

Call to the 214th Session of the
**New York Annual
Conference**
of The United Methodist Church

**Bishop
Martin D. McLee,
Presiding**

**Hofstra University
June 5 - 8, 2013**

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DISMANTLING WALLS
Building the Beloved Community

Bishop McLee Issues Invitation to Annual Conference

Dear Fellow NY & CT Methodists:

Grace and peace to you. With expectation, you are invited to attend the 214th annual session of the New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church scheduled at Hofstra University, Wednesday, June 5th through Saturday, June 8th, 2013.

This year's theme is "Dismantling Walls: Building the Beloved Community," Ephesians 2:14.

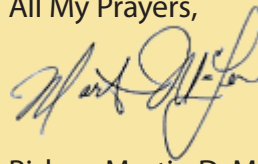
The guest speaker on Wednesday evening will be

Bishop Grant Hagiya, Greater Northwest Episcopal Area.

Confirmands are invited to share in the Annual Conference journey on Saturday, June 8th.

Expect an experience centered in joy!

All My Prayers,



Bishop Martin D. McLee



Ephesians 2:14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

A Message from Our Lay Leader

Dear Lay Members of the New York Annual Conference:

Grace and peace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

It is with great joy that I issue you this call to the 214th session of the New York Annual Conference.

The Laity Session will be held in the Arena on **Wednesday June 5th beginning at 1:00 pm**. The Rev. Dr. Ken Sloane, Director of Stewardship at the General Board of Discipleship, will be our speaker. Rev. Sloane was part of the dynamic team that facilitated the Incubator Training for some of the clergy in our conference.

Helpful information can be found in the Lay Member's Guide to Annual Conference. You'll find it on the conference website at www.nyac.com/Laity. Preconference reports will also be posted on the website: www.nyac.com/AnnualConference. Advanced reading of these materials will help you to be better informed and prepared participants. You will receive your package with all reports and petitions when you arrive at Hofstra.

Register early...please don't wait for the last minute.



Looking forward to being in Holy Conferencing with you all.

Peace,
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**All God's People in
All Places,
And in
All Times,
Are Called to Love
And to Serve.**



Ministry of the Laity

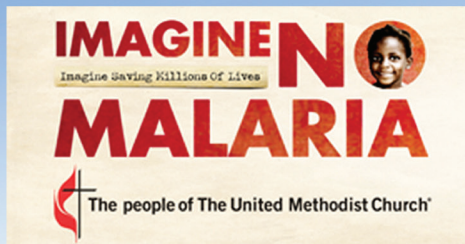
"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful."

— Colossians 3:14-15

April is Skeeter Walk Month

Keep the momentum going!

Each NYAC church is encouraged to plan and sponsor an “Imagine No Malaria” event this spring to help meet the NYAC Imagine No Malaria! fundraising commitment of \$1.2 million.



Visit www.nyac.com/skeeter for fundraising materials, ideas and more.

Imagine No Malaria donations will be received on Saturday, June 8th during Annual Conference at Hofstra University.

Meet Bishop Grant J. Hagiya, Guest Speaker



Bishop Grant Hagiya is currently serving as the resident bishop of the new “Greater Northwest Area” (encompassing the Alaska, Oregon-Idaho, and Pacific Northwest Annual Conferences). He is the current chair of the 4 Focus Area’s “Developing Global Leaders for a Global Church,” and he will chair the Ministry Study Commission for the 2012-2016 quadrennia. Bishop Hagiya also serves on the Council of Bishops’ Executive Committee, and as board member of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. He has served the Pacific Northwest and Alaska Conferences since 2008 and the Oregon-Idaho Conference since 2012.

Bishop Hagiya is a trained mediator, receiving most of his training through the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center.

Bishop Hagiya has been an active member of the Nikkei Interfaith Group, a community-based coalition of Christians, Buddhists and Shinto ministers. He was also the ecumenical representative of the California-Pacific Annual Conference to the Los Angeles Religious Leaders, consisting of all the ecumenical leaders of the greater Los Angeles region.

You can read Bishop Hagiya’s full biography here: <http://www.umo.org/pages/detail/228>

EVENT DETAILS FOR CONFERENCE

Accommodations

Housing costs are in addition to your registration fee and are dependant upon the accommodations chosen. If Hofstra campus housing is chosen during registration, the costs will be as follows:

- **Single:** \$49 per person per night
- **Double:** \$39 per person per night

Hotels are only available by calling them directly. See the bottom of the next two pages for a listing of hotel options and rates.

