighbors."

We invite you to tour our city and see the downtown development, the waterfront, the neighborhoods, the churches, the parks, and the other cultural activities.

1982 marks the City of Buffalo's Sesquicentennial Celebration Year, making us partners in progress with Bethel A.M.E. Church, which celebrated its 150th year in 1981.

As I hope you can see, I am "Talking Proud" when I say welcome to Buffalo.

Sincerely,

James D. Griffin
James D. Griffin

Felicitations and Success!
Welcome to the Queen City of the Great Lakes!
We hope your Session will be informative and rewarding.



**Senior Stewards of Bethel AME Church
Buffalo, New York**

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The Trustees of Bethel AME Church Welcome You to WNY



Front Row: Jessie Levy, Leonard Garr, Mrs. Garnet Wallace, Mrs. Sarah Fogan, Rev. McAshan, M Florida Strickland, E. Paul Smith, Vice Chairman, Rudolph Laster.

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Greetings To The 160th Session The New York Annual Conference



The Jr. Steward Board

Seated from Left to Right: Mrs. Alice Perry, Mrs. Ada Belle Harris, President; Rev. McAshan Cynthia Flood, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Thelma Miles.

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**Greetings to
Bishop and Mrs. Hildebrand
& all our wonderful visitors.**

**Feel at home
and if we can be of service,
please call on us.**

**Mrs. Luella Davis
President**

Stewardess Board No. 4

**What a joy it is to greet
you and to host the 160th
Annual Conference here at
our beloved Bethel in
Buffalo.**

**May success be yours in
all your undertaking.**

**Mrs. Carrie Quarles
President
Mrs. Nettie Wynn,
Acting President**



Best Wishes from Stewardess Board #3

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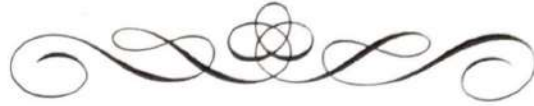
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Best Wishes

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Seated - Front Row: Flora Brown (Here AM I Unit Leader), Gladys Young, Treasurer Ruth Holley, (Dorcas Sisters Unit Leader), Garnet Wallace, W.N.Y. Area Chairman, Jewel McAshan, Supervisor, Rev. Eugene E. McAshan, Pastor, Carolyn B. Thomas, Sr. Unit Leader, Mary Bell, Thelma Lanier, Vera Gladden, Vera Battle

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Sunday School



Best Wishes and may you have a good day!
The Sunday School Audience during the Annual Easter Program
Mrs. Thelma Lanier, Dir. Chr. Ed. Mr. Celeste Tisdale, Supt.

The Junior Choir



Bethel's Newest Addition

Mrs. Connie Smith, Directress



The First family, officer and members of Bethel Church, New York City, extend our good wishes to and our prayers for Bishop and Mrs. Hildebrand as they begin this 160th Session of the New York Annual Conference.

Rev. O'Neil MacPeters

Greetings to Our Episcopal Leaders . . .
Bishop and Mrs. Richard Allen Hildebrand.
Best Wishes for a Successful Annual Conference.
Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. McAshan and the Bethel Family.
Thank you for your hospitality.



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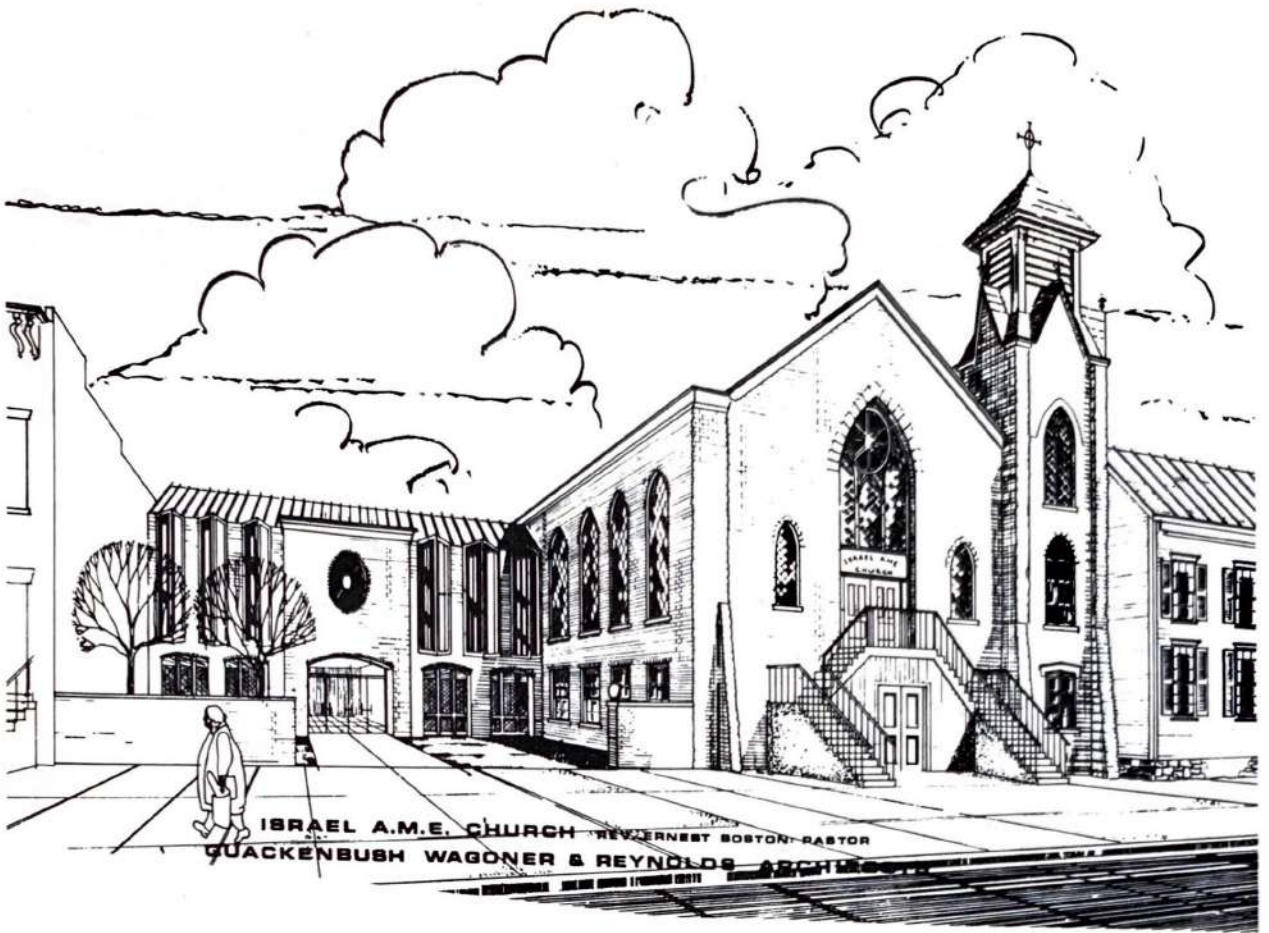
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NO CREED BUT CHRIST — NO LAW BUT LOVE



