Bethany Celebrates Its 10th Annual Fashion Show and Awards Dinner

On October 29, 2009 we gathered in the *Domus Room* of the Nassau County Bar Association to enjoy an entertaining evening with good friends which included a delicious dinner, the presentation of our Annual Awards to our Outstanding Women and our Bethany Angels and . . . our *fabulous* Fashion Show. We also were treated to the first performance of Bethany's new *Gospel Choir* [under the direction of Barbara Sparrow-Pope] as they lifted our spirits and touched our hearts with their prayerful and moving renditions of Gospel favorites.

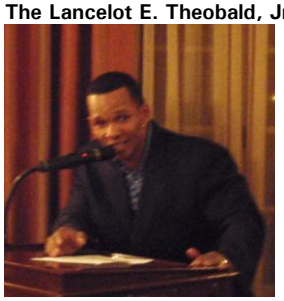
This year the **Outstanding Woman of Accomplishment Award** was given to three women from Bethany: *Veronica Smith, Jue-Ton Trent, and Florence Weisman*. These gifted women were chosen because they have faced many challenges in their lives and have overcome them with dignity and grace, always finding the time to lift the spirits of others! By their faithful commitment to Bethany House, they are always ready to help and inspire our young women who face insurmountable odds each day. And so, we honor Veronica, Jue-Ton, and Florence as our 2009 Women of Accomplishment. Congratulations to these wonderful examples of love and concern!

Our **Bethany Angels Award** was presented to an energetic and dedicated group of young women known as **The Lancelot Theobald, Jr. Dancers**. Last April, under the professional direction of the gifted Lancelot Theobald, Jr., the group prepared and performed ***Hip Hop Fusion II*** as a special benefit for the needs of Bethany House, raising more than $9,000! The **Momz-in-da Hood**™, a unique group of Hip Hop dancing moms who dance for fun, exercise and charity [also under Lancelot's direction] came to our Awards Dinner to entertain us. We sincerely appreciate their enthusiasm and their commitment to raising money for worthy causes, but most of all we honor them ALL for caring so much about Bethany.

Once again, the Fashion Show with Bethany's moms and children stole the show when they "walked the runway" as our models. Amid many smiles and lots of enthusiastic applause, they showed off the latest winter fashions from *The Strapless Dress* in Lynbrook. A special THANK YOU to *Charlene Levine*, Chairperson for the event, and to *Linda Wilkonski*, *Jane Banfield*, and ***all*** the committee members who worked to make our event such a success. We appreciate all their support!

The Lancelot E. Theobald, Jr. Dancers – Honorees

Our models: Hailey and Cheyanne ~ Tamyra, Juanita, and Penny



Lancelot E. Theobald, Jr.

Charlene Levine, Chair, and Linda Wilkonski

Bethany's *NEW* Gospel Choir