

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD IN JAMAICA

Newsletter

January to June
2025



Greetings from Bishop David Ewen, First Presiding Bishop



As we move forward as a Fellowship in the second year of our theme 'Moving Together, Impacting the Future,' it was felt that it was time to take this beyond the walls of the Assemblies of God in Jamaica to wider fields. The Lord would have this to be demonstrated in various ways.

The Fellowship was invited to participate in the Heal the Family Heal the Nation National Day of Prayer under the theme, 'The Hour of Decision'. I was asked, in the office of First Presiding Bishop to share in the session that spoke to our National Political leaders.

As we continued the journey, we brought our Area Director of the Assemblies of God World Missions, Rev. David Speer, to our General Council Conference. He was given the opportunity to address the gathering so that we can hear from the heart of AG USA and create synergy to impact our world. This visit has proven to be fruitful up to this point. We also brought in Rev. Matos- Assistant General Superintendent, Assemblies of God - Cuba, who spoke at the Ordination Service through his interpreter. We are now making mission impact in that island. The Fellowship and local churches were very kind to our Cuban churches through financial gifts.

We give the Lord praise for the expression of the theme through the attendance at our National Convention, and the quality of our services. We continued the broadening of "Moving Together" by having Bishop Dr. Delford Davis of the Power of Faith Ministries to be our Guest Speaker. His ministry was well received and he also reported that it was a blessing to his brethren who were connected to the service technologically.

As we create synergy, there is absolutely no limit to what the Church can accomplish in our quest to impact the future. From a leadership perspective, there is that commitment to work with ever pastor, minister and local church, for creating healthy churches in every community.

Moving Together, Impacting the Future

Sunday School

The National Sunday School Dept. was very active for the period January to June. It started the year with online prayer meeting on January 4. The Bible Engagement Project officially started on January 5, with the **LISTEN SERIES**.

Sunday School Empowerment was held in different counties on April 5. Heart Trust NSTA offered Customer Service training. Invitation was extended to all workers and interested persons in the churches and communities once they met the criteria of HEART. Base on observations it was well supported.

Sunday School children ages 9 - 18 years old participated in the Golden Mic Competition. Participants were selected at the regional level to compete for championship at the national level, which took place at the General Convention on April 27, 2025. Children turned out in their hundreds; the area that hosted the Children's Convention was packed to its capacity, creating the need for more chairs. Unsold items from Kids' Convention tuck shop were donated to New Vision Children's Home in Christiana.

During the month of May which is celebrated as child month, the Sunday School Department was asked to conduct the Saturday morning prayer meetings between 5:30 and 7:00. The executive team was in charge for the first Saturday, after which the three counties shared the other Saturday mornings. Our children were applauded for waking up so early in the morning to participate in prayer. Daily Child's Month nuggets were post in the Sunday School online platforms.



**THE LESSONS I LEARNED
IN SUNDAY SCHOOL HAVE
KEPT ME ON TRACK**

DENZEL WASHINGTON



It is with profound joy that we present our accomplishments through the leading of the Holy Spirit for this period. Consultation was held on Saturday, January 27, 2025 via Zoom when the National Executive members presented the 2025 Operational Plan. Over eighty (80) leaders were present, and they showed great interest in implementing it.

Our National Prayer Conference was held at First Assembly of God, Mandeville on February 22, 2025, with over three hundred (300) women in attendance. We want to express our gratitude to Rev. Kevin Davis and the First Assembly family for hosting us. The theme "It's Going to Rain...Prepare the Vessel" was effectively executed by our dynamic presenters Sister Adlyn Graham and Min. Dr. Michelle Levermore.

This was a very successful term for the Missionettes. They effectively completed the Regional and County Women of the Bible competition, and the winners are in preparation for the national playoff. All three counties Missionettes' Day was completed in the month of May.



The Beacon Prayer Network team continues its daily devotion on WhatsApp where they have daily prayer points, and pray for prayer requests. Their consistency must be commended.

