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Carole Copeland Thomas: Hi! This is Carole Copeland, Thomas, and I'm. Part of the Virtual Ministry at Bethel AME Church.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: In our denomination we like to establish Protocol and Protocol is a way of recognizing our leadership at the beginning of services and some programs that we have.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: front page of the New England Annual Conference. a program booklet for the upcoming conference that we have, and typically protocol

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Carole Copeland Thomas: basically just names the leaders that are on the front cover of a particular program booklet. It will differ based on a lay program, a Missionary program. The the other kind of programs that we have for worship experiences that we have.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So there isn't one that will fit all You just basically have to go by the actual program that's taking place. Look at the leadership that's listed, and then you actually call it out. So let me give you an example. If I were to start this service for this worship experience, I would say

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to the right Rev Julius H. McAllister, Sr.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: the Presiding Prelate of the First Episcopal District of the AME Church.

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and to Mother Joan Marla Mcallister, the Episcopal Supervisor of the

First Episcopal District...
To Rev Jocelyn Khan Hart Lovelace.

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the Presiding Elder of the Boston (Hartford) District

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Carole Copeland Thomas: of the New England Annual Conference.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: and to Rev Doctor No, let me let me start over. I'm. I'm going to leave this mistake in here, because i'm also going to acknowledge her husband, and it's done this way. I'll start over with Rev Jocelyn

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Carole Copeland Thomas: to Rev Joycelyn Khan is her maiden name.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Hart middle name of her, of her original name, Hart Lovelace, the Presiding Elder of the Boston Hartford district, and to Brother Eddie Lovelace.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: the Consultant for the Boston Hartford District to Rev Dr. Gregory G. Grover, Sr. The host pastor of the New England Annual conference, and to First Lady Rev Barbara Grover.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Again, I'm. Mentioning the spouse. So the spouse typically is included in these kind of announcements and titles that are used

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Now, in this particular case with the New England Annual Conference, You're probably going to hear also additional pastors being named, because there are 5 churches that are actually hosting this Annual conference. It also includes Bethel. So we would go on, perhaps.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: and say to the Rev Ray Hammond. the Senior Pastor of Bethel AME Church and Co-paster, Rev

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Gloria White Hammond, the Co-Pastor of Bethel AME Church. So it would take on that kind of flavor. There are 3 other churches involved, including Bethel AME Church in Lynn.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: also People's Church in Chelsea, and I'm missing one Malden Mission in Malden, Massachusetts. So those 5 churches are actually hosting co-hosting the New England Annual Conference. Now

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Carole Copeland Thomas: this protocol is not used with every service.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: and once someone established his protocol. Then the next person who gets up, would say, protocol having been established giving honor to God. Blah! Blah blah blah blah! They would go on.

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So protocol is a way of acknowledging and paying tribute and recognizing the leadership of our church, based on the particular program at hand, and in this case they don't have the

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Missionary President. They don't have the Lay President. They don't have any of that listed with this particular program, but during Missionary Day, then we will also acknowledge Mrs. Shirley Rhodes Robinson, who is the

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Carole Copeland Thomas: President of the New England Annual Conference, Women's Missionary Society, etc. So that's how you establish protocol.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I'm going to also share with you in another video, a sermon that was actually done by the Rev Vernon Byrd, Jr. who

talks about establishing protocol. So it is a long rich tradition in the AME Church. This is Carole Copeland, Thomas, and enjoy the rest of your day or evening, as we continue to learn more about our denomination.