**To: Bethel AME Church, Norwalk**

As you can imagine, our **new Presiding Elder Jocelyn K. Hart** is extremely busy in the start-up phase of her transition from supervising the Philadelphia (Mother) District to superintending the Boston-Hartford (Flagship) District.  One of the pressing priorities on her heart is to seize an opportunity, sooner than later, to meet with the members of her new district.  The purpose for such a gathering is to begin building a relationship and to discuss her initial visions for the district.

In light of her being immensely inundated with her transitioning, Presiding Elder Hart has asked me to send out an email, on her behalf, to inform you that she is convening a **Boston-Hartford District Meeting** for this **Saturday, June 25, 2016**, **10AM**at the**Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, Hartford CT**, where the **Reverend Kahlil G. James** serves as **pastor**.  The **church’s address** is **2233 Main Street, Hartford CT 06120**.

Please note the following:

         She is requesting that ***ALL*** **pastors**, **associate ministers**, **licensed preachers**, **evangelists**, **district component leaders**, **at*least*one steward** from each congregation **and interested lay members** of the district attend this very important meeting.

         While Presiding Elder Hart is deeply sensitive of the short notice for the meeting, she is also aware that this Saturday is the ***only***opportunity for such a meeting, given that the following Saturday is part of the Bicentennial Celebration Weekend.

         Presiding Elder Hart is cognizant that the New England Conference Lay Organization and the New England Conference Branch YPD Executive Board have scheduled meetings and she fully supports these two components going on with their meetings.  She looks forward to attending the September meeting of the NEC Lay Organization.

         The meeting will occur from **10AM-12noon**, followed by a **brief worship service** and a **preached Word** ministered by the**Reverend Viola Morris Buchanan**, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Lynn MA.

Presiding Elder Hart is seeking your 100% support and cooperation.  She is asking that you would make sure that the ministers (ordained and licentiates), evangelists, steward representative and interested members are aware of this meeting and its importance for their attendance.

**Rev. Dr. Richard Wesley Clarke,**

**Pastor**