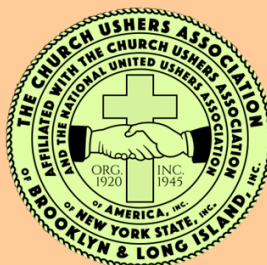


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Our Motto: FELLOWSHIP



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ANNUAL SERMONS 2025 @ 2:30 P.M.

JANUARY

12thEvergreen Baptist Church
26^hM. B. Mathis Male Chorus.....2:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY

16thJane's United Methodist Church
23rd House of The Lord Pentecostal Church

MARCH

2ndBethel Tabernacle A.M.E. Church
16thZion Baptist Church
23rdBrownsville Community Baptist Church

APRIL

6thThe Cathedral of Hope, Inc.
13th Palm Sunday ... Union Baptist Church
20thEaster Sunday... Old Mt. Zion Baptist Church

MAY

4th First A.M.E. Zion Church
11th Mother's Day
18thBrown Memorial Baptist Church

JUNE

1stEmmanuel Baptist Church
8th Shiloh Baptist Church
15thFather's Day
22nd Antioch Baptist Church

JULY

13th Glover Memorial Baptist Church
20thMt. Ollie Baptist Church

AUGUST

10th Little Zion Baptist Church
17th Varick Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church
24th First Baptist Church of Crown Heights, Inc.

SEPTEMBER

7thBethany Baptist Church
14thBethel Baptist Church
21st Trinity Baptist Church
21stMt. Lebanon Baptist Church
28th Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church

OCTOBER

3rd Founders Night @ 7:00 PM
5th Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
12th Concord Baptist Church
19thBridge St. A.W.M.E. Church
26th Cornerstone Baptist Church

NOVEMBER

2nd Salem Missionary Baptist Church
9thNew York State Memorial Services
16th Berean Baptist Church
16th.....Pleasant Grove Baptist Tabernacle
23rd ...Young Peoples' Department.. 3:00 P.M.

DECEMBER

7th ...Fenimore Street United Methodist Church
14th ..Ushers Chorus Annual Musical .. 3:00 P.M.
21st Young Adult Department..... 3:00 P.M.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thomas A. Ellis Alumni Tribe #1	3 rd Saturday 5:00 P.M.
Arts & Crafts Committee	1 st Saturday 12:00 P.M.
Benevolent/Charity Committee	2 nd Saturday 10:00 – 11:00 A.M.
Board of Directors	2 nd Saturday (Quarterly, As Needed) Time TBA
CUA Chorus Rehearsal	1 st & 3 rd Saturday 3:00 P.M.
Education Committee	1 st Saturday 11:00 A.M.
Executive Board (once each quarter, Jan, March, June, Sept.)	4 th Monday 7:00 P.M.
Sarah Sherman Health Unit	3 rd Saturday 12:00 P.M.
N.Y. State Chorus Rehearsal	3 rd Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Outreach Committee	Conference Call 2 nd Saturday, Time TBA
Parliamentary	2 nd Monday 6:00 P.M.
Presidents' Council	2 nd Thursday 7:00 P.M.
Program Committee (Feb., Mar., June, Sept.)	1 st Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
Public Relations Committee	1 st Thursday 7:30 P.M.
Publications' Committee (formally the Reporters Staff)	3 rd Saturday 10:00 A.M.
School of Ushering	1 st Saturday 6:00 P.M.
Supervisors' Council	1 st Monday 8:00 P.M.
Timothy Douglas Men's Fellowship Committee	3 rd Monday 7:00 P.M.
Ushers Association	2 nd Monday 7:00 P.M.
M. B. Mathis Male Chorus Rehearsal	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 7:00 P.M.
William H. Davis Honor Club	4 th Saturday 11:00 A.M.
Young Adults Department	3 rd Monday 7:00 P.M.
Young People's Department	1 st Monday 7:00 P.M.

Greetings

Congratulations to all 2025 Elected and Appointed Officers as we say Thank You to all former Officers for your years of dedicated services to the Association. Election of officers was held on December 9th and on December 16, 2024 Reverend Wesley Payne of Old Mt. Zion Baptist Church did the Installation of Officers. Pastor Payne gave an empowering Charge entitled “**Your Assignment**” Matthew 10:16 & Philippians 4:13. As each officer has a different assignment and God has given each of us different gifts; we should stick to our specific assignment, do our very best and offer encouragement to others.

