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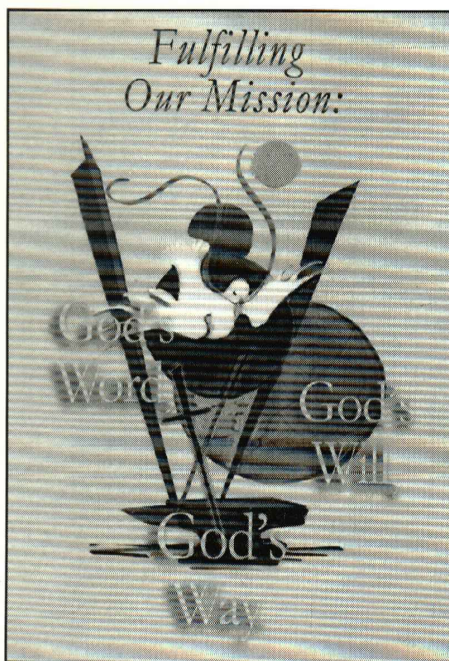
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AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

WESTERN NEW YORK CONFERENCE  
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY



*"Rejoicing In The Spirit Of Christian Fellowship"*

Presenting  
First Ladies And First Gentlemen Of The WNYAC

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

7:30 P.M.

Hyatt Regency Hotel - Buffalo, New York 14202

Mrs. Louise McCoullum, Conference President  
Mrs. Carol Kirkland- Fubler, District President  
Mother Mary Ann Norris, District Supervisor  
The Rt. Reverend Richard F. Norris, Presiding Bishop



*Welcome*

**Episcopal Leaders**

**Rt. Rev. Richard Franklin Norris, Presiding Prelate**

and

**Mother Mary Ann Norris, Episcopal Supervisor**



*To Wonderful, Historical  
and Naturally Beautiful  
Western New York*

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
WESTERN NEW YORK CONFERENCE - WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY



MAY 11, 2005

“FULFILLING OUR MISSION OF SERVICE: REJOICING, PRAYING AND PRAISING GOD”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Welcome to our First Ladies / First Gentlemen celebration!

On behalf of the WNYC-WMS and YPD, it is an honor and privilege to extend greetings to each of you. Thank you for your attendance here this evening as we proudly salute our First Ladies and First Gentlemen within the WNY Conference. We salute each of them for their part as workers in the vineyard for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the WMS and the AME church.

This evening of involvement concludes our Annual Day for this conference year. We go forth from this evening *rejoicing, praying and praising* God for the opportunities given to us this past year in fulfilling the mission. We now look forward to opportunities and challenges that will require our continuing vigilance in being of service in the upcoming conference year within the local, area, conference, district and connectional levels. We then can all say, “To God be the Glory for the Things He Has Done.”

Again, Welcome and thank you for your support.

In the Spirit of Christian Missions,

Louise B. McCoullum  
WNYC-WMS President



PROGRAM  
 HONORING WESTERN NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
**FIRST LADIES AND FIRST GENTLEMEN**  
**MAY 11, 2005**

Reverend Pedro Castro, Jr. Master of Ceremonies

- Introduction of Master of Ceremony ..... Ms. Paula Young
- Processional ..... Episcopal Leadership  
 Conference Queen and her Court  
 Honored First Ladies and First Gentlemen
- Opening Selection ..... "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"
- Prayer ..... Mrs. Lucretia Bowie
- Welcome ..... Conference Queen
- The Occasion ..... Mrs. Etta Cohen
- Salute to Bishop Richard Allen and First, First Lady, Mrs. Sarah Allen  
 Mrs. Beverly Dove-Hampton
- Selection ..... "God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer"  
 WMS Choir
- Introductions/Presentation of WNY AC First Ladies and First Gentlemen:  
 Mrs. Louise McCoullum
- Grace ..... Ms. Mary Grant

**RECEPTION**

- Awarding of Gifts ..... Mrs. Cohen and Mrs. McCoullum
- Honorees Responses
- Recognition to WNYAC Congregations
- Solo ..... Presiding Elder James E.F. Lawrence
- Closing Remarks ..... Mrs. Louise McCoullum  
 Mrs. Carol Kirkland Fubler  
 Mother Mary Ann Norris  
 Bishop Richard Franklin Norris
- Closing Prayer
- Missionary Benediction

**Musical Interlude and Dessert Hour**

Music Provided by Ms. Toni Y. Harris, Conference WMS Worship Director  
 Recorded Music Provided by Mr. James McAdory



# *First Lady*

## *Reverend Sister Lois Cobb*

*Bethel A.M.E. Church  
Lackawanna, New York*

Reverend Sister Lois Cobb is a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Lackawanna, NY, the wife of pastor, Rev. William C. Cobb, Jr.

Rev. Lois is a graduate of Buffalo State College, earning her Bachelor's Degree in Information Systems Management. She is the owner of her own business "*Cobb Web Designs - Fine Arts.*"

Presently, Rev. Sis. Cobb is the advisor to the Smith - Lee - Sylvers WMS at Lackawanna, NY. At Bethel she is the Adult Sunday School Teacher. She is serving the Conference as Assistant Recording Secretary/Financial Secretary, and the Buffalo Area as the Promotion and Missionary Education Director. Rev. Sis. Cobb is also the former advisor to the WMS at Bethel, Olean.

In 1997, the year following the formation of the WNYC, Rev. Lois was the first Western New York Annual Conference Queen, helping the WNYC-WMS to raise over \$4,000.

