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Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus,

Sweet grace to you from the Lord of Life!

It is my privilege to welcome you to our 2026 District and Prayer Conference. In light of the intensity of disturbances in our world today, I have decided to highlight the wonder of our God as *An Unshakeable Foundation* with the key verse: **“And He will be the stability of your times, /A wealth of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; /The fear of the LORD is his treasure”** (Isaiah 33:6 NASB).

This is a business year and, of course, a superintendent election year. Please be much in prayer for that and the other elections which will take place. We are planning a District Team Celebration Banquet on Tuesday night at a nearby facility. And as we did twelve years ago, there will be an installation service for the new DS on Wednesday night which is open to anyone.

The Linns invite you to a picnic lunch on Wednesday as a thank you to everybody for twelve great years of life and ministry together in Jesus.

Monday and Tuesday afternoons are scheduled for some awesome breakout sessions. Jeremy Gorham, Crosstown Alliance Lead Pastor and consultant for Fresh Start will present on developing church vision. Dénes House, Lead Pastor of our Poughkeepsie church, will present on effective preaching. A third breakout is still in the works, probably on strategies for inner peace in a distressing world.

We will be conducting our committee work in advance by videoconference as usual.

Many thanks to Pastor Alex Banks and the folks at Lockport Alliance Church for opening their lovely facility to us.

Please register for Conference as usual. Let me know if you absolutely cannot come for any reason. There are some funds to help defray the cost of attendance if anyone needs that. Please just let us know. We don't want anyone to be excluded due to the expense of attending.

Conference was at Lockport when I received my fifteen-year service recognition. I was in the hall talking to Karen Bower when Dave Phillips called my name! It will be forty-four years this time. And no end in sight!

It has been and continues to be a great privilege to serve the Lord in the most important thing which is happening on earth. See you in Lockport!

Yours for the future church,

District Superintendent



Lockport Alliance Church

Becoming a thriving church. Making committed disciples.

Dear Northeastern District Family,

On behalf of Lockport Alliance Church, we are grateful for the opportunity to welcome you to Lockport for this year's District and Prayer Conference, May 4-6. It is a privilege to host you, and we look forward to the days we will spend together in worship, prayer, fellowship, and seeking the Lord.

As we gather this year, our time will include important district business, including the election of a new District Superintendent. Moments like this call for wisdom, unity, and courage. At Lockport Alliance Church, our word for 2026 is *courage* - not the kind that comes from our own strength, but a steady faithfulness grounded in the presence and promises of God. It is our prayer that as we meet together, the Lord would fill us with courage, unity, and clarity as we follow His leading into the future.

We are especially excited to gather for a banquet on Tuesday evening to honor and celebrate the faithful service of our District Team. We hope this will be a meaningful time of gratitude, encouragement, and celebration of all God has accomplished through their leadership and service.

Beyond the meetings and sessions, we hope your time in Lockport is life giving. We're already praying for you to experience meaningful conversations, shared meals, prayer, and joy in reconnecting with friends and ministry partners.

Enclosed you will find helpful conference materials, including information regarding lodging and local restaurants. If there is anything we can do to assist you as you prepare for conference, please do not hesitate to contact our church office. It is our desire to serve you well during your stay.

Thank you for your faithful service to Christ and His Church throughout the Northeastern District. We look forward to welcoming you in May and trust the Lord to lead us forward together with courage, unity, and hope.

With gratitude and prayer,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Banks', is written over a light blue circular watermark that contains the text 'LOCKPORT ALLIANCE CHURCH'.

Alex Banks

95th Annual NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT AND PRAYER CONFERENCE

Schedule

AN UNSHAKEABLE FOUNDATION

Lockport Alliance Church / 555 Davison Rd. Lockport, NY 14094

May 4-6, 2026

Monday, May 4

10:30 AM Registration

12:00 PM **Fasting and Prayer**

1:00 Welcome

BUSINESS SESSION Committee Reports

3:00 Break/Refreshments

3:30 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

4:45 Dinner on your own

7:00 **PUBLIC SERVICE**
Service Awards

8:30 Fellowship/Refreshments

Tuesday, May 5

8:30 AM Devotions/Prayer

9:15 **BUSINESS SESSION**
Nominations

11:30 Lunch on your own

Tuesday, Continued

1:30 PM **DS Nominee Interviews**

3:30 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

6:00 **District Team Celebration Banquet**
The Brook at Willowbrook Golf Course
4200 Lake Avenue
(9 minutes from LAC)

Wednesday, May 6

8:30 AM Devotions/Prayer

9:15 **BUSINESS SESSION**
Elections

9:45 **MISSIONS**

10:30 Break/Refreshments

10:45 **Election Results**
Communion/Healing Service

12:00 PM Picnic Lunch

3:00 PM Informational Sessions
Orchard Alliance
Alliance Benefits
Interim Pastor Ministries

7:00 **PUBLIC SERVICE**
DS Installation

8:30 Fellowship/Reception



NORTHEASTERN
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LOCKPORT RESTAURANTS