As part of a **new tradition at the CUA of Brooklyn**, President Filmore F. Gregory “**Spotlights**” a dedicated Usher of our association during our monthly meetings. The last quarter of 2024 the following Ushers received this special honor:

- September 2024: Edith Holland from Mt. Sinai Baptist Church
 - October 2024: Margaret Felder from Berean Baptist Church
 - November 2024: Wade Mitchell from Cornerstone Baptist Church
 - December 2024: Mary R. McNair from the First Baptist Church of Crown Heights
- Starting the new quarter
- January 2025: Paula Scott from Fenimore Street United Methodist Church
 - February 2025: Ella Cudger from Berean Baptist Church

Our email Queen has been appointed **Communications Coordinator** and bestowed the title of **Board Chairman Emeritus**. Thank you, President Filmore F. Gregory and the Association for recognizing the dedication and hard work of Betty R. Butler; congratulations Sister Butler, may God continue to bless and keep you as He grants you knowledge to help others and share your wisdom.

Thank you to Advisor Kenneth Robinson, Sr. for holding the Publications’ Committee election of officers in November. Also, thank you to all officers for accepting their position. We welcome Barbara Jackson of Christ Fellowship Baptist Church as Assistant Chaplain and Sharen Valentine of Bethany Baptist Church as Assistant Financial Secretary. We were blessed on Saturday January 18, 2025 to have Past Chaplain Narcissus Brinson in attendance at our Annual Holiday Celebration, which was held at Junior’s Restaurant. May God continue to bless and keep her.



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News & Highlights

The CUA of New York State held its **Mid-Year Meeting and 104th Memorial Service** November 9th & 10th, 2024 in Buffalo, NY. Theme: “From Midnight to Morning” Scripture: Psalm 30:5. Host Church Friendship Baptist Church, 402 Clinton Street, Buffalo, NY 14204, Reverend Edward Jackson, Jr., Host Pastor. Linda Young, Buffalo Unit State President. Thank you to the Buffalo Unit Ushers for a wonderful weekend, your hospitality was phenomenal. Congratulations New York State on a wonderful spirited Memorial weekend.

Saturday afternoon November 9th New York State Viola Starling Education Department held their “**Oration Contest.**” **Congratulations Junior Usher Mo’nae Hargrove** on moving to the next level. Mo’nae is a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Buffalo, NY; Rev. Bennie D. Jemison, Sr., Pastor, and will compete in the Mabel A. Grey Educational Oration Contest at the Eastern Region 68th Annual Conference, March 7-9, 2025, in Parsippany, New Jersey.

The John L. Everett, Jr. New York State Chorus held its Pre-Memorial Musical Saturday evening November 9th, to God be the Glory...they sang songs of Zion that touched our hearts and soul, excellent service Chorus.

Host Pastor, Reverend Edward Jackson, Jr., delivered an awesome Memorial Message Sunday afternoon as we memorialized those thirty plus dedicated Doorkeepers that has transitioned in the past year.





November 3, 2024, Zion Baptist Church, 523-29 Washington Ave. Brooklyn, NY, Welcomed Reverend Dr. Wilbur A. Whitehurst, Jr., Senior Pastor Elect, Who brings a wealth of experience in spiritual leadership and has a passion for preaching, discipleship, youth ministry, social justice and community outreach. On Saturday February 22, 2025 @10:00 AM Installation Program & Sunday February 23, 2025 @ 11:00 AM Installation Service.

Rev. Dr. Wilbur A. Whitehurst, Jr.

Friday evening December 13th, our member churches, family and friends experienced a joyful evening of fellowship, photo shoots, jazz, R&B and dancing at The Church Ushers Association of Brooklyn & L.I. Christmas Gala.

“ Drawing of a 55’ Screen TV”; winner Anna James of Berean Baptist Church. The project was sponsored by the **Public Relations Committee**, Sonia Branigan, Chairman.

The CUA Junior & Young People Department and Young Adult Department held their 2nd Combined **Annual Day** on Sunday December 15th @ 3:00 PM, guest speaker Minister Andre Samuels, Youth Minister at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Rev. Shaun J. Lee, Senior Pastor, Brooklyn, NY.