Rev. Carlton Woodward, Pastor of St. John A.M.E. Church, Niagara Falls, New York.

Mrs. Woodward and I as well as the entire St. John family greet you, one and all as you sojourn into Western New York. We know that you will find, in addition to the gracious hospitality extended to you by the host church, a sincere welcome from St. John as you visit our city and view the magnificent Falls there. Please feel free to call upon us.



"OUR DREAM"

GREETINGS FROM,

Israel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Ernest L. Boston, Pastor

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Male Chorus of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

To the 160th session of the New York Annual Conference and our beloved first family, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene E. McAshan, Greetings with the Rich Blessings of God to you all.

The first Male Chorus in the history of Bethel Church (150 years old) was organized under the present pastorate of the Rev. Eugene E. McAshan. Rev. Henry A. Wynn was asked to organize a Male Chorus and by Faith and the Grace of God it was done in September of 1981.



E. James, President; Rev. T. Moore, Vice President; K. Pitts, Secretary; S. McMillian, Treasurer; G. Welcher, Chaplain; T. McLe Directress; Rev. H.A. Wynn, Organist & Director.

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Greetings from the Men's Club



Seated: Left to right E. Paul Smith, Vernon Taylor, Rev. Eugene E. mcAshan, James O. Webb, Cleo Ivey, Presi

Standing: Left to right Raymond T. Walton, Henry Davenport, Burton Worthey, Oscar L. Smikle, Willie Arrington Gladden, Rev. Thomas A. Moore, Will Adams, Eugene Pitts, Augustus Jackson, Lindsey McCarter, Eugene Peeple

Greetings to our distinguished Leaders and Guests



The Celestial Choir — Mrs. Jewel McAshan, Directress

Charles Fryer, President; Rose Bell, I Vice President; Christine Davis, II Vice President; Marcia Lanier, Recording Secretary; Denise Demps, Asst. Recording Secretary; Barbara Anderson, Financial Secretary; Therese Simms, Treasurer; Sterla Kelly, Chaplain; Michael Lanier, Marshall; Jewel McAshan, Directress.

Congratulations from the Floral Circle Mrs. Beulah L. Jones, Chairman



The Junior Usher Board

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"DRAMA ON LONG ISLAND SOUND"



Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand officiates at Mortgage Burning on \$75,000.00 parsonage and rededication of newly renovated Church. Presiding Elder W.H. Muldrow, Pastor J.F. Leath, Fellow Clergy persons, congregation share ritual.



Pastor James F. Leath extends invitation to Christian Discipleship.

May God's richest blessings abide with our esteemed prelate, Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand. Greetings to all Presiding Elders, Pastors, Delegates, Missionaries, Laymen and members of the New York Conference. Best wishes to Pastor McAshan, Mrs. McAshan and all the members of our host church. Thanks for your hospitality.

The Pastor, Officers and Members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Copiague, NY extend Greetings and Best Wishes to Bishop and Mrs. Richard Allen Hildebrand, Presiding Elders, Rev and Mrs. Eugene McAshan, and the Bethel Family and to the Members of the 160th Session of the New York Annual Conference.



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On The 160th Session New York Annual Conference.

With The GUIDANCE Of Our Lord And

Saviour Jesus Christ We Will Seek

To Go Higher In His Will In Our Lives. May The Lord

Continue To

Bless Bethel A.M.E. Church.

To Our Episcopal Leader: . . .