Meals

During online registration, you will indicate which meals you will attend. If you have registered and paid for Conference, meals in the Student Center from Wednesday dinner through Saturday breakfast are included. Visitors and reserve lay members will be charged for each meal requested unless they have registered and paid to attend the entire Conference.

"Special Meals" sponsored by various groups (e.g. Church & Society) will incur a fee. Each room incurs an additional expense to the Conference.

Retired Clergy — Attending the One-Day Session

This year there will be a one-day Thursday registration for Retired Clergy/Spouses which will cost \$20 per person; you will register online for this as well. If accommodations are needed at Hofstra for Wednesday and/or Thursday night, please make that choice when you register online; the prices for housing are listed above.

Remittance

Payments must be made in one of two ways: 1) by credit card/debit card through PayPal during registration, or 2) by check made payable to NYAC and mailed to NYAC, Attn: Fran Collins, 20 Soundview Ave, White Plains, NY 10606 within two weeks of the online registration.

Voluntary Contributions over and above registration cost can also be made during the online registration process. Please make this clear in your remittance. We thank you in advance!

Refunds will be sent after Annual Conference to those who notify the Conference Secretary by May 31, 2013 of their inability to attend the Annual Conference session. Your notification will serve two purposes: 1) to allow you to receive a refund, and 2) in order to be excused from all or part of the Annual Conference Session.

Questions

If you have questions about your registration, please contact the following:

Housing/ General questions:

Barbara Eastman at 860-633-9721 or website@nyac.com

Payments:

Fran Collins at 914-615-2223 or fcollins@nyac.com

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Registration

Please register for Annual Conference as soon as possible. The link to the online registration, and can be found here:

www.nyac.com/AnnualConference

Registration fees covering meals and participation costs of the Conference are shown below. Your cost depends upon the timing of your registration, providing an incentive to register early. The fees may be paid by check or charged to a credit card via PayPal (no account is needed) — you make that choice during the online registration. You will receive a confirmation email with a link where you can review all of the options you have chosen, your total charges, and the mailing information for checks. Please print this confirmation information and bring it with you to Conference.

The fees are as follows:

- Registration completed prior to May 1, 2013 - \$225
- May 1 until June 1, 2013 - \$250
- June 2, through the end of Conference - \$275
- One-day fee for clergy retirees for Thursday, June 6 - \$20

Your registration is not complete until payment has been received — either by receipt of your check or by credit card at the time of online registration. Registration check-in begins on site at Hofstra, 10am on Wednesday, June 5th in the lobby of the Arena. After noon on Thursday, registration moves downstairs to the business office in the "Pride Lounge."

Registration hours at the Arena:

Wednesday, June 5 - 10am to 9pm
Thursday, June 6 - 8am to 9pm
Friday, June 7 - 9am to 5pm

EVENT DETAILS FOR CONFERENCE (CONT)

Display Tables

Display Tables are available with reservations through Rev. Ann Pearson. Please send your email request to apearson@nyac.com or in writing to: Rev. Ann Pearson, New York Annual Conference, 20 Soundview Ave, White Plains, NY 10606-3302.

Space is offered to Conference and Church agencies on a first-come, first-served basis.

What to Bring with You to Hofstra

If you are staying on campus in a Hofstra Dormitory:

Hofstra will provide you with:

One pillow, bed linens, one towel, and one blanket. You should provide for your accommodations:

- An extra blanket or two
- Soap, washcloth, flashlight
- Rooms have only an overhead light, so you may want to bring a table lamp.
- Hangers for your clothes closet
- Please note: telephones in the dorm rooms can only be used to call on campus.
- To call outside, you must use your

own cell phone or calling card from a pay phone.

Whether or not you are staying on campus:

- Comfortable walking shoes
- A holder for your papers – consider a loose-leaf binder and three-hole punch
- Extra money to contribute to session offerings and/or if you plan to visit the Cokesbury Bookstore
- A sweater (the Arena can get cold)
- Bible for studies and/or meditation
- When you check in at the registration desk, you will receive the following:
 - Conference Booklet containing all reports, petitions and resolutions
 - Name badge – color coded for voting
 - Housing/accommodations information (if appropriate)
 - Menus for each meal
 - Campus map
 - Conference telephone directory including emergency information
 - Check-out procedure sheet

- Brightly colored sheet for permission to speak during sessions

All other papers will be found on the Document Tables in the Arena or they will be handed out on the arena floor.

Hofstra Facilities Information

- The Arena is where the Plenary Sessions take place, registration check-in occurs, and where the Cokesbury bookstore is located.
- WiFi is available in the Arena and other areas of the campus.
- Cell phones must be turned off in the Arena during Conference Sessions.

