

The Metropolitan Association Spring Meeting April 18, 2026

Jesus said to them,
“Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s
and to God the things that are God’s.” And
they were utterly amazed at him.

Mark 12:17 New Revised Standard Version
Updated Edition

Registration Begins 8:00 AM
Breakfast 8:00 AM to 9 15 AM
Worship 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Business Meeting 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM
Lunch at 12:30 PM

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**Metropolitan Association
Spring Meeting
Saturday April 18, 2026
9:30am-10:30am
St. Albans Congregational Church UCC**

Prelude		Whitfield Coppin, Jr.
Call to Worship		Rev. Dr. Eli Wilson, III
Leader:	We come as the Metropolitan Association	
People:	Bound in covenant, called to shared ministry.,	
Leader:	We come from many places, carrying many stories	
People:	Yet we are one in the Spirit of Christ.,	
Leader:	We come with joy and with burden,	
People:	God meets us in both,	
Leader:	We come as the church-imperfect, hopeful and called, People:	
	to love, serve, and to bear witness.	
ALL::	Let us worship God, who gathers and sustains us. Amen.	
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Eli Wilson, III
Congregational Song	The Church's One Foundation	Hymn# 337
Necrology		Rev. Noel Vanek
Celebration Mass Choir Selections		
Prayers of the People		Rev. Prabhu Sigamani
Scripture Reading	Mark 12:17	Nicholas Andrews
Introduction of Guest Preacher		Stephanie Bennett
Sermonic Selection		Celebration Mass Choir
Guest Preacher		Rev. Dr. Christopher Ponnraj
Offertory		Rev. Rayford Howell
	Make checks payable to The Metropolitan Association Zelle: treasurer2@metrouccnyc.org	
Offertory Selection		Celebration Mass Choir
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Rayford Howell

Communion

Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn # 686

Metropolitan Association Anniversary

Yvette Wynn

Benediction

Rev. Jennifer Heron

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

Worship Participants

Whitfield Coppin, St. Albans

Congregational Church, UCC

Rev. Dr. Eli Wilson, III

St. Albans Congregational Church, UCC

Rev. Noel Vanek

Judson Memorial, UCC

Rev. Prabhu Sigamani

Bethany Congregational Church of East Rockaway, UCC

Nicholas Andrews

St. Albans Congregational Church, UCC

Stephanie Bennett

Evangel Congregational Church, UCC

Rev. Dr. Christopher Ponnuraj

West Center Congregational Church, UCC

Rev. Rayford Howell,

First Congregational Church of Rockaway Beach, UCC

Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams

Conference Minister

Yvette Wynn

The Community Church of the Pelhams, UCC

Rev. Jennifer Heron

St. Albans Congregational Church, UCC

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**Metropolitan Association Spring Annual Meeting
Saturday April 18, 2026
St. Albans Congregational Church UCC**

10:30 AM	Call to Order	Yvette Wynn
	Appointment of Parliamentarian and Tellers	Yvette Wynn
10:35 AM	Determine Quorum	Charlaine Apsel
	Approval of Meeting Agenda	Charlaine Apsel
10:40 AM	Approval of Minutes Fall 2025 Meeting	Charlaine Apsel
10:45 AM	State of the Association	Yvette Wynn
11:00 AM	Treasurer's Report	Karim Camara
Vote		
11:15 AM	Organization Presenters	
Church World Service		Belinda Addae
11:25 AM	Nominating Committee Report	Rev. Noel Vanek
Vote		Stephanie Bennett
11:40 AM		Amendment to Bylaws
Vote		
	Committee Reports	
11:50 AM	Personnel Committee	
11:55 AM		Committee on Ministry
11:55 AM	Committee on Congregational Standing and Development	
12 Noon	Social Justice Committee	Rev. Susan Switzer
12:05 PM	Scholarship Committee	Deborah Dee Brayton
12:10 PM	New York Conference Report	Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams
12:20 PM	Installation of Officers and Committee Members	Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams
12:30 PM	Adjournment	

Exhibitors

Church World Service

Council for Racial Ethnic Ministry (COREM)

Delight in The Word Bible Stories Workbook

Generations United Credit Union

Our Whole Lives (OWL)

Pension Board

Metro Social Justice Committee

Belinda Addae

Maria Vives

Karen Gouede

Paul Bomba

Paul Ramsy

Susan Switzer

The Planning Committee wishes to thank

Monica Fisher

Doris Avent

Charlaine Apsel

The Women's Usher Board

WOW

Celebration Mass Choir / Whitfield Coppin

Billy Swindler

Chelios Films (Videographer)

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