



East Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Service of
**INSTALLATION &
CONSECRATION**

For the newly Elected Officers, Directors &
Executive Committee Members (2026- 2030)

Theme:

Grounded in the Bible
Focused on the **Mission**

Sabbath
SEPTEMBER 5
at 3:30 PM 2026

Venue
Kencot SDA Church
10 - 12 Osbourne Road, Kgn 10

OFFICIATING OFFICERS

Pastor Glen O. Samuels, *President, Jamaica Union Conference*
Pastor Karl Archer, *Executive Secretary, Jamaica Union Conference*
Pastor Adlai Blythe, *Treasurer, Jamaica Union Conference*

Order of Service

Musical Prelude **Natural Progression Band**

Song Service **EJC Praise Team**

PROCESSIONAL

Conference Officers and Executive Committee Members

Participating Platform Party

(Congregation Stands)

Processional Hymn..... **“Lead On, O King Eternal” #619**.....**Congregation**

1

Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

3

Lead on, O King eternal,
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

Posting of Colours & National Anthem.....**Uniformed Group**

Welcome.....**Pastor Brian Shaw**

*Church Pastor & Stewardship, Planned Giving
& Wills and Trust Services, EJC*

Call to Worship..... **Pastor Karl Archer**

Executive Secretary, JAMU

- Leader:** Bless the Lord, O my Soul; and all that is within me, bless His Holy name.
- Congregation:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.
- Leader:** Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases.
- Congregation:** The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
- Leader:** Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.
- Congregation:** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children.
- Leader:** Bless the Lord, all ye His hosts; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.
- Congregation:** Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His domain: bless the Lord, O my soul.

Hymn of Inspiration “Have Thine Own Way” #567 Praise Team

1

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

2

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

3

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

4

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Scriptural Meditation	John 17:17 – 23.....	Elder Michael Porteous <i>Treasurer, EJC</i>
Prayer of Confession and Unity		Pastor Adrian Cotterell <i>Stewardship, Possibility, Cross Cultural Mission & Community Services Director, JAMU</i>
Musical Praise.....		Sis. Lee-Ann Spence <i>Albion SDA</i>
Introduction of Speaker		Pastor Karl Archer <i>Executive Secretary, JAMU</i>
Song of Meditation		The Merry Brothers <i>Florence Hill SDA</i>
Homily.....		Pastor Glen O. Samuels <i>President, Jamaica Union Conference</i>
Musical Response		Key Influence Ministry
Prayer for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.....		Pastor Joseph Smith <i>Vice President, Asst. to the President for Evangelism & Ministerial Secretary, JAMU</i>

Service of Consecration

Introduction of Elected Personnel **Pastor Adlai Blythe**
Treasurer, JAMU

Union President: We present to you, our beloved brethren in Christ, the persons to be inaugurated as leaders of this Conference for the next Quadrennium.

Congregation: We accept the talents God has given us according to His grace, and the leadership that has been provided to guide, inspire and prepare us for the ministry.

Union President
(Charging the Conference Committee): God has given you the responsibility to govern this Conference for the next four years. Do you accept the commission to serve Him faithfully?

Conference Executive Committee Members' Response: We solemnly pledge by the grace of God, that we will give careful oversight to the business of this Conference, so that the work will grow and develop and the gospel of Jesus Christ will live in us and be carried to every corner of the territory.

Union President
(Charging the Departmental Directors): Recognizing the sacredness and importance of your role in fulfilling the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the members of East Jamaica Conference have invited you to serve as Departmental Directors. Will