Bishop & Mrs. Richard Allen Hildebrand

*Solicitations & Best Wishes
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and The Members of

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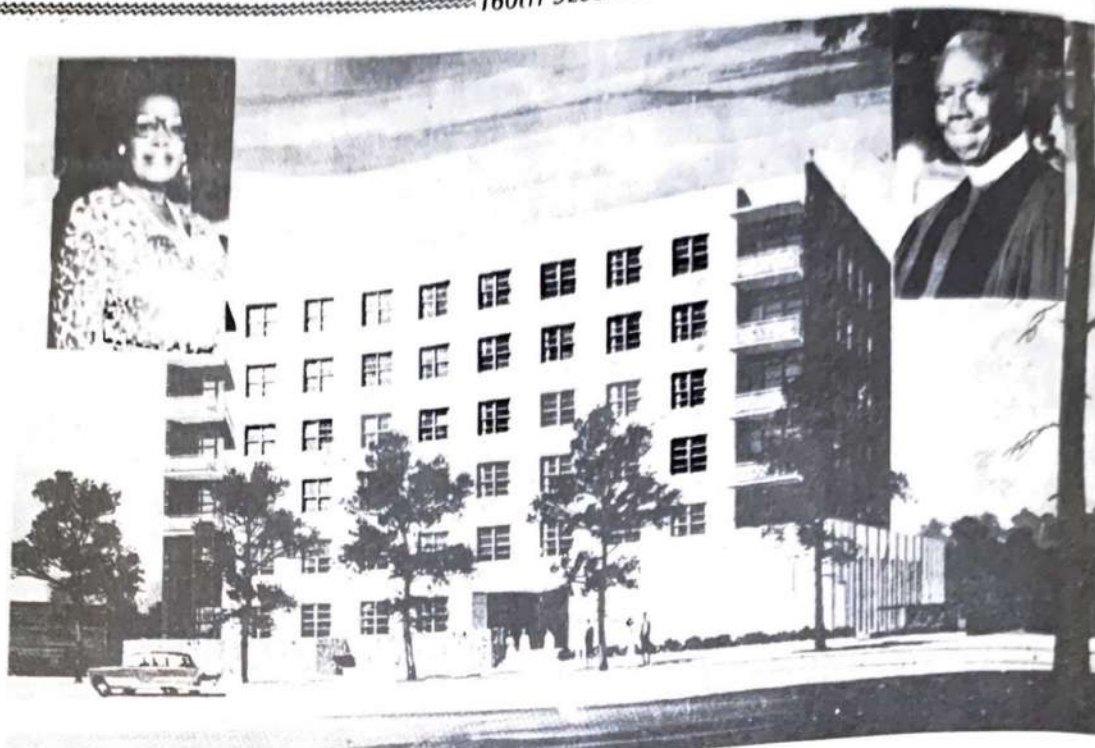
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160th SESSION

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WELCOME



The Commission on Stewardship And Finance
Bro. Eugene D. Thomas, Chairman

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To Greet You
at this Historic 160th Session



The COMMISSION ON MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM

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Mrs. Bettye Wyatt, Chairperson

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The Pastor's Aid Club

Ms. Janie Bell Stewart, President

*Best Wishes To Bishop and Mrs. Richard Allen Hildebrand, Officers
& Members of The 160th Session of The New York Annual Conference*

“GOD LOVES YOU, WE LOVE YOU!”



Rev. Harold L. Rutherford

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Greetings from

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1312 Willow Street

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The Reverend Jeffrey N. Leath, Pastor

The Pastor, Officers and Members
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Extend Our Warmest and Best Wishes to
Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand and the
160th Session of the New York Annual
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Reverend and Mrs. McAshan and
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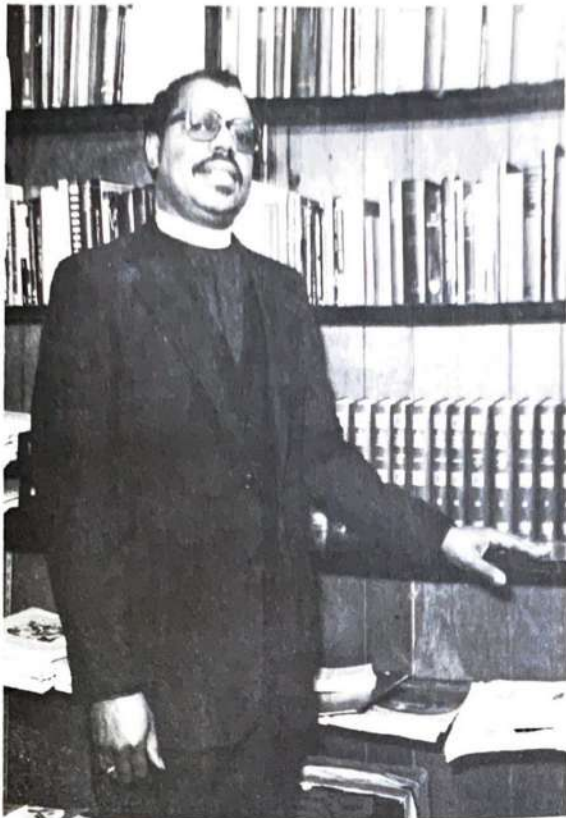
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Rev. Donald L. Tucker

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Rev. Donald L. Tucker
and the
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Congratulations and God's Eternal
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From,

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Rev. Louis A.C. Davis, Pastor

The New York Annual Conference**Agenda
May 11-16, 1982**

THEME: "Growing in Christ; From New Birth To Perfection"
The Rt. Reverend Richard A. Hildebrand, S.T.M., D.D., LL.D., Presiding