Fieldstone Country Inn

5986 S Transit Road (9 Minutes LAC)
Soup & Salad bar, full American menu

Davison Road Inn

383 Davison Road (2 Minutes LAC)
Casual menu and free popcorn

Stooges Stuffed Burgers

2 Pine Street (6 Minutes from LAC)
Stuffed burgers and chicken wings, in old city hall

One-Eyed Jacks

5983 S Transit Road (9 Minutes from LAC)
Authentic full barbeque menu (Closed Monday)

Lock 34

80 Main Street (6 Minutes from LAC)
Impressive menu with excellent quality food (Closed Monday)

Wagner's Restaurant

246 Park Avenue (7 Minutes from LAC)
Lockport staple since 1940, best beef on weck and chicken wings in Lockport. (Closed Monday)

Big Ditch Brewing Company

1 East Avenue (6 Minutes from LAC)
Lockport's newest restaurant, pub atmosphere, smash burgers

New York Beer Project

6933 S Transit Road (12 Minutes from LAC)
Expansive menu, fun atmosphere, close to hotels

Steak Stone & Sushi

5772 S Transit Road (9 Minutes from LAC)
Full Asian menu and steaks grilled on stones at table

Village Eatery

429 Davison Road (2 Minutes from LAC)
LAC favorite, great Italian cuisine, amazing salads

Molinaro's Ristorante

90 Walnut Street (6 Minutes from LAC)
Italian cuisine - a huge selection of homemade Italian desserts

Aguacates Mexican Restaurant

5674 S Transit Road (7 Minutes from LAC)
Sit down authentic Mexican food

Manito Taco Shop

3958 Lockport Olcott Road (9 Minutes from LAC)
Order at the counter and enjoy the best Mexican food in WNY

Shamus Restaurant

98 West Avenue (6 Minutes from LAC)
Upscale dining in quaint, cozy atmosphere (Closed Monday)

Scripts Cafe

2 East Avenue (6 Minutes from LAC)
Popular Café – sandwiches, salads, and specialty coffees

Sunny's Family Restaurant

5780 S Transit Road (8 Minutes from LAC)
Order at the counter, pizza, subs, and wings

Kalamata Family Restaurant

5690 S Transit Road (7 Minutes from LAC)
Best breakfast in town, American & Greek dinner menu, inexpensive

Steamworks Coffee

51 Canal Street (7 minutes from LAC)
Known for specialty lattes, pour over coffee, and baked goods

Gypsy Kitchen

5881 S Transit Road (9 minutes from LAC)
Locally roasted coffee, homemade pastries (Closed Monday)

The Hilltop Restaurant

4206 Lake Avenue (9 minutes from LAC)
Impressive menu with excellent quality food (Closed Monday)

Lake Effect Artisan Ice Cream

79 Canal Street (7 minutes from LAC)
An ice cream shop worth the stop (Opens at 4:00 PM)

Chain Restaurants

Located on Transit Road (8-12 minutes from LAC)
Panera Bread, Five Guys, Burger King, Arby's McDonald's, Denny's, Applebee's, Wendy's, McDonald's, Tim Horton's, Mark's Pizzeria, Starbucks

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hampton Inn Lockport-Buffalo

6082 S Transit Road *(10 Minutes from LAC)*

Approximately \$125/Night

Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/buflphx-lac-1d744437-9563-498c-aa47-7feedd7de078/>

Holiday Inn Express Amherst-Lockport

6900 S Transit Road *(13 Minutes from LAC)*

Approximately \$140/Night

Lockport Inn & Suites

315 S Transit Street *(7 Minutes from LAC)*

Approximately \$109/Night (No Breakfast)

Call 716-434-5595

Mention NED District Conference

TUESDAY BANQUET LOCATION

The Brook at Willowbrook Golf Course

4200 Lake Avenue *(9 minutes from LAC)*

If your church will be sending any Lay Delegates to District Conference, please complete and return this form to the District Office by March 16, 2026. (Duplicate form as needed.)

Northeastern District C&MA *Lay Delegate's Authorization Form*

Please PRINT:

This certifies that _____
(Title) (First Name) (Middle Initial) (Last Name)

was appointed by the Governance Authority of the _____ Church located at _____ (City) as an authorized Lay Delegate to the District and Prayer Conference of The Northeastern District of The Christian and Missionary Alliance at Lockport Alliance Church, 555 Davison Rd., Lockport, NY, 14094 on May 4-6, 2026, recorded in the minutes of the local church dated _____, 2026.

Signed -- Secretary, Governance Authority

The Northeastern District Office no longer has a fax line.

Please **scan and email** this form to **office@nedcma.org** by **March 16, 2026**.

This form MUST be received by the District Office by March 16, 2026, without which your delegate will not be able to vote!

If any questions, please contact the District Office at office@nedcma.org or 315-336-4720, Ext. 201.

Authorization for Lay Delegate – C&MA Manual, A4, Article II, Section 1., A. (3), page A4-2:

(3) *Lay delegates as follows:*

- (a) *The church shall appoint and certify lay delegates as specified in the local church bylaws.*
- (b) *Each accredited church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance shall be entitled to send its pastor and two lay delegates. If the voting membership (as reported in the last annual report of the church) is 150 or more, another lay delegate may be sent for each additional 100 voting members or fraction thereof.*
- (c) *Each affiliated church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance shall appoint and certify one lay delegate as specified in the local church bylaws.*