Rev. Cobb is involved in Christian Education. A presentation on "Know Your Church," was presented at First District Christian Education Congress. She is also the treasurer of the WNY AC - Christian Education Department.

**Awards and Citations have been presented to her including: Award of Appreciation - WNYC - YPD, 2003 -2004 National Register Who's Who in Executive and Professionals, The Outstanding Black Family Award from the Xi Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to her and family in 2000.**

A sustaining scripture in her life is found in Philippians 4: 8- 9. "**Finally**, brothers, whatsoever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, whatever is admirable; If there be any thing excellent or anything praiseworthy; Think about such things. Whatever you have learned of, received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. "

Rev. William and Rev. Lois Cobb, are the parents of three, daughter Vanessa; Sons, William III, and David; and grandparents to "**Tray.**"



*First Lady*  
*Mrs. Dorothy Angela Cromer*

*Agape A.M.E. Church*  
*Buffalo, New York*

Dorothy Angela Cromer, born in Silver Creek, New York-1961, to the parents of James Anthony and Kazuko Moore. At an early age my parents moved to the city of Buffalo. Here I attended Bishop McMahon High School and graduated in 1980. From there I joined the United States Air Force, specializing in Business Administration. In 1986, I was discharged honorably from United States Service. After being discharged from the military service, I went on to manage my father's business-Unisex Salt and Pepper II. At the age of fourteen I gave my life to Christ and joined St. John Baptist Church. There I was active in the youth department and sang in the choir. Before that time I followed my grandfather's ministry-Minister James Tyler Moore, who attended Walls Memorial AME Zion Church.

In 1988, Horace T. Cromer and I were married and out of this union of seventeen years, we have one daughter-Mieko Nicole Cromer, who has been active at Delaine Waring AMEC, St. Mark AMEC, and at present Agape AME Church in their YPD. Presently, I am attending Saint Leo University and will soon be graduating, with a Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration, Specializing in Health Care Administration. My ministry consists of working with and encouraging the young people of today who need to be positive. I believe that we must support children in all their endeavors, in order for them to step out on faith and let God lead them. I am very active with and encourage the young adult and children of Agape AME Church the same way, encouraging them in their walk with Christ.



*First Gentleman*

*Reverend Angelo Dawson*

*St. James A.M.E. Church  
Utica, New York*

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*Born in Norwalk, Connecticut Early years lived in North Carolina*

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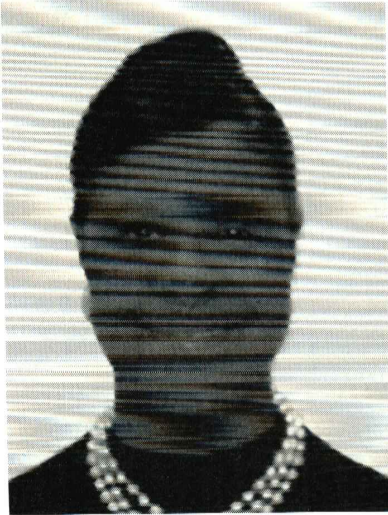
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# *First Lady*

*Reverend Sister Eleanor Dawson*

*Bethel A.M.E. Church  
Schenectady, New York*

REV. ELEANOR D. DAWSON, PASTOR  
ST. JAMES AME CHURCH  
UTICA, NEW YORK

Rev. Eleanor Douglas Dawson accepted God's call to preach in 1996, under the Pastorate of Rev. Richard Allen Stenhouse. She has been ordained an Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Dawson served as a member of the Ministerial staff at Bethel AME in Norwalk, Connecticut for several years; In her role there she taught a weekly Bible Study, lead the Women's Ministry and lead the Revitalization of Bethel's Children's Church.

In November of 2002, Rev. Eleanor joined her husband as Associate Minister at Bethel AME. Church in Schenectady, New York; and served with him until May, 2004 when she was appointed Pastor, St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, Utica, New York. St. James is a house being built by God, and Pastor Eleanor is honored to serve as God's Vessel in that vineyard.

Pastor Eleanor loves the Lord. She is a blood-bought, twice born child of God; and an anointed Preacher and Teacher of God's Word. God is first in her life, and her measure of success is getting to the end of her life having successfully done what He has called her to do.

Pastor Eleanor Douglas Dawson is married to Pastor Angelo S. Dawson; and they reside in Schenectady, New York.

The compass for her life is:

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct your path" Proverbs 3: 5-6**



*First Lady*  
*Mrs. Renee Delatour*

Bethel AMEC

Coxsackie, New York

*We spend precious hours fearing the inevitable. It would be wise to use that time adoring our families, cherishing our friends and living our lives.*

These words of Maya Angelou are words that describe how Renee tries to live her life. However, an addition to that quote, to further describe her life; is serving the Lord with gladness.

Sis. Delatour, the loving wife of the Reverend Felix-Gerard Delatour and the devoted mother of Jennifer (age 18) and Gamaliel (age 13). Sis. Delatour enjoys spending time with her family and role model, her mother Edith Holder. As a very quiet and unassuming person, her idea of having fun and enjoying life is just hanging out on a Saturday or on their weekly trip to Coxsackie - Why? - because she values the quality time spent with some of the most important people in her life, her family.

Sis. Delatour earned a graduate degree in social work from Fordham University. She is employed as a manager in the New York City child welfare system.