- Tuesday - May 11** New York Conference Branch
 Missionary Sermon - Rev. T. James Baptiste
 Missionary Banquet - Buffalo Hilton - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday - May 12**
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Annual Sermon - Rev. William Paul Foley, Sr.
 1:00 p.m. Recess for lunch
 2:30 p.m. Devotions by Dept. of Evangelism
 3:00 p.m. Business Session - Bishop Hildebrand, Presiding
 Roll Call - Organization - Presiding Elders Reports
 Introduction of Visitors
 5:30 p.m. Recess for Dinner
 8:00 p.m. Evening Worship - Meditation - Holy Communion
 Sermon: Reverend S. Frank Emmanuel
- Thursday - May 13**
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
 8:30 a.m. Devotion by Dept. of Evangelism
 9:00 a.m. Christian Endeavor Seminar
 10:00 a.m. Business Session - Bishop Hildebrand, Presiding
 12:00 noon Worship - Sermon: Rev. Clara Castro
 1:00 p.m. Recess for Lunch
 2:30 p.m. Devotions by Dept. of Evangelism
 3:00 p.m. Business - Bishop Hildebrand, Presiding
 5:30 p.m. Recess for Dinner
 8:00 p.m. Laymen in charge of service
- Friday - May 14**
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
 8:30 a.m. Devotion by Dept. of Evangelism
 9:00 a.m. Christian Education Seminar
 10:00 a.m. Business Session - Bishop Hildebrand, Presiding
 12:00 noon Worship - Sermon: Rev. Louis A.C. Davis
 1:00 p.m. Recess for Lunch
 2:30 p.m. Devotion by Dept. of Evangelism
 3:00 p.m. Business - Bishop Hildebrand, Presiding
 5:30 p.m. Memorial Service - Rev. T. James Baptiste
 6:30 p.m. Recess for Dinner
 8:00 p.m. Youth Night Services - Rev. R. McCall
- Saturday - May 15**
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
 8:30 a.m. Devotion by Dept. of Evangelism
 9:00 a.m. Christian Endeavor Seminar
 10:00 a.m. Ordination - Retirement - Worship Services
 12:30 p.m. Recess for Lunch
 Niagara Fall Tour to be announced
- Sunday - May 16**
 8:30 a.m. Conference Church School at Bethel
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sermon: Bishop R.A. Hildebrand
 1:00 p.m. Recess for Lunch
 2:30 p.m. Closing Session

to be held at

Youthtime Christian Center512 Pearl Street
Buffalo, New YorkBishop R.A. Hildebrand, Presiding
"Songs of Inspiration"Resolutions - Finance Committee Report
Appointments - Closing Prayer - Benediction

BETHEL'S HISTORY

by
Dr. Monroe Fordham

Bethel A.M.E. Church of Buffalo, New York is one of the oldest congregations in the city. Organized in 1831, the church has a history that predates, by one year, the corporation of the city of Buffalo. During the more than 150 years of its existence, Bethel has established an enviable record of community service and spiritual leadership.

In the years immediately after its founding in 1831, the "Colored Methodist Society" of Buffalo functioned as an independent religious body. In 1836 the "Society" petitioned the New York Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church for pastoral care. The New York Annual Conference responded by sending Rev. Richard Williams to Western New York to organize A.M.E. congregations in the region. Rev. Williams formed a 31 member congregation in Buffalo. He also licensed two local preachers. Rev. George Weir, Sr., was the first A.M.E. pastor to be assigned to the Buffalo "station", and was succeeded by the Rev. Thomas W. Jackson in 1847.

During its early years, the Buffalo congregation worshipped in a house in Carroll Street. In 1839 the group moved to a frame building on Vine Street. The original Vine Street Church was replaced with a new brick structure, at a cost of \$3000 in 1845. Shortly after a Rev. Burch, described as a very able minister, was assigned. The Vine Street A.M.E. Church, as it was known during the 19th century, remained on Vine Street until 1928. During that period the following ministers served:

1850 - 1854	Rev. Jabez P. Campbell	1892 - 1893	Rev. Charles W. Mossell
1854 - 1857	Rev. Henry J. Johnson	1893 - 1895	No record
	Rev. James M. Williams	1895 - 1896	Rev. J.L. Watkins
	Rev. Leonard Patterson	1896 - 1898	Rev. W.H. Bryant
1857 - 1864	Rev. Deaton Darrell	1898 - 1899	Rev. Seth D.W. Smith
1864 - 1868	Rev. Francis J. Peck	1899 - 1901	Rev. J.C. Ayler
	Rev. W.T. Catto	1901 - 1902	Rev. E.A. Johnson
1868 - 1869	Rev. Elisha Weaver	1902 -	Rev. Francis P. Giles
1869 - 1871	Rev. Abraham C. Crippen		(rejected by members- church split)
1871 - 1873	Rev. J.W. Cooper	1902 - 1905	Rev. J. Harris Accoe
1873 - 1875	Rev. J.G. Mowbray	1905 - 1906	Rev. A.Q. Norton
1875 - 1876	Rev. Caleb Woodyard	1906 - 1907	Rev. M.W. Traverse
1876 - 1879	Rev. Abraham C. Crippen	1907 - 1909	Rev. E.C. Gumbs
1879 - 1880	Rev. George W. Bailey	1909 - 1913	Rev. A.C. Saunders
1880 - 1882	Rev. George Dardis	1913 - 1914	Rev. H.H. Williams
1882 - 1885	Rev. Henry Harrison	1915 - 1920	Rev. Alonzo L. Wilson
	(Died in office)	1920 - 1922	Rev. H. Allen Garcia
1885 - 1887	Rev. Rudolph H. Shirley	1922 - 1926	Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter
1887 - 1890	Rev. William H. Thomas	1926 - 1935	Rev. Mansfield E. Jackson
1890 - 1892	Rev. Horace Talbert		