The Student Center is where you will find:

- Dining Hall
- Most Legislative Sessions
- Guest Services Desk
- Lounge Area: Snacks and coffee will be available each evening in front of the Dining Hall immediately opposite the Hofstra bookstore.

Special Rates for Conference Members at Area Hotels

Conference members must contact the hotels directly using the information listed below. The number of rooms is limited, and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reservations Deadline: April 30th IF rooms are still available.

Make reservations early! Once each hotel books the allotted NYAC reservations, no more reservations may be made at the special rate.

Hotels are listed by their approximate distance from Hofstra.

PLEASE READ PRIOR TO REGISTRATION LEGISLATIVE SECTIONS

SECTION 1: MINISTRIES OF WITNESS

Committee on Accessibility, Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, Cooperative School of Christian Mission, Hispanic American Council, Korean Council, Commission on the Status and Role of Women, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, and petitions related to Witness Ministries.

SECTION 2: CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES AND MINISTRIES OF NURTURE

Governing Board of the Camping and Retreat Ministry, Bishop's Task Force on Camping and Retreat Ministry, Children's Ministry, Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, Hispanic Consultant, Learning Center, Conference Ministries Vision Table, District Councils on Ministries, Mission and Outreach Ministries, Older Adult Ministries, and petitions related to Ministries of Nurture.

Societies & Institutions:

Africa University, Black College Fund, Boston University School of Theology, Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home, Candler School of Theology, Drew University Theological School, Garrett-

Evangelical Theological Seminary, Long Island Council of Churches, Methodist Home for Nursing and Rehabilitation, New York State Council of Churches, United Theological Seminary, Wesley Theological Seminary, United Methodist Homes. *Note:* Submissions from agencies which have no reporting responsibility to the Conference are included herein for information purposes.

SECTION 3: MINISTRIES OF ADVOCACY

Board of Church and Society, New York Annual Conference Task Force on Immigration, NYAC-Justice for Our Neighbors Immigration Project (JFON), Commission on Religion and Race, and petitions related to Advocacy.

SECTION 4: LEADERSHIP/ COMMISSIONING

Committee on Cross-Racial and Cross-Cultural Appointments, Order of Elders, Committee on Episcopacy, Conference Lay Leader, Conference Committee of Lay Servant Ministries, Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members, Board of Ordained Ministry, Board of Ordained Ministry COMPASS program, and petitions related to Leadership/Commissioning.

SECTION 5: CLERGY CARE & CONFERENCE FINANCE

Commission on Equitable Compensation, Council on Finance and Administration, 2014 Budget, Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, petitions related to Care and Support of Our Clergy, and Conference Finance resolutions.

SECTION 6: ADMINISTRATION

The Bishop's Strategic & Economic Analysis Task Force, Commission on Archives and History, Conference Archivist, Journal Examination Committee, Parish Development – Missional Priorities (EMLC) Commission, Park Avenue Methodist Trust Fund, Personnel Committee, Conference Secretary's Office, Report of the Commission on Conference Sessions, Conference Rules Committee, United Methodist City Society, and petitions related to Administration.

CORPORATE SESSION REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

Board of Trustees, Nominations Committee, United Methodist Frontier Foundation, and Corporate Resolutions.

Long Island Marriott Hotel and Convention Center - 1.68 Miles

101 James Doolittle Blvd, Uniondale

Rate: \$189.00 + occupancy tax

For reservations call 1-800-228-9290 and provide the agent with the group name "NY Annual Conference of United Methodist Church," or go to www.LongIslandMarriott.com and enter NMENMEA in the group code box under Special Rates and Awards.

All rooms are non-smoking. A limited number of rooms are available at this rate for Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

Red Roof Inn - 3.16 Miles

699 Dibblee Dr. Westbury

Rate: \$115.00 + occupancy tax

For reservations call 516-794-2555, and use the code NY Annual Conference.

All rooms are non-smoking.

LaQuinta Inn & Suites Garden City - 3.58 Miles

Rate: \$169.00 + occupancy tax

821 Stewart Ave, Garden City

For reservations call 866-527-1498

Use the code 2056 GRAUSZ.

Best Western Mill River Manor - 5.55 Miles

173 Sunrise Hwy, Rt 27, Rockville Centre

Rate \$129.00 + occupancy tax

For reservations call 516-678-1300, and use the code NAC.

Please note: Reservations must be made by April 5, 2013 to get this rate.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS TO HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Using GPS?