As a very private person, Sis. Delatour is thankful for the opportunity to serve the Lord as First Lady of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Coxsackie, New York. She has never been a first Lady in training but trained to stand by the Lord. She stood by the Lord by helping others while a missionary in her home church. Now as a First Lady-and in the spirit of Sarah Allen, she wants to employ the skills she uses in the helping profession in a more noble way. She prays that God will continue to use her and that she allows herself to be used by Him.

To God be all the Glory!!



## *First Lady*

*Mrs. Cynthia Olivia Larkins*

*First A.M.E. Church Lockport*

*Lockport, New York*

*“ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future nor any powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 8:38-39*

Sis. Cynthia Olivia Larkins is the First Lady of First African Methodist Episcopal Church; the wife of Pastor George L. Larkins, III; the mother of three children: Gia, Shakima, John and caretaker of her nephew, Edwin; and the grandmother of three: Sayble, Sa'Wey, and Dave-Michael.

Born in New York City, New York where she lived for 45 years, Sis. Larkins grew up in the Borough of Queens, in the town of Jamaica. Although raised a Baptist, Sis. Larkins converted to African Methodism after her marriage to Rev. Larkins. As Rev. Larkins served on the ministerial staff of Allen African Methodist Episcopal, Sis. Larkins became involved with the youth choir and served as Advisor until Rev. Larkins received his appointment to Canaan African Methodist Episcopal Church in Astoria, Queens. As First lady of Canaan A.M.E., Sis. Larkins served as Advisor to the local Missionary Society there, and was drafted to serve as Area Chairperson for the Flushing Area WMS, which she did for eight years. Rev. and Sis. Larkins relocated to Rochester, New York where they became active members of Baber African Methodist Church. Rev. Larkins served as Associate Minister and Sis. Larkins taught Adult Sunday School.

In May, 2000, Rev. Larkins was appointed Pastor of First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lockport, New York, and Sis. Larkins happily followed her husband and mentor to his new charge. Sis. Larkins serves as Advisor to the Alberta G. Phillips WMS, has taught Adult Sunday School and Wednesday evening Bible Study, and began the Children's Church for children ages 5-8 years old, and the Liturgical Dance Ministry for young girls. She also served for one year as Chairperson of the Membership and Recruitment Committee for the Western New York Women's Missionary Society. However, due to the demands of school, she has taken a sabbatical from her church ministries to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. She will complete her class work in June of 2005, and is scheduled for graduation the following October of this year.

Upon completion of her degree, and at the discretion of her Pastor, Sis. Larkins hopes to resume her ministries at First A.M.E. Church.



## *First Lady*

*Mrs. Irma D. Taylor-Reynolds*

*Delaine Waring A.M.E. Church  
Buffalo, New York*

Mrs. Irma D. Taylor-Reynolds was born in Fort Pierce, Florida, to the parents of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Taylor, Sr. She has six siblings, two brothers, and four sisters. She attended the public schools in Ft. Pierce and upon graduating from high school she attend Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She has done further graduate study at Florida A & M University and received a Masters Degree in Special Education from Nazareth College, Rochester New York.

Mrs. Reynolds is married to The Reverend Robert L. Reynolds, Pastor of Delaine Waring A.M.E. Church, in Buffalo, New York. They are the parents of one son, Ronald Lamonte and have three grandchildren. Mrs. Reynolds is employed as a teacher in the Rochester City School District, Rochester, New York. Prior to moving the Rochester, Mrs. Reynolds taught in the elementary schools in Ft. Pierce, and Jacksonville Florida. Currently she serves as the WNYC Second Vice-President. Mrs. Reynolds actively involves herself in the workings of the Outreach Projects which includes the Mamaa Kit and Blanket Drives.

Mrs. Reynolds currently serves as Advisor of WMS at Delaine Waring, an active member of the Stewardess Board and Sunday School Teacher for the young adult class.



## *First Lady*

*Mrs. Marion Denise Rodgers Smart*

*Israel AME Church  
Albany, New York*

SIS. SMART, a native of Gary, Indiana, is the daughter of Mrs. Judy Starks Rodgers and the late Mr. Jack Rodgers. She was educated in the Gary Public School System and pursued her college education at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and received her degree in Speech Communication. She continued her education receiving her certification for Dietary Nutrition from Purdue University in Calumet, Indiana.

Sis. Smart has been employed by St. Mary Medical Center, Indiana, as its Dietary Supervisor for nine years before moving to the East Coast. Since locating to New Jersey, she found her mission and ministry for her life, in developing the moral, academic and creative spirits in young people. She worked for 12 years as Director of Youth Programming at the Israel Memorial AME Church Cultural Arts Center.

Sis. Smart served as a member of: The University Hospital's Focus 2010 Cancer Coalition, the American Cancer Society Hudson Unit, the Foster and Adoptive Family Services of Essex County and the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (Club Exodus). She is a child advocate for the Children's Defense Fund and travels the country training organizations and lobbying elected officials on the Fund's Campaign to Leave No Child Behind Legislation in conjunction with Mrs. Marian Wright Edelman. Along with Sis. Carol Kirkland Fubler, the two have been presenters at the Samuel Dewitt Proctor's Institute and the Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, Tenn. She has also served as workshop presenter for the Youth Forum addressing Presidents of Historically Black Colleges in the Country. Always leaving the message that the Lord requires us to do for the least of His children. We are their voice until they find their own.

Sis. Smart serves the Lord in the following areas: Special Events Coordinator of the 1<sup>st</sup> Episcopal District Minister's Spouses and Widows Organization, Recording Secretary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Episcopal District WMS, Advisor to the Mary Hallicus Missionary Society. She is a member of the Chancel and Gospel choirs, the Adult Dance Ministry and the Wellness Ministry .