In January 1928, the congregation moved to a building at 551 Eagle Street, where it remained for 25 years before moving to its present Michigan Avenue location in 1953. In that quarter of a century, Bethel was pastored by the following pastors:

- 1935 - Rev. Charles Stewart (departed abruptly)
 1935 - 1938 Rev. J.A. Portlock
 1938 - 1939 Rev. H.P. Anderson
 1939 - 1940 Presiding Elder James A. Manning
 (replaced Rev. Anderson who died suddenly)
 1940 - 1941 Rev. William McKinley Dawkins

During the 19th century, several of Bethel's pastors and numerous members were active in the anti-slavery movement. The Vine Street Church and the homes of some of its members were often used as places of refuge for fugitive slaves on the way to Canada. Frederick Douglass, William Wells Brown and others, including Pastors of the Vine Street Church, spoke out against slavery and racial caste from the pulpit of the church.

In 1867, Henry Moxley, a trustee of the Vine Street A.M.E. Church, launched a legal attack on Buffalo's segregated school system. Moxley charged the city with violating the federal Civil Rights Act of 1866. The State Supreme Court eventually ruled against Moxley, but the case is significant because it was one of the first school segregation cases to be brought under the 1866 Civil Rights Act.

When the "great migration" began to swell the Afro-American population of Buffalo in the early 20th century, Bethel A.M.E. of Buffalo played an important role in acculturating the newcomers from the south. The 1920's brought many new members and a period of prosperity to Bethel Church. During the 1930s the newcomers joined forces with the "old Bethelites" and together they weathered the hard times of the "great depression".

By the early 1940s, the Afro-American community of Buffalo was beginning to share in the economic prosperity of the WW II industrial production. During the administration of the Rev. D. Ormond Walker (1941-1948), Bethel's membership and financial assets reached new heights. In 1948, Rev. Walker was elected to the Bishopric on the first ballot. Rev. Walker was the first minister to be elected as a Bishop while pastoring at Bethel, Buffalo.

During the post-WW II era, the church continued to move forward and prosper under Revs. John W.P. Collier, Charles E. Stewart, and Harry J. White, Sr. It was under Rev. White, in 1953, that the congregation moved from Eagle Street to its present location. Following Rev. White's 13 year ministry, Bethel was ably led successively by the late Rev. G. Grant Crumpley and Rev. James K. Baldwin.

In its first 150 years, Bethel has made many outstanding contributions in serving the spiritual and social needs of the community. But the congregation does not intend to rest on its past achievements. Under the leadership of its present pastor, Rev. Eugene E. McAshan, Bethel looks to the future with confidence and a determination to build on an already rich legacy.

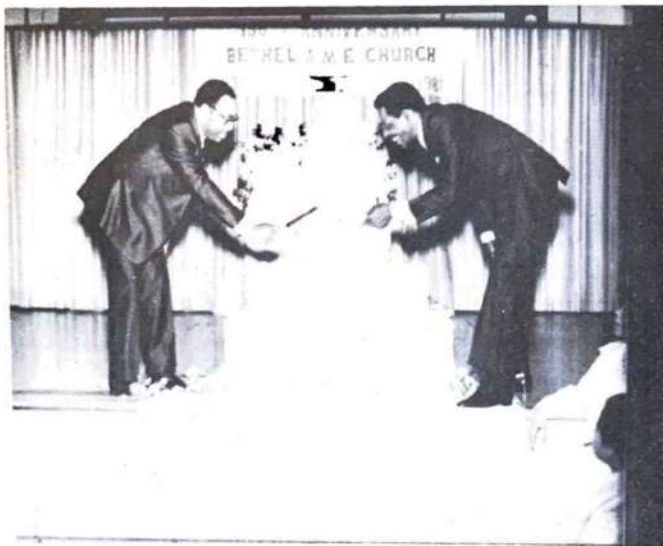
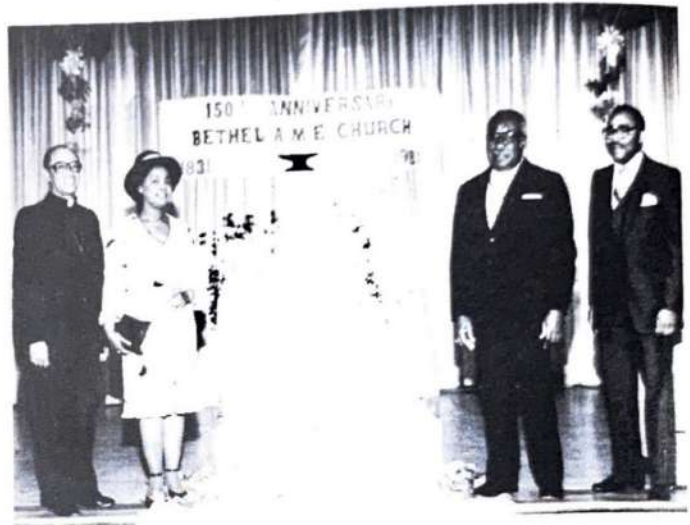
1831



Beautiful
A.M.E. Plaque
Awarded to
Mayor Jimmy Griffin
by Rev. McAshan
while Bishop Hildebrand
and Presiding Elder
Lowe look on —

**A 4-ft. Cake
for a Church's
150th Birthday!**

P.E. and Mrs. Lowe,
Bishop Hildebrand and
Pastor McAshan
measure up!



