

# THE ADVENT IMPACT

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HOPE AMIDST THE CRISIS

Seventh-day  
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JAMAICA UNION CONFERENCE



# MESSAGE



**I**n times like these the Church plays a pivotal role in bringing hope and relief to those around us who are most adversely affected by the economic and social challenges confronting the world; and here in Jamaica, we rely on the faithfulness and generosity of our church members and our friends in the community, to unite with us in giving liberally as we endeavour to engender “Hope Amidst the Crisis”.

Ingathering is an annual event in the Seventh-day Adventist Church; and so each year at this time we ask our members to devote time

and effort to solicit the assistance of the public as we try to meet the expectations of some persons who look to us for support to fulfill a basic need.

We are very grateful to the kind-hearted donors who make a tangible contribution each year. This year we ask that you do no less.

In this era of pandemics and war, the needs are even greater.

Please help us to give hope in this time of crises. Our Lord Jesus Christ reminds us that “In as much as you do it to the least of these My brethren, you do it unto Me”. Please give generously.

We thank you for caring. May our gracious Father in Heaven record your gift and return it to you in manifold blessings.

**Everett E. Brown (Pastor), CD, JP  
President**

## STATISTICAL REPORT

Amount disbursed in the areas of scholarships, grants, etc. - \$4,964,874.00

Disbursed to persons in need - \$5,104,528.00

Disbursed for health-related purposes - \$3,318,026.00

Number of: Universities - 1, High Schools - 8, Preparatory/Primary Schools - 19

Number of: Hospitals - 1, Health Centres - 3

# THE ADVENT IMPACT

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Lorraine Thompson, a member of the Kings Seventh-day Adventist Church and a Public Health Nurse, shares with a patron at a Health Fair in the Roehampton District, St. James in August 2022. *PHOTO: Pastor Aundries Malcolm*



Members of the Spicy Hill Church in Trelawny build a house for a senior citizen of the community in November 2021.



Sis Lorna Fowler (Left) President of the East Jamaica Conference Community Services Federation hands a member of the Tivoli Gardens community a package containing food items on July 24, 2022 during the Gospel Caravan of Hope, which was held at the Tivoli Gardens Community Center.



Members of the Westmoreland Youth Federation along with the Darliston District Federation pose with a senior citizen who was presented with the keys to his newly renovated home on February 6, 2022.



Elder Lorna Bansie (Right) President of the St Catherine Adventist Community Services Federation in Central Jamaica Conference hands a member of the Windsor Heights community a package containing back-to-school items during a community impact held in the community in September 2021.



Pastor Damion Clarke, Ministerial Secretary (far right) work alongside members of the Port Antonio Church in erecting a house for a member of the Clear Spring community in Portland.



Members of the Adventist Youth Federation in St. Elizabeth donate well-needed supplies to the Covid-19 Isolation Ward at the Black River Hospital on Sabbath, October 2, 2021.



Sis. Nielsen Brown (Left) serves soup to mothers of the Lionel Town Community, Clarendon, during the Central Jamaica Conference Shepherdess' community impact held for mothers and expectant mothers on May 29, 2022.



Ms. Janice McGrowther (left), Ms. Cordelia Cunningham (second from left), and Ms. Erica Barnett (third from left) assist in handing out school backpacks to a group of students during the back-to-school event on August 14, 2022, at the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre, Mount Salem.



Pastor Lorenzo Brown, then Community Services Director, EJC, hands a package containing food items to a member of the Gordon Town Community (centre) during the church's community impact on December 5, 2021. Looking on is Mrs. Lorna Fowler, President, EJC Community Services Federation.





Nurse Audrey McLeod attending to a resident of the Annotto Bay Community as part of the North East Jamaica Conference's Community Services outreach activities in April 2022.



The West Jamaica Conference hosted its third annual Security Forces and Youth Mentorship Prayer Breakfast on Sunday, January 2, 2022. Members of the Jamaica Defence Force and the Jamaica Constabulary Force were engaged in a special devotional service, treated with breakfast, and shown special appreciation for their service. *PHOTO: Cordel Brown*

# SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

## **The Trinity**

There is one God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three co-eternal Persons usually called the Trinity. God the Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer, and Sovereign of all creation. God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ, through Whom all things were created; the character of God is revealed; the salvation of humanity is accomplished; and the world is judged. God the Holy Spirit draws men and women to Himself and gives spiritual gifts to the Church.

## **Christ our Hope**

In Christ's life of perfect obedience to God's will, His suffering, death, and resurrection, God provided the only means of atonement for human sin, so that those who by faith accept this atonement have eternal life.

## **Christ's Return**

The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope of the Church, the grand climax of the Gospel. His coming will be literal, personal, visible, and world-wide. When He returns the righteous dead will be resurrected and together with the righteous living will be glorified and taken to heaven. The unrighteous - those who have rejected divine grace - will die.

## **The Church**

The Church is the community of believers who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

In it men and women join together for worship, fellowship, instruction in the Word, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, service to our neighbours, and the world-wide proclamation of the Gospel.

## **The Holy Scriptures**

The Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration through holy men of God who spoke and wrote by the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures are the infallible revelation of God's will.

## **Baptism**

Baptism by immersion is a symbol of our union with Christ, the forgiveness of our sins, and our reception of the Holy Spirit.