Outreach: The season of Thanks and Giving has begun, many of our member churches gave out turkeys for Thanksgiving. **CUA of Brooklyn & Long Island Thomas A. Ellis Alumni Tribe #1** presented four enormous gift baskets of assorted household items to member churches: Brownsville Community Baptist Church, Fenimore Street United Methodist Church, Greater St. John Community Church, and Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church to be given to a needy person or family of their congregation.

The Child Development Support Corporation, of Brooklyn, NY was **the recipient of this year’s Baby Clothes and Toy Drive** (Newborn to 12 years of age) by the **CUA of Brooklyn & Long Island Outreach Committee**, Willa Stevens Chairman, Filmore F. Gregory, President.

First Baptist Church of Crown Heights fulfilled **“The Wishes”** of children of all ages at the **African Commission Shelters** of Brooklyn, NY. Assorted items of toys, electronics and clothing were requested. Many of our member churches also adopted and donated food items, toys and clothing to various groups when the children returned to school, Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays.

**First Baptist Church of Crown Heights, Brooklyn, NY, Junior & Young People's Ushers
Toni Knight, Supervisor, Betty R. Butler, President Joint Board of Ushers Ministry**



Thanksgiving "Potluck Fellowship"



Holiday Celebration @ RISE/NY

As FB Theme for 2025 "Growing Deeper, Reaching Higher" kicks off, to new beginnings in the new year... The Torch of Leadership has been passed on to a New Generation! Our Joint Board of Ushers President Marisella N. Smith was introduced to the CUA Association in December and on Sunday January 5, 2025 she was officially installed after our morning service with all elected and appointed officers; we say congratulations to her, Vice President Bruce Barry, Sr. and all of our 2025 Officers.

A visionary, superb leader, great organizer, a dedicated and devoted President...THAT'S Betty R. Butler, Thank You for 25 years of exemplary leadership and service, Job Well Done Madam President! Before the congregation, Pastor Moore recognized Outgoing President Betty R. Butler for her years of service and introduced Incoming President Marisella N. Smith.

Passing the Torch of Leadership to a New Generation



President Marisella N. Smith, Past President Betty R. Butler, Rev Rashad Raymond Moore, Sr. Pastor

Heartfelt Sympathies: To The Cathedral of Hope family, President Alma Jones, New York State President Imogene V. Jones, in the transition of their brother/uncle; Brown Memorial Baptist Church family and Usher Shelia Coleman in the transition of her sister; Union Baptist Church family and Usher Board President Brenda Drew in the transition of her brother; Emmanuel Baptist Church Family, National President Emeritus/Brooklyn & Long Island President Filmore F. Gregory in the transition of his son, and all families that have experienced the loss of a loved one. Faith is our comfort as we grieve. May your faith in Christ's promises and precious memories of your love one bring you peace.

2025 Upcoming Event

CUA of Brooklyn & Long Island **Thomas A. Ellis Alumni Tribe #1** will host an **"Appreciation Luncheon"** on **Saturday, February 22, 2025** seating @ noon, location Berean Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY. **Recognizing Ushers Jennie Grimsley** of First Baptist Church of Crown Heights, **Ruhdine Harvin** of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, **William Sheridan Jamieson** of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church and **Willa Stevens** of Greater St. John Community Church. Cost of Ticket \$50.

All are invited to the **68th Eastern Region Conference/New Jersey's 59th Annual Memorial Service March 7-9, 2025**. Sheraton Hotel Parsippany, 199 Smith Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Room rate \$149 + 6.625% tax & 8% occupancy tax, total of \$170.79 per night. Conference Opening Breakfast and Johnnie F. Knighton Prayer Breakfast \$30 each, Friday night Honor Banquet \$80.

Save the Date: Friday, May 16, 2025, we will be **honoring our Immediate Past President Janice Nibbs** at the **69th Church Ushers Association of New York State, Inc. Convention**. (May 15-17, 2025)

Hilton Albany Hotel, 40 Lodge Street, Albany, NY 12207. **Room Rate** \$169.00 across the board,

Incidental Fees \$75. Per night. Reservation DEADLINE April 14, 2025.

Banquet Ticket \$75.00.

Registration Seniors & Young Adult \$20. Juniors \$15.

Souvenir Journal Ads & Patrons Names Deadline is March 31, 2025.



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