Rev. McAshan
and
Rev. Brook Benton
decide to cut a
hefty slice!

A Very Happy Birthday
it was —

**BETHEL'S
SESQUICENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION
1831 - 1981**

**Councilman-at-Large
Delmar Mitchell
presents City's plaque
to Rev. McAshan**



**Dr. Watley, President
Paul Quinn A.M.E. College
Waco, Texas
Addresses the Church
at Banquet**

**Queen of the 150th
Anniversary
Mrs. Beatrice Anderson
and
King Cleo Ivey
Mrs. Carolyn B. Thomas
Program Chrm.
Mrs. Matilda Seamster
General Chrm.
Pastor Eugene McAshan**





GENERAL CHAIRMAN
150th Anniversary

Mrs. Seamster was the first "Women's Day Chairman" in Bethel to have raised over and beyond \$5,000. She has served as a Sunday School Teacher, Stewardess, Secretary of Missionary Society and was elected annually for 40 years as President of the Sons and Daughters of Bethel and is still dedicated to God and His Church.

We are grateful to God for her miraculous recovery.

"Member of Bethel A.M.E. Church for 63 Years"

MEMBERS OF BETHEL CHURCH FOR 50 YEARS OR MORE

WE SALUTE YOU!

- 1915 - Mrs. Ethel Holmes
- 1914 - Mr. Theodore Holley
- 1915 - Mrs. Sarah Wright
- 1917 - Mrs. Kathryn Robinson
- 1920 - Mrs. Alberta Nelson
- 1920 - Mrs. Charlotte Lewis
- 1923 - Mrs. Ellen Smith
- 1922 - Mrs. Lula Cook
- 1923 - Mrs. Ellis Clark
- 1923 - Mr. John Bass
- 1925 - Mrs. James Britt
- 1925 - Mrs. Georgia Tillman
- 1932 - Ms. Bernice Dabney

- 1929 - Mrs. Idella Pope
- 1929 - Mrs. Louella Davis
- 1929 - Mr. General Bass
- 1929 - Mrs. Willie Mae Jones
- 1930 - Mrs. Mary Bell
- 1930 - Mrs. Hattie Lou Jones
- 1930 - Mr. William Fluitt
- 1930 - Mrs. Mable Fitzgerald
- 1930 - Mrs. Sarah Hall
- 1931 - Mrs. Lottie Brailsford
- 1931 - Mrs. Edna Brown
- 1928 - Mrs. Lula Peoples
- Mrs. Virginia Means
- 1930 - Mrs. Mable Cuthbert
- Mr. Dock F. Gary

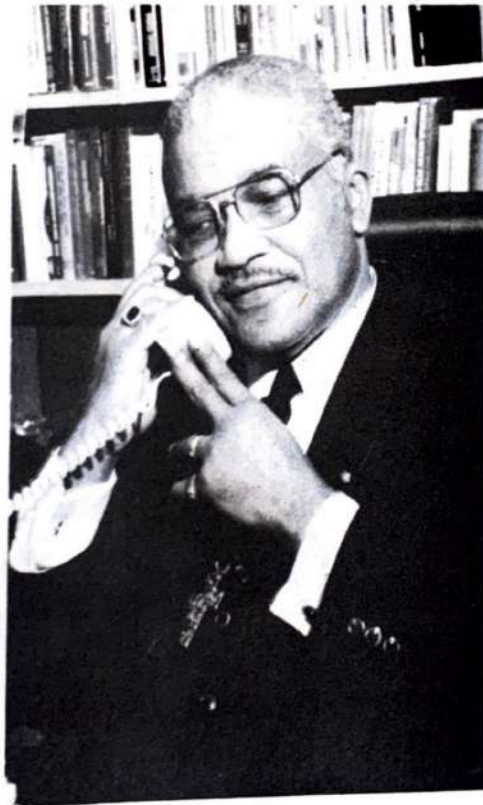
- 1916 - Mrs. Bessie Knight
- 1916 - Mr. Glowver Knight
- 1922 - Mrs. Annabelle Moxley
- 1918 - Mrs. Matilda Seamster
- 1930 - Mr. Joseph Henderson
- 1920 - Mrs. Minnie Washington
- 1925 - Mrs. Georgia Hinson
- 1930 - Mrs. Mamie Hayes
- 1931 - Mrs. Lillian Parker
- 1921 - Mrs. Ann Harris
- 1916 - Mrs. Anna Davidson
- 1930 - Mrs. Pearl Richardson
- 1928 - Mrs. Linnie Branch
- 1929 - Mrs. Willah B. Dubard
- 1932 - Mr. Charles Clinton



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*Best Wishes to Bethel A.M.E. Church and its Pastor,
Dr. Eugene McAshan, as Host Church for the 160th Session
of the New York Annual Conference A.M.E. Church.*