Most GPS units allow you to select or search for Hofstra University in the Points of Interest section. If you need an address for navigation, use: 900 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550.

By Car

From New York City: From the Queens Midtown Tunnel, continue on the Long Island Expressway (I-495) East to exit 38, Northern State Parkway East, to the Meadowbrook Parkway South (exit 31A) ... Stay on the Meadowbrook Parkway until Exit M4 (sign reads "Hempstead" and "Coliseum") ... Follow "From All Points," below.

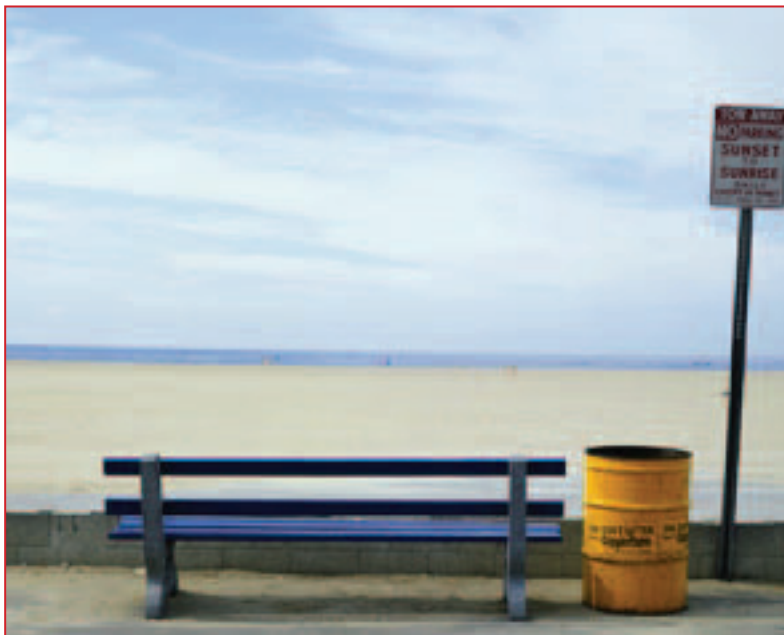
From Upstate New York: Take New York Thruway over the Tappan Zee Bridge to Cross Westchester Expressway (Interstate 287) ... Stay on the Expressway to the New England Thruway (I-95) ... Proceed south on the Thruway to Throgs Neck Bridge ... Follow directions from Throgs Neck Bridge, detailed below.

From Western CT and NY State, East of the Hudson River: From New York State East of Hudson River take Taconic State Parkway South to I-84 East / from Western Connecticut take I-84 West. For both take I-84 to I-684 South to the Hutchinson Pkwy South to Exit 4S merge onto I-95 South to Throgs Neck ... Follow directions from Throgs Neck Bridge, detailed in next column.

From New England: Proceed south to New England Thruway (Interstate 95)

and take this to the Throgs Neck Bridge ... Follow directions from Throgs Neck Bridge, detailed below.

From the Throgs Neck Bridge: Take Cross Island Parkway (first exit over the bridge on right) to the Grand Central Parkway East (Exit 29, exit forks - stay left) ... Grand Central Parkway will become the Northern State Parkway East, follow to Exit 31A (Meadowbrook Parkway South) ... Take the Meadowbrook Parkway to Exit M4 (sign reads "Hempstead" and "Coliseum") ... Follow "From All Points," below.



From Eastern Long Island: Take the Northern State Parkway West, to the Meadowbrook Parkway South (Exit 1A) or take the Southern State Parkway West to the Meadowbrook Parkway North (Exit 22N) ... Stay on the Meadowbrook Parkway until Exit M4 (sign reads "Hempstead" and "Coliseum") ... Follow "From All Points," below.

From All Points: From Exit M4 of the Meadowbrook Parkway you will be on Route 24 West (Hempstead Turnpike) ... Stay on 24W for about one mile ... Pass Nassau Coliseum ... Hofstra University is on both

sides of Hempstead Turnpike ... You will see three overhead walkways ... For the North Campus Main Entrance, make the first right after the first overhead walkway. For the Admissions Center, make a left at the light just after the second walkway ... The Office of Admissions is in Bernon Hall, the first building on your left as you enter the parking lot. Welcome to Hofstra!