Sis. Marion Smart has been recognized by the National Council Negro Women, Inc., New Jersey State Federation Colored Women and the Newark Foster and Adoptive Family Services for her commitment to children in the communities where she has served.

She is married to the Rev. Dr. Edward Bernard Smart, Jr., and stepmother of Belinda Smart and Godmother to numerous children. She truly believes the work is all divine. Her life scripture to live by can be found in Philippians 4:4-9.



# *First Lady*

*Mrs. Sharon Diana Stenhouse*

*Bethel AME Church  
Buffalo, New York*

Sharon Stenhouse resides in Buffalo, New York with her husband Pastor Richard Allen Stenhouse. Sharon has two sons Mark Anthony and Edward Charles Davis and a stepdaughter Nicole Stenhouse. Sharon also has three grandchildren Lucia, Tiana and Vernard.

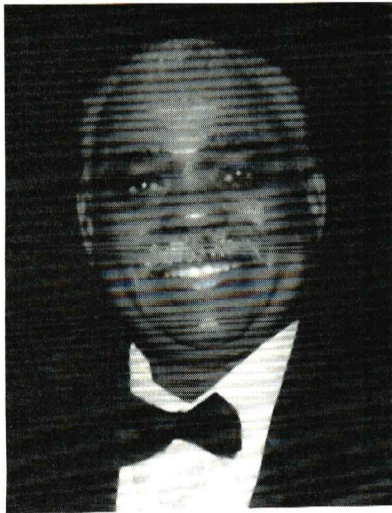
Sharon retired from Norwalk Hospital where she served on the Credit Union Board of Directors. In addition to this she served on the Board of Directors for the Fair Housing Authority of Fairfield County in Connecticut.

Sharon attended Norwalk public school, and Norwalk Community College where she majored in Accounting.

At Bethel Buffalo, Sharon enjoys teaching Bible Study and Sunday school. She is Advisor for the Women's Missionary Society of Bethel-Buffalo, and is the Second Vice President of the Lay Organization. Sharon, an avid reader, is a member of the Book friends, the book club of Bethel AME Church. She is willing to help out wherever needed.

Sharon is President of the Minister's Spouses, Widows and Widowers Organization Plus PK's of Western New York. Also a Member of the Conference Board of Christian Education. She is also the Chairperson for Stewardship and Finance for the First Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society.

Sharon Loves the Lord and He is the head of her life. Her favor Scripture is: I lift up my eyes to the hills where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.



# *First Gentlemen*

*Mr. Walter Taylor*

*St. Mark AME Church  
Kingston, New York*



Walter Taylor, a native of The Bronx, New York, is the 10<sup>th</sup> of thirteen children born to Victorine Taylor Mathis and the late William Taylor. His early schooling was completed in the New York City Public Schools system. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Film Making from the City University of New York and an Associate degree in Graphic Arts. He has been employed for the past 35 years with the New York City Police Department where he is currently deputy director of the Photo Unit.

Brother Taylor is a founding member of Bridge Street AME Church in Brooklyn, New York, where he joined in 1985 under the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Fred A. Lucas, Jr. He was reared in First Bethel AME Church in Manhattan under The Rt. Rev. Richard A. Hildebrand, who was pastor at the time. At Bridge Street, Brother Taylor was a Senior Steward, a Holy Steward, a member and past president of the Male Chorus and a member and past president of the Business Association. In 1996, he was awarded the honor of being Bridge Street's Man of the Year.

By profession, Mr. Taylor is a photographer. He has a passion for collecting vintage Black films and has over 200 films in his collection. He has a wealth of knowledge on early Blacks in cinema and enjoys sharing the information and screening his films for social gatherings and fundraising. Brother Taylor served during the Vietnam era in the United States Air Force. He has a tremendous sense of humor yet takes his walk on this Christian journey very seriously.

For the past 18 years, he has been married to the Rev. Faye Banks Taylor. He is the father of two grown children, Monica and Jonathan, grandfather of his pride and joy, five year old Kayla and godfather to Joy, DeCari and Nina.





# *First Lady*

*Mrs. Mira J. Washington*

*Baber AME Church  
Rochester, New York*

Mira J. Washington was born in Providence, Rhode Island and was educated in the public schools. She graduated from Community College of Rhode Island with A.A. Liberal arts with a minor concentration in Business Administration. She also furthered her studies at Rhode Island College majoring in psychology.

Mrs. Washington worked in the Banking Industry for several years as a Senior Training Manager in the Training & Development Division. She was an outstanding motivational and public speaker and received many accolades for the development and implementation of several bank wide programs. She recently joined the retail supermarket industry Stop & Shop Supermarket in Rhode Island and New Jersey. She became one of the first African American women to join the Senior Management team at Stop & Shop Supermarket, Inc initially in Rhode Island. She received recognition for her continued effort and support to foster a diverse company.

She has been an A.M.E. her entire life. Since her early childhood she has been involved in various capacities of the Church. Now serving as an adult has afforded her the opportunity to once again serve in various positions in the Church. Mrs. Washington has served as Local Advisor to the Sally L. Robinson Women's Missionary Society at Allen A.M.E. Church, Providence, Rhode Island; Mary B. Austin Women's Missionary Society at Union Chapel A.M.E. Church. She is presently serving as Local Advisor to the Women's Missionary Society, Baber A.M.E. Church, Rochester, New York. She has held other positions in the Women's Missionary Society such as: Local WMS President, Area YPD Director, Area WMS Director, Committee member of Budget and Finance, Conference Recording Secretary, Conference YWI Coordinator, and the former treasurer of the Ministers and Spouses, Widowers Alliance.