The Officers and Members of Historic Macedonia A.M.E. Church

Flushing, New York

REVEREND RICHARD F. NORRIS, Pastor

Salute

Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand,

Our Hosts

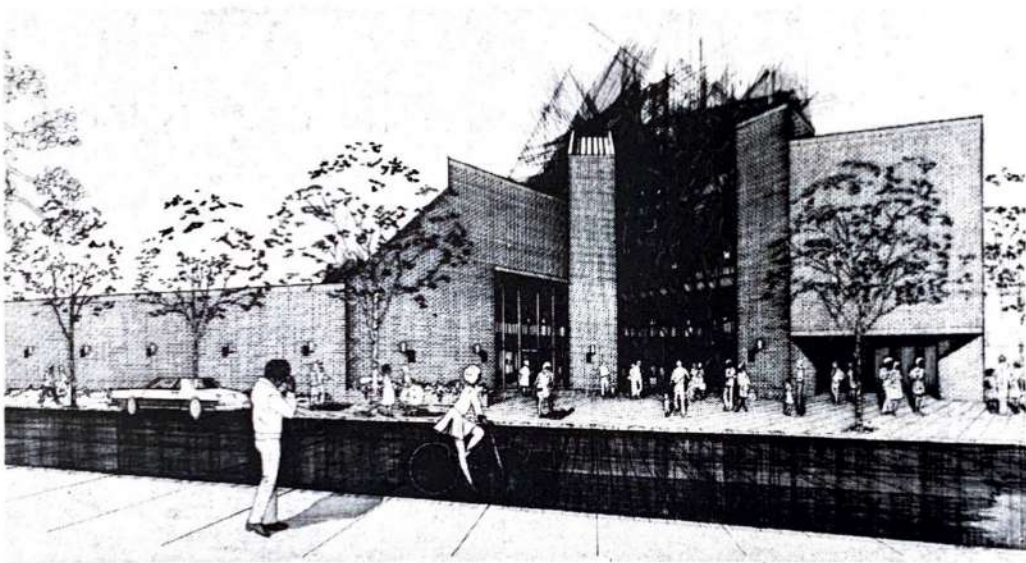
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The Members of the New York Annual Conference



"THE ALLEN FAMILY"

Expresses heartiest greetings to Bishop and Mrs. Richard Allen Hildebrand; Rev. and Mrs. Eugene E. McAshan, Presiding Elders, Pastors, Lay persons, Missionaries, Delegates, members and friends of the 160th Session of the NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE.



The Allen A.M.E. Church Educational Center under construction

The Allen Educational Center
(Completion date: Fall 1982)

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The Rev. Floyd H. Flake, Pastor

Congregulations and Much Success

In Hosting

The Most Propitious Annual Conference

The New York Conference Has Ever Known

Foundest Regards

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And The Officers And Members

Of

Bethel A.M.E. Church,

Hartford, Connecticut.

Greetings and Best Wishes
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To Bishop Hildebrand and Rev. McAshan - From St. James A.M.E. Church
"Then said Jesus unto them, "When ye have lifted up the Son of Man, then shall ye know that I am He.
And that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that
please Him".

ST. JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH

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Greetings and Best Wishes

to the 160th Session of the New York Annual Conference
of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

From the Officers and members of

TRUE VINE A.M.E. CHURCH

2291 Seventh Avenue
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SHARING THAT IS SPIRIT-FILLED

May the choicest blessings of God attend
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Buffalo, New York
May 11 - 16, 1982

The Buffalo Ecumenical Pastor's Fellowship

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| The Rev. Henry I. Lewis | Delaine Waring A.M.E. Church |
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| The Rev. Eugene E. McAshan..... | Bethel A.M.E. Church |
| The Rev. James R. Banks..... | Faith Baptist Church |
| The Rev. William Gillison..... | Mt. Olive Baptist Church |

To Bishop Hildebrand, Rev. McAshan, the 160th N. Y. Annual A.M.E.
Conference convening in Buffalo:

Greetings!

Your Council of Churches, representing many denominations,
but one body in Christ, is proud to share in
this great moment with the Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Rev. Robert Grimm, Executive Director

God bless you in your 160th Anniversary Year.
Congratulations on hosting the New York State Annual Conference
The Board of Directors and Staff
The Rev. Charles R. White, Executive Director

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Keep faith & praise high! — Rev. & Mrs. Robert L. Pruitt, Wash., D.C.

*The Pastor, Officers and Members
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*543 Richmond Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14222*

Extend

Filicitations and Best Wishes

To Our

Brothers and Sisters In Christ

at

Bethel A.M.E. Church

as you

Host The 160th

Session of the New York Annual Conference

of the

African Methodist Episcopal Church

May the choice blessings of God be with

All who officiate and attend this

Annual Session.

The Rev. Paul F. Thompson, Pastor



Mr. and Mrs. James O. Webb

A STEWARD SPEAKS

Greetings to Bishop Hildebrand, Dr. and Mrs. McAshan, the Bethel family.
And the N.Y. Annual Conference:

1. Be silent or speak something worth hearing.
2. True friendship is a plant of slow growth.
3. In this world, it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich.
4. There is nothing so powerful as truth.
5. Love all, trust a few, do wrong to no one.
6. The true art of memory is the art of attention.
7. Speak well of everyone if you speak of them at all.
8. A day of worry is more exhausting than a week of work.
9. Joy is not in things, it is in us.
10. He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.
11. Each morning look back upon your work of yesterday and then try to beat it.
12. One of the real joys of our lives is having friends and keeping in touch with them.

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Webb
Bethel Buffalo



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BETHEL HEAD START PROGRAM

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The Bethel Head Start Program serves 285 preschool children and their families, including handicapped children.

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QUEENS OF BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH



SEATED: Left to Right:

Ruth L. Holley - 4th - 1969
Beulah L. Jones - 1st - 1965
Clara Tate - Our Present Queen
Bessie Washington - 2nd - 1966
Thelma G. Lanier - 3rd - 1968

STANDING: Left to Right

Sarah Fogan - 1977
Vera Battle - 1976
Garnet H. Wallace - 1974
Rev. Eugene E. McAshan
Jessie Smith - 1972
Lillie Younger - 1970

Norma Jean Dorsey - 1971 (inset)
Adeline Rogers (deceased) - 1973
Ida Mae Smith - 1975



NORMA JEAN DORSEY

To Rev. & Mrs. E.E. McAshan and the Committees of the Souvenir Journal -

Grace be unto you and Peace from Jesus Christ our Lord, which is and which was and which is to come:
We, the past queens and present queen of Bethel A.M.E. Church congratulate you
and bid you Godspeed.