We welcome Sister Angella Baker who was elected as President for the County of Middlesex. Special thanks to former President, Minister Etta Gordon for the stalwart job done over her many years of service.

Church Rededication Service

Commendation to the Calvary Assembly, Pear Tree River, St. Thomas, under the leadership of Rev. and Minister O. Barrett, for the rededication of the sanctuary. The building was badly damaged by Hurricane Sandy in October 2012. Praise be to God, it stands beautifully on the hill once again for worship, fellowship and impact.



To God be the glory for the great and marvelous things He has accomplished through the Assemblies of God Family Ministry. During the first six (6) months of 2025, we were able to offer online and in person counselling sessions, and also conduct Marriage Seminars.

However, as a ministry, one of our key objectives is to carefully plan and diligently execute activities, geared towards Family Month which is celebrated in June of every year since 2019. This year our theme was, "Families United in Christ, Impacting the Future".

The proposed activities for Family Month 2025 were achieved with contribution from each county. The activities were in three (3) categories: 1) Motivational Week of WhatsApp presentations centered around the theme. (2) Being in charge of the National Saturday Morning prayer meetings, and (3) Organized Part 2 of a Mental Health Workshop. These were well received by members and friends of the Fellowship.



Mental Health Workshop Part 2—Surrey

Through these activities the Family Ministry remain dedicated to its vision of wholistic restoration in families and individuals, with God's help. We are forever



Mental Health Workshop Part 2—Middlesex

grateful for the continuous support you all have given, and we look forward to even greater accomplishments in the months and years to come.



Mental Health Workshop Part 2—Cornwall



"Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs; the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what." — Dez Del Rio



The National Men's Ministry remains committed to building on the momentum gained in 2024 and the first half of 2025. Plans are underway for additional training sessions, mentorship programmes, and outreach initiatives aimed at equipping and empowering men to be godly leaders in their homes, churches, and communities.

February 2025: Online Seminar – Love, Sex, and Marriage

In February 2025, we launched a three-week online seminar on the topic *Love, Sex, and Marriage*. This seminar had 45 participants and was rich in both information and interaction. The discussions were insightful and offered biblical guidance on relationships, intimacy, and the sanctity of marriage. Many attendees expressed gratitude for the openness and clarity provided.

May 3, 2025: Leadership Online Seminar

We continued our leadership development efforts through an online seminar titled *Leadership and How We Handle Our Team and Responsibilities with Fairness*. Forty (40) men participated and were challenged to lead with integrity, empathy, and biblical values. The session provided practical insights on leading teams effectively while remaining accountable to God's calling.



May 24, 2025: Royal Rangers Online Discussion

We hosted an online discussion on the Royal Rangers Ministry in May. Leaders shared valuable insights on how to start a Royal Rangers Ministry and discussed its benefits. Additionally, some young men already involved in the programme shared testimonies of personal growth, mentorship, and spiritual impact. This session further solidified the importance of investing in our youth through structured, faith-based programmes.

June 2025: Father-Child Bonding Initiative

On June 14th, all men were encouraged to spend quality time with their children by going to a movie, playing a game, or cooking a meal together. This initiative was designed to strengthen father-child relationships and promote intentional bonding experiences. Men reported meaningful moments and stronger connections with their children as a result.

**BE WATCHFUL
STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH
ACT LIKE MEN BE STRONG
LET ALL THAT YOU DO
BE DONE IN LOVE
1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14**



The National Youth Department hosted several events this year. Cornwall Youth Missions in January and Middlesex Youth Missions in May had an average attendance of 55. Activities included regional youth

meetings, street ministry, care package distribution, and divine service.

The National Youth Convention on March 5, 2025, at the Assemblies of God Convention Centre in Christiana, Manchester, had over 850 attendees. The event featured ministries, a word by Min. Linford Roberts, and special guest Johnmark Wiggan.



A new youth executive was elected. The national executive thanks everyone for their support and looks forward to continued collaboration.

**YOUNG
PEOPLE
FOR JESUS**

Mission to West Virginia

The first mission to West Virginia since the passing of Rev. Thomas Lantz, was done under the leadership of Rick Shade, who worked with Pastor Thomas Lantz for many years. A committed team of persons from various churches were our hosts over the one (1) week of ministries in various forms.



The team of ten (10) members of Jamaica Praise were welcomed amidst unusually cold day in the area on Saturday, May 31st. We were allowed to minister in four (4) local churches on Sunday morning and then to the Union Grove Camp meeting. Although it started low in attendance, it grew as we moved into Thursday. Persons even expressed desires for the meetings to be continued. One pastor testified again of his healing and a lady who got saved in our meetings and is now attending his church was asked to stand. To God be the Glory!!

In our quest to reciprocate physical work, the men on the team worked at the Central Assembly and at the home of the pastor who for years has been supplying our transportation. We thank God that this ministry lives on and is exposing many to mission and fellowship.

Prayer Network

Greetings to the National Presbytery, Pastors and Ministers. The prayer network ministry has been doing great over the years. We take great pleasure to give God thanks for using us to impact our nation in this ministry. We meet every Saturday morning 5:30- 7:00 with praise, worship and prayer. Prayer requests are submitted to our platform on a daily basis and intercession are made on behalf of these requests. We also have monthly prayer partners praying in different groups like our pastors, Bible College students, Sunday School Department, Family Ministry, and we were able to host an all-night prayer meeting. During that session, pastors and other persons were given an hour to pray, give an exaltation or testimony or a word of encouragement, as the Holy Spirit led. We are inviting other pastors and ministers to come on board with us, as this is getting more and more exciting. Our Sunday School children did exceptionally well.



Testimony

A 15 year old student was raped by an elderly man; her grandmother called for prayer. We prayed for him to be caught by the police. After eluding the police for several years, he was eventually caught and locked up without bail. The victim, in addition to suffering embarrassment, faced mocking and ridicule from school mates. Overwhelmed by the situation, she fatally stabbed a male student. She was arrested and locked up for six months. According to the lawyer and the judge, the penalty was a 20 year sentence. During that time her mother had a stroke and was hospitalized. We prayed, and she was discharged from the hospital. The Lord also sent a new judge on the case, who said the child was traumatized and needed to be home with her family. The trial for the man was held and sentencing will be in October. To God be the glory. Hallelujah!

Prayer does
not equip us
for the greater
work.

Prayer is the
greater work.

Oswald Chambers

Evangelism and Missions

International Missions Outreach

A mission's team from Jamaica successfully attended an international outreach in Grand Cayman from May 17 to May 23, 2025, for one week. The team engaged in various evangelistic activities including community outreach, church services, and ministry to youth and families. The impact was notable, with local churches in Grand Cayman expressing deep appreciation and openness to continued partnership.



National Evangelism Events—



On July 12, 2025, National Distribution Day was observed with an initiative held in all churches across the island. Gospel tracts, invitations, and outreach materials were shared with persons within the church communities as part of a coordinated evangelistic push. The

event demonstrated unity and active participation among congregations across the country.

National Online Crusade—Following the tract distribution, a National Online Crusade was held on Sunday, July 13, 2025, where all churches participated virtually. The crusade was broadcast live, and featured powerful preaching, and worship. Many churches reported increased online viewership and engagement during and after the event.

Upcoming Church Strengthening Initiatives—Planning is currently underway for Church Strengthening Initiatives across the island before the end of 2025. The focus will be on sowing seeds of growth, discipleship, and leadership training. The three counties — Cornwall, Middlesex, and Surrey will each organize, plan, and execute regional events that may include: leadership development workshops, evangelism training sessions, community engagement initiatives, discipleship and follow-up programmes dates and details are currently being finalized in collaboration with county coordinators and local pastors.