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Buffalo NAACP Membership Rally Awardees

The Membership Rally to finalize the local branch Membership Drive, was held Wed., Apr. 22, at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church. Persons pictured above, along with others, and those who were absent, received awards for their solicitation of the NAACP memberships in the drive, which ran through March.

Bethel AME Church won two categories: for soliciting the most memberships and collecting the most money in the drive for a Church or Organization.

Individual top prize winners were: President Daniel R. Acker, for soliciting the most memberships; and Roy Gore, for raising the

most amount of money.

In the photo kneeling, is Rev. W. A. Jones, Pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church. First row from left, shows: Madeline C. Easley, Membership Chairperson; Garnett Wallace; Ruby Butler; Rev. Eugene MacAshan, speaker; Daniel R. Acker; Artha Williams and Edith Brown.

Pictured in the back row from left are: Raymond T. Walton; Michelle Collins; Rufus Frasier; Rev. Will Brown, Drive Chairman; Raphael DuBard; Roy Gore; Lucille Perrin; and J. Carl Bland.

Celebration set at Bethel AME

A historian for the national African Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the oldest African-American congregations in America, will be the keynote speaker at 7 p.m. April 19 at Bethel AME's banquet marking the church's 165th anniversary.

Dr. Dennis Dickerson, who compiles and records the denomination's history at the AME national office in Massachusetts, will speak in the church's fellowship hall at East Ferry Street and Michigan Avenue.

The local congregation was started in 1831. Its service to the community will be recognized at 2 p.m. April 16 in the Common Council chambers of City Hall with a presentation and selections from the church's choir.