Norma Jean Dorsey

**GREETINGS FROM
THE ANDERSON FAMILY OF BETHEL BUFFALO!!**

Dr. Charles L. Anderson, Sr.
Beatrice L.
Charles L., Jr.
Monica L.
Brian L.
Charlene L.
Beatrice Rebecca L.
and
Grandmother, Rebecca

PRAISE AND HONOR TO OUR GREAT CHURCH!



Best Wishes

Mrs. Clara Tate

Queen of Bethel 1978-1982

(Raised over \$2400.00)

*A life long Bethelite-Ardent supporter of the
Church - An Activist at City Hall -
Mother & grandmother.*

*Greetings to the 160th Session
of the NY Annual Conference
From Mrs. Beulah L. Jones*

and

her great-grand nephews

and

beautiful little great-grand niece

- William A. Battle, III San Diego, California
- Gregory Allen & Jessie Smith Seattle, Washington
- Dionne Losuie Carson Vancouver, B.D., Canada
- David Trammell Battle Buffalo, New York
- Erik Etienne Battle Buffalo, New York

Newest Member of the Clan - Baby Ted Frederic Cook II

--getting it all together



A Portion of Bethel's Camp Fire Group

(Organized 11 years ago by Carolyn B. Thomas)

1st Row-left to right — Almeta Boles, (leader) Nancy Young, (leader) Deborah Smith, (leader) Tracy Johnson, Dawn Johnson, & Carrie Alexander (leader)

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Georgia Club



SEATED: Left to right Mrs. Hattie Lou Jones, Mrs. Odessa Pickens, President, Rev. Eugene E. McAshan, Ms. Ann Cooper, Financial Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs. Ellen Smith, Chaplain

STANDING: Left to right Mrs. Carolyn B. Thomas, Mrs. Ada B. Harris, Mr. Cleo Ivey, Mrs. Cecelia Sharpe, Vice President Miss Lila Hurst Sunshine Chairman.

NOT SHOWN: Mrs. Margaret Thomas, Mrs. Ethel Wilder, Mrs. Mattie Gardner



Carolyn B. Thomas
Lay Person
Member of the
Episcopal Committee



Eugene D. Thomas
Steward
and
Church Treasurer



Congratulations

To our distinguished Prelate, The Rt. Rev. Richard Allen Hildebrand and Mrs. Beatrix Hildebrand; our host, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene E. McAshan, and the 160th Session of the New York Annual Conference -

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Extend Congratulations to our Episcopal Leaders:

Bishop & Mrs. Richard Allen Hildebrand and to
Rev. & Mrs. Eugene McAshan and Congregation
of **BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH, BUFFALO, N.Y.**

Anita Harvey, President
Bessie Gilliam, Area Chairperson

Greetings To:

*Bishop and Mrs. Richard Allen Hildebrand
and the Members of the 160th Session
of the*

New York Annual Conference.

*Rev. and Mrs. Paul D. Baker Sr., and The Emanuel Family
Tuckahoe, New York*



MRS. CORINE JUDGE, President

Greetings To Bishop R.A. Hildebrand, Our Episcopal Supervisor, Mrs. A. Beatrix Hildebrand, the Bethel Family, Rev. & Mrs. McAshan, Presiding Elders, Wives and Delegates to the 160th Session of the New York Annual Conference, from

**The New York Conference Branch of the
Women's Missionary Society**

**Greetings to Bishop and Mrs. Richard Allen Hildebrand
and the entire New York Annual Conference
From the New York Conference Y.P.D.**

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Best Wishes



**Bethel's Laymen Organization's
Christmas Dinner Party at the Golden Nugget**

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Mrs. Agnes Fogan and Mrs. Marjorie Butler, Co-Chairman
Mrs. Julia Moore, Financial Secretary
Mrs. Pearl Richardson, Treasurer

Greetings!



Rev. A. Earl Jordan



Bishop and Mrs. Richard Allen Hildebrand, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene E. McAshan, delegates and friends of the 160th New York Conference.

I join with countless others in congratulating you on the one hundred and sixtieth Annual Conference convening at Bethel Buffalo.

The officers and the Bethel Tabernacle Church Family of Brooklyn extend sincere greetings to you for a successful session.

Rev. A. Earl Jordan
Pastor
1630 Dean St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

**“Teaching Little Children To Come Unto Him _____”
A Basic AME Course**



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Each Sunday at 5 P.M. at Bethel Buffalo
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Extending a Warm Welcome to our Leaders, Delegates, Members:



The Dorcas Sisters Missionary Unit

SEATED: Front row Left to right Garnet Wallace WNY Area Chairperson, Jewel McAshan, Carolyn B. Thomas, past President, Ruth Holley, Chairperson Dorcas Sisters

STANDING: Odessa Pickens, Ruthetta Smikle, Vera Battle, Geraldine Ivey, Vera Gladden, Thelma Lanier, Lillie Younger.

NOT SHOWN: Ellen Morse, Gertha Wilson, Frances Costley, Missouri Penny, Gladys Gowie, & Janie Belle Stewart.