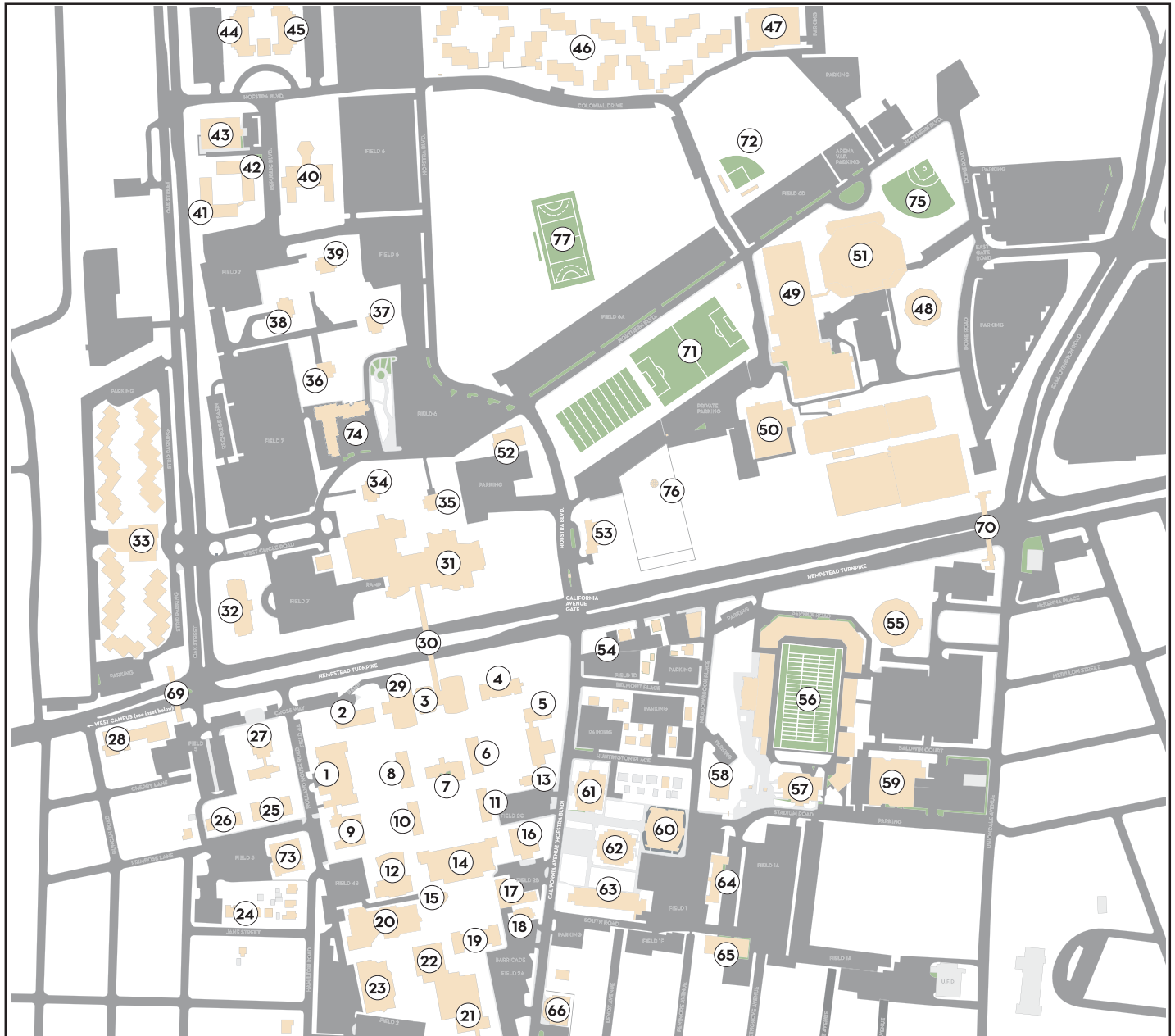
By Rail Road

From New York City: The Long Island Rail Road provides regular commuter service from Pennsylvania Station in New York City to the Hempstead station, which is less than two miles from Hofstra's campus ... Pennsylvania Station is located at 34th Street and 8th Avenue, below Madison Square Garden. Take the Long Island Rail Road East on the Hempstead Branch to the final stop "Hempstead." Depending on the day and time, a complimentary blue Hofstra bus may be waiting at the station to take visitors and students to the Hofstra campus. The bus makes several stops on campus. Otherwise, just

take a taxi for a short 5-minute trip to the Hofstra campus. Online, go to <http://mta.info> for complete Long Island Rail Road information and schedules.

By Bus

Long Island Bus provides public bus service serving Hempstead, Hofstra University, Nassau University Medical Center, Levittown, Farmingdale, Melville, Sunrise Mall, Babylon, via Hempstead Turnpike.



Map Legend

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