She is a member of 100 Black Professional Women, NAACP, Church Women United. She has also been a member of Urban Bankers, Training & Development Association, Urban League Guild of Rhode Island, National Council of Negro Women, Board of Directors of Hudson County Chamber of Commerce, Junior League of Rhode Island, and RI Ministerial Alliance Spouses President. She also served as a volunteer for the Girl Scouts, Inc., Junior Achievement, Women's Shelter.

Mrs. Washington enjoys gardening, bowling and arts & crafts. When time allows you will find her playing miniature golf. She also enjoys instructing spiritual aerobic classes. Her hobby is collecting elephants. She has traveled to Lagos, Nigeria to study the West African culture.

The joy of the Lord is her strength because it is Him who continues to bless and keep her. It is His power that allows her to do His will. Her sustaining scripture is Psalms 34: 1. II I will bless the Lord at all times and His praise shall continually be in my mouth. "A favorite song \\ Blessed Assurance". Her testimony is \\ If I can help somebody as I pass along then I know my living was not in vain.

What gives Mrs. Washington the energy to do what she enjoys doing, with the help of God, is her spouse and companion, and first line of support, The Rev. Marlowe V.N. Washington and their two children Brittany Ella and Marlowe II.



# Congratulations

and

God's Blessings to  
His Child

## The Rev. Lois Cobb

Wife and Mother

Your Husband

Rev. Wm. C. Cobb, Jr.

and

Children



It is a pleasure to  
*salute*  
my stepdaughter

## Rev. Lois Cobb

First Lady

Bethel AMEC

Lackawanna, NY

Brother Ed Williams

## Congratulations

to

Daughter and Sister

## Rev. Lois Cobb

*Words can not express  
how proud we are of you.*

*Stay Faithful.*

*Love,*

*Mom, Lillie Williams*

*Sisters, Paula and Daphene*

Smith-Lee-Sylvers  
Women's Missionary Society

Extend Joyful Greetings  
to

**Rev. Sister Lois Cobb**

our

First Lady and Advisor

Bethel AME Church  
Lackawanna, NY

Rev. Wm. C. Cobb, Jr. Pastor  
Sister Laura Brown, President

Bethel AME Church  
Lackawanna, NY



Sends our

**Congratulations**

and

**Best Wishes**

to

**Rev. Lois Cobb**

*a Praying, committed woman of God*

Steward Board

Rev. Wm. C. Cobb, Jr. Pastor



# Congratulations

## Sister Dorothy Moore Cromer

"A Hymn is Born" - Our Praise and Worship service with great hymns of the church.

Sister Dorothy, we saluted you in your absence. We were inspired with your caring and sharing spirit through your written closing remarks sent to us for this program.

God bless you First Lady of Agape AMEC and Advisor to the Annie W. Hargrave WMS.

Sis. Alene Lewis, President  
Rev. Horace Cromer, Pastor

To My Loving Wife  
and Wonderful Mom,

## Dorothy Angela Cromer

*Yours, O'Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.*

*Yours, O'Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.*

Love,  
Rev. Horace Cromer  
and daughter Miekko





# Congratulations

to

Our "First Gentleman"

**Reverend Angelo S. Dawson**

and

Our "First Lady"

**Reverend Eleanor Dawson**

The

Steward Board

of

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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"Be steadfast, unmovable....knowing that your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15: 58



The  
Trustee Board  
of  
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
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## Salutes

Our "First Gentleman"  
**Reverend Angelo S. Dawson**

"Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to  
the Lord and not to men." Colossians 3:23

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## CONGRATULATIONS

to

**Rev. Angelo S. Dawson**

from

Stewardess-Harriett Redd

Bro. Gus M. Redd

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Schenectady, New York



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Delores Woodard, President

*"Doorkeepers with a smile."*

God Bless You

**Rev. Angelo S. Dawson**

Lay Organization of  
Bethel AME Church  
Schenectady, New York

*"Keep on working"*

## Best Wishes

**Reverend Angela S. Dawson**  
and  
**Reverend Eleanor Dawson**

"God is love and he who abides in love  
abides in God, and God in him."

1 John 4:16

Sarah Allen Missionary Society  
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
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# Greetings

to the

*Western New York Conference  
Missionary Society  
and*

# Best Wishes

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*The "First Gentleman"  
of*

**Bethel A.M.E. Church**  
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and

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# Congratulations

**Reverend Angelo S. Dawson**

and

**Reverend Eleanor Dawson**

"Taste and see  
that the Lord is good."

Psalm 34:8

Valerie Smith  
and  
Ann Bowman







***Congratulations***

*And*

***Best Wishes***

*To*

***Our First Lady***

***Sis. Renee Delatour***

***May God Continue to Bless You!***

***Bethel A.M.E. Church***

***The Virginia Porter Missionary Society***

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***Coxsackie, NY 12051***

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# The First Ladies/Gentleman of the Albany-Kingston Area

Western New York Annual Conference

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of  
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*SALUTE:*

“Reneé Delatour”  
“Reverend Eleanor Dawson”  
“Marion Smart”  
“Walter Taylor”



May God Continue to Bless & Keep You





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*“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all fullness of God.”*