## **The Ten Commandments**

The Ten Commandments, the great principles of God's law, are exemplified in the life of Christ. They express God's love, will, and purposes concerning human conduct and relationships. Salvation is all of grace and not of works, but its fruitage is obedience to the Commandments, not in hopeless effort to earn salvation, but in

# FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS

grateful harmony with the life and will of Him whose perfect obedience has brought us confidence and acceptance as His sons and daughters.

## **The Sabbath**

The seventh day of the week, Saturday, is observed as the day of rest, worship, and ministry in harmony with the teaching and practice of Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath.

The Sabbath is a day of delightful communion with God and one another. We joyfully observe this holy time from Friday evening to Saturday evening, from sunset to sunset, as a celebration of God's creative and redemptive acts.

## **The New Earth**

On the new earth, in which righteousness dwells, God will provide a glorious home for the redeemed with a perfect environment for everlasting life, love, joy and learning. God Himself will dwell with His people, and suffering and death will exist no more.

A full summary of our 28 Fundamental Beliefs can be found online at <http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/>





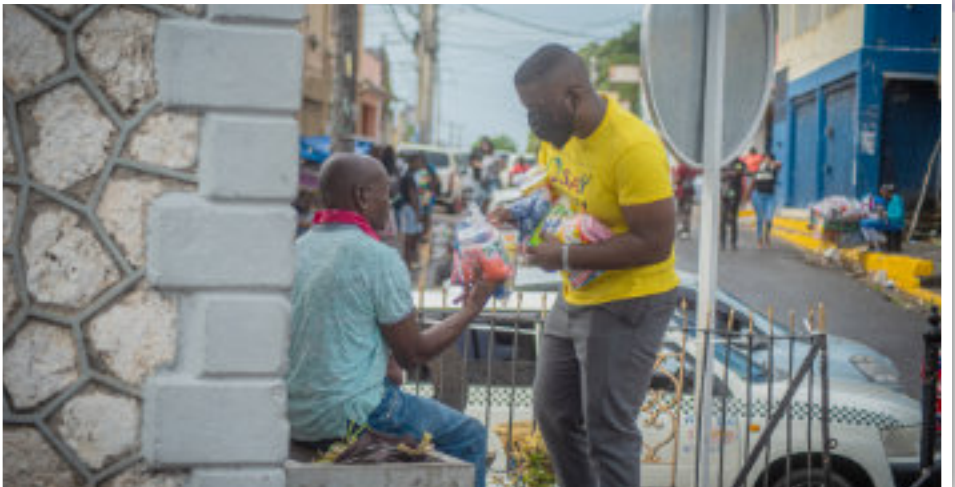
Sis. Joycelyn Brown-Kerr, a member of the Sydenham Seventh-day Adventist Church and Registered Nurse (Midwife) provides a blood pressure check to a patron at a Health Fair held in the Sydenham District, St. Catherine in March 2022.



Members of the Lewis Store, St. Mary, built a house in April 2022, for Maud Kennedy an elderly member of the Clonmel community whose house was destroyed by fire.



Nurse Yolanda Morris-Ebanks of the Trench Town SDA Clinic hands a package containing food items to an elderly man from the Trench Town community on December 7, 2021, during Love in the Marketplace community impact, which was held on the grounds of the Trench Town SDA Church.



Youth Leader Bradley Campbell hands out a care package to one of the Taxi Operators in May Pen, during The Clarendon Adventist Youth Federation Global Youth Day Impact March 19, 2022.



Pastor Carl Cunningham, (Left) then Possibilities Ministries Director, EJC hands over packages containing cooked meals to the Executive Director of Jamaica Society for the Blind, Mr. Conrad Harris and his wife on December 5, 2021, designated as Possibility Ministries Day when acts of kindness were done for members of the disabled community by the Church in East Jamaica Conference.



Members from the Adventist Church in Clarendon Park visited over 20 persons and distributed more than 20 care packages to the needy in the community. *PHOTO: Anice Lyn*



Adventist Health Volunteer Annette Johnson-Sang (Left) takes the blood pressure of a member of the Tivoli Gardens community during the Gospel Caravan, which was held at the Tivoli Gardens Community Center on July 24, 2022.



The members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Irwin, St. James, distributed Christian literature in the community, conducted blood pressure checks, visited the Police Station, and engaged in devotional activities with the citizens.



On December 26 and 27, 2021, members from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Salt Spring gave back to their community in the form of hot meals and care packages. A total of 50 packages were distributed.



The Westmoreland Chapter of Men's and BEAMS continued their mission of serving others by taking on a house renovation project for a needy family on June 19 and July 1, 2022.





The West Jamaica Conference Medical Missionaries for the first time since the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic participated in a Health Fair, held at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, March Town, on Sunday, July 17, 2022.



The Siloah team helped the community by performing blood pressure checks and having counseling sessions. *PHOTO: Anice Lyn*



Mrs Carol Smythe-James, Women's and Children's Ministries Director, shares a hot meal with a homeless person at the Open-Heart Charity Mission in Montego Bay, St. James.



Master Guide, Elder Dexter Pusey presents a Priorities Magazine to an elderly man during the EndItNow outreach in the Mandeville Town Centre on August 25, 2022.

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