*Ephesians 3:14-19*

*From the Steward Board,  
Trustee Board  
& the Members of  
First AME Church*



*To Our Very Own First Lady,*

*Sis. Cynthia O. Larkins*

*Beloved Wife, Mother, and Daughter*

*You are a radiant,*

*All wise,*

*All loving,*

*All conquering,*

*Child of God.*

*You are guided by infinite*

*wisdom.*

*You are prospered by divine love,*

*In all that you undertake you are successful*

*We Love You and Thank God for You!*

*Your Family, George, John, Edwin, + Millicent*



## Cynthia Larkins "Steadfast"

*"Be strong and steady, always enthusiastic about the Lord's work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is useless."*

*I Corinthians 15:58*

*Rev. & Mrs. Henry Lewis*

## Lady Cynthia Larkins "In due season..."

*"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not."*

*Galatians 6:9*

*Steward Charles Jones,  
Evangelist Lydia Jones  
& Family*

## Cynthia Larkins "Beauty"

*"...He will give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, praise instead of despair. For the Lord has planted them like strong and graceful oaks for His own glory."*

*Psalms 61:3*

*The Sons of Allen  
Rev. Samuel Bell, Sr.  
President*

## Sister Cynthia Larkins "Comforter"

*"Blessed be God, even the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort: Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."*

*2 Corinthians 1:3, 4*

*Sister Irene Jenkins  
& Sister May Davis*

*Lady Cynthia Larkins,*  
*Advisor*



*The Members of the  
Alberta G. Phillips  
Women's Missionary Society*

*Salute You  
"A Godly Woman"*

*Thank You  
"A called, committed, and caring woman  
of God"*

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**TO OUR ADVISOR**

## **SISTER IRMA REYNOLDS**

***MAY GOD CONTINUE  
TO BLESS YOU***

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To the First Lady  
**Sister Marion Smart**

*of*

**First Israel A.M.E. Church**  
 Albany, NY

May God Continue to  
 Shower you with his blessings

The Steward Board  
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**Congratulations**  
 to  
**Our First Lady**  
**Sister Marion R. Smart**

God loves you  
 and so does

**First Israel's Church School**

The Church School  
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 Rev. Edward B. Smart, Pastor

*To Our First Lady,*  
**Sister Marion Smart**

*A Special Welcome, Thanks and  
 Appreciation for the Healing Spirit of  
 Love and Kindness you have brought to  
 Israel.*

*The Members of the Official Board of  
 Trustees of Historic  
 "First Israel A.M.E. Church"*

*Submitted by : Bro. Raymond Walker*

*Israel A.M.E. Church  
 Rev. Dr. Edward B. Smart*

The Members  
 of the Lay Organization  
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 wishes to extend *Best Wishes* to one  
 of the kindest Ladies in existence.

**Sister Marion R. Smart**

Sis. Marion  
 works untiringly for the  
 Women's Missionary Society.

Sis. Lorene Tucker  
 Lay Organization Israel AMEC  
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*Congratulations to  
Our First Lady  
and Youth Advisor*

*Sister Marion R. Smart*

*We love you and thank you  
for your kindness and support  
of the young people.*

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First Israel A.M.E. Church - Albany  
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**Best Wishes**  
to the  
**First Lady**



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of

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-Albany, NY**

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**Congratulations**  
**Sister Marion Smart**

Our First Lady - Israel A.M.E.C.

*"To God be the glory for the  
great things he has done."  
The Music Ministry blesses and  
thanks you for your love and  
dedication to the WMS.*

*The Music Ministry  
Demetra Haizlip - Brown*

*Rev. Dr. Edward B. Smart, Pastor*

*Congratulations*  
**Sister Smart**

*We salute you for your love  
and dedication to the  
Women Missionary Society*

*May God continue to bless you in your  
service to Western New York  
and The AME connection*

*The Christian Education Department  
Bro. Charles A. Rogers, Sr.  
Rev. Edward Smart, Pastor*

*Congratulations  
to Our First Lady*

*Mrs. Marion Smart*

*"God is good all the time"  
His mercy endureth forever. Who  
can find a virtuous woman for her  
price is far above rubies. "Many  
women do noble things but you  
surpass them all." We love you and  
may God continue to bless you.*

*The Stewardess Board  
Israel A.M.E. Church - Albany  
Rev. Dr. Edward B. Smart, Pastor*

*To our First Lady  
and Advisor*



*Sister Marion R. Smart*

*The Mary Hallicus  
Missionary Society  
Thanks you for your guidance*

*We thank God for giving us you.*

*Sister Rosanna Nixon - President  
Rev. Dr. Edward B. Smart, Pastor*





Congratulations to our 1st Lady

**Sister Sharon D. Stenhouse**

You are truly a Beautiful person

Woman of God!

We are blessed to have you  
as our First Lady  
as well as our friend.

Bethel Steward Board  
Charlene McKinnon - Vice Chairperson

Bethel A.M.E.

Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse



**Congratulations**  
**To**  
**Our First Lady**  
**Sister Sharon Stenhouse**

*“Give her the fruit of her hands;  
And let her own works  
praise her in the gates.”*  
*Proverbs 30:30*

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Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse, Pastor



# *To My First Lady*

*Thank you  
for  
Loving Me,  
Supporting Me  
and  
Praying for Me.*

*Love ya!  
Richard*



*To First Lady*

*Sis. Sharon Stenhouse*

*Bethel AME Church - Buffalo, NY*

*My Congratulations and Best Wishes  
To You on this Special occasion.*



*My prayer is that God will reward you  
for your dedication, faithfulness  
and commitment.*



*"We continually remember before God and Father  
your work procured by faith, your labor prompted by love,  
and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*- I Thessalonians 1:3*

*With Love—*

*Ms. Willie Brevard*



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Our Church Family Extends Best Wishes to

**Sis. Sharon Stenhouse**  
First Lady of  
Bethel AME Church - Buffalo, NY

We pray that God will reward you for your dedication  
and commitment to Him, and  
the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

“Therefore, my beloved, be ye steadfast, unmoveable,  
always excelling in the work of the Lord,  
because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

-I Corinthians 15:58 (NRS)

Rev. Dr. Donald L. Tucker  
Pastor



# Sister Sharon D. Stenhouse



## W.M.S. Salutes Our First Lady and Advisor

*God loves you - We love you  
Be blessed and know that you are never alone  
for you have all of us, your sisters,  
willing and able to lift you up.*

**Bethel's Women's Missionary Society**  
Caroline Hoffman-Veasey, President

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Dorcas Sisters - Bettye Wyatt

Here Am I - Lou Jim Hunt

Sisters Sharing - Jimmie Jenkins

Daughters of Hannah - Martha McMillan

Y.P.D. - Nicole Stenhouse

# Congratulations

to

**Our First Lady Mrs. Sharon D. Stenhouse**

*May God continue to bless you with Jesus' love.*

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# To Our First Lady Sister Sharon Stenhouse

*Keep on Keeping on  
You "ARE" a Shining Star!!*

## ***Bethel Brotherhood Male Chorus***

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## To Sister Sharon

*"You shall love the Lord your God with  
all your heart, with all your soul, with all  
your mind and all your strength.*

Mark 12:30

~ With our Love ~

Stewardess Board

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## Congratulations Sister Sharon Stenhouse

*Who can find a virtuous woman?  
For her price is far above rubies.  
She openeth her mouth with wisdom;  
And her tongue is the law of kindness*

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## CONGRATULATIONS

&

## BEST WISHES

to

Our First Lady

*Sis. Sharon Stenhouse*

from

LADIES USHER BOARD #2

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*"...whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the  
name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God  
and the Father by him. Col. 3:17*

Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse  
Pastor

## Sister Sharon

*A woman that feareth  
the Lord,*

*Shall be Praised*

Proverbs 31:30

## Congratulations

### Ladies Usher Board #1

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Youth Church  
Salute

**Sis. Sharon Stenhouse**

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Youth Pastor

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Pastor

Bethel AME Church  
Buffalo, New York

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO MY  
DAUGHTER

**SHARON DIANA STENHOUSE**

"REJOICE FAVORED ONE,  
THE LORD IS WITH YOU,  
BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN"

I LOVE YOU  
HARRIETTE L. DAYE



**We Salute Our First Lady**

**Sis. Sharon D.**

*"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and  
in her tongue is the law of kindness. She  
looketh well to the ways of her household,  
and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her  
children arise up, and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praiseth her."*

Proverbs 31:26-28

Best Wishes  
Peter and Vera Niblett



# The Lay Organization of Bethel ~ Buffalo



We salute you,  
Sis. Sharon D. Stenhouse

*"You are an epistle written in our hearts, known  
and read by all men"*  
2 Corinthians 3:2 (NKJV)

Sis. Paula Young, President  
Rev. Richard A. Stenhouse, Pastor

*"I assure you whenever the  
Good News is preached throughout  
the world this woman's deed will be  
talked about in her memory."*  
(Mark 4:9, NLT)



To our beloved 1st Lady  
**Sis. Sharon Stenhouse**

The works you do speak for you.  
Continue to walk in His way  
and marvel at Him every day,  
and you will always be blessed anew.

You are a jewel in our crown!

The Sunday School Department  
Sis. Martha J. Younger, Superintendent  
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## ***The Y.P.D. of Bethel Buffalo***

*Salutes our First Lady,*

***Sis. Sharon Stenhouse***

*“Seek first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness,  
and all these things will  
be added to you.”*

*Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)*





# FIRST LADY MIRA JANE WASHINGTON



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Rochester, New York  
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**Best of Luck to  
1st Lady  
Sister Mira J. Washington**

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FIRST LADY  
MIRA JANE WASHINGTON



Love is not provoked...and love endures all things.  
I Corinthians 13:5

*I am glad to have a soul-mate and life partner who smiles at her future. Your quiet trust in God speaks plainly of the proper lady you exhibit at home and in public.*

*Remember, you are my Chocolate!!*

*Love, your husband*

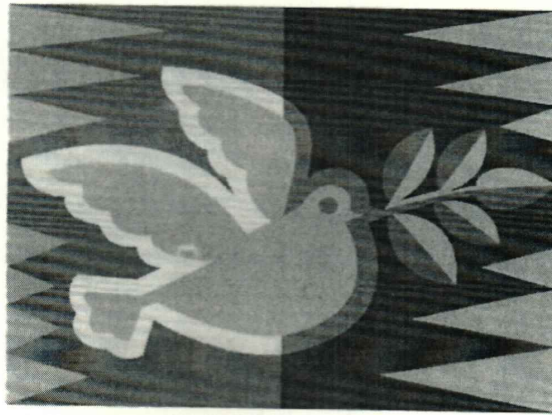
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***Congratulations***  
**To**  
**A SPECIAL DAUGHTER**

First Lady Mira J. Washington



*May God bless you as you continue to do the work of mission. Keep your eyes fixed on Him and He will direct your path. Best Wishes to you on this special day as you are honored. You are special and you are loved.*

*Love your Mother*  
**Mrs. Ruby A. Coleman**

*"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."*  
**Proverbs 31:29**



*"I will bless the Lord at all times, His praises shall continually be in my mouth."*

*—Psalms 34:1*

*To Our Mother*

*Mira Jane Washington*

*We truly thank you for being the nurturing, loving, and savvy mother. You are a praying woman and we are heirs of that.*

*We Love You Mommy!*

*Brittany*

*and*

*Marlowe, II*



*First Lady of Baber AME Church  
Rochester, New York  
Rev. Marlowe V. N. Washington, Pastor*

To Our First Lady

**Sister Mira Jane Washington**

*The Church School of Baber would like to congratulate you and we wish to say we love you with the love of Christ!*

**S**

study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

*2 Timothy 2:15*



Reverend Marlowe V. N. Washington, Pastor  
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Reverend Kirk Bellesen, Asst. Superintendent  
Sister Yvondria Thomas, Teacher  
Sister Carolyn Bailey, Teacher  
Sister Latoya Quinn, Teacher  
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**Welcome**

and

**Congratulations**

to

**Sister Mira Washington**

First Lady of Baber AME Church

*We are truly blessed to have you as a member of our Church family. It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless you and the First Family richly.*

**Baber African Methodist  
Episcopal Church  
Lay Organization**

**Congratulations**

To

**First Lady Mira J. Washington**

*We celebrate you  
on this special day.*

*You are truly a blessing to us  
and we love you.*

*Love, your family  
Donna & Manny Barros*

*"Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all."*

*Proverbs 31:29*





# CONGRATULATIONS

To

*First Lady*

*Mira J. Washington*

*Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain:  
but a woman that feareth the lord*

***SHE SHALL BE PRAISED!***

*Proverbs 31:30*

***BABER AME CHURCH***

*Marlowe V.N. Washington, Pastor*

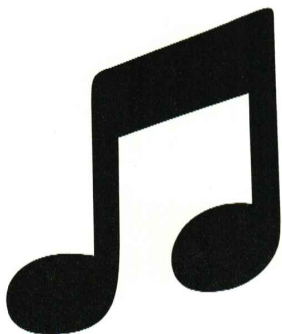
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*Minister of Music*



## Congratulations

To First Lady  
**Mira J. Washington**

on your  
First Annual Day  
WNYC - WMS

Etta Cohen  
Charmaine Cohen  
Doris Singletary

## Sis. Mira



*Blessed be the tides that bind  
our hearts in Christian love.*

*It's such a joy to have such a  
sweet spiritual person as our  
**First Lady.***

With love,  
Brother Joe Thomas, Sr.  
Sis. Celestine Thomas  
Sis. Sharonda Thomas

## We Salute Sister Mira

*We embrace your smile  
which depicts a spirit  
of love and grace.*

*We're proud to welcome you  
"Our First Lady"*

The Baber Church  
Scholarship Committee

## First Lady Sis. Mira J. Washington

Proverbs: 31:26-31

She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed. Her husband also and he praises: many women do noble things, but you surpass them. "All" charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Gene & Deldre Goolsby



**Congratulations**  
To  
**Sis. Mira Washington**  
**Baber's First Lady**

From the  
**Bible Study Group**

*God bless all your endeavors.*

MaLas - Demond  
Blackwell Goolsby  
Pastor Marlowe-Clayton  
Lonetta-Vicki

To Our First Lady  
and  
Women's Missionary Advisor

**Sis. Mira J. Washington**

*We the members of the Baber AME Women's  
Missionary Society, love you and welcome you  
as our advisor.*

*May God continue to Bless you and your family.*

*We look forward to working with you as we  
continue to do mission work within our church  
and community.*

*God Bless,  
Sis. Donna W. Smith, WMS President  
Rev. Marlowe V.N. Washington, Pastor*



**Congratulations**

To

**Sis. Mira Washington**  
**Our First Lady**



From the  
**Bible Study Group**  
on Wednesday





To Our First Lady

## Sis Mira J. Washington

*It is an honor to congratulate you on your recognition this evening for being our First Lady at Baber.*

*May God continue to bless you and your family as we continue to worship and praise God together.*

*“Proverbs 3-6 (NIU) In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your path straight.”*

*Love,  
Barry & Donna Smith & Family*

Congratulations

to

**First Lady**

**Sis. Mira Washington**

of

**Baber AMEC**

*For all your work in the Western New York Conference of the Women's Missionary Society*

**Bro. Anthony Giordano**


**“Praise the Lord”**

## Congratulations

### Sis. Mira

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Best Wishes

to

Our Honoree:

**Mrs. Mira Washington**

First Lady

of

**Baber A.M.E. Church  
Rochester, New York**

from

**Emma S. Dixon**

*Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*

*Proverbs 31:30*

Best Wishes to my husband  
**Brother Walter Taylor**

Thanks  
for continuing  
on the journey...

With love  
and  
God's blessings,

Your wife,  
Fay

Congratulations  
To Our New  
First Gentleman



**Mr. Walter Taylor**

Thanks for your handiwork!

May God continue  
to richly bless your life.

The St. Mark A.M.E. Church Family  
The Joint Board of Stewards  
and Trustees  
Rev. Faye Banks Taylor, Pastor





*Congratulations*  
to the  
*First Ladies and First Gentlemen*  
of the  
*Western New York Annual Conference*

*It is our prayer that the Lord will  
continue to bless you.*

*The Althea Davis Women's Missionary Society  
St. John A.M.E. Church  
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*1 Thessalonians 1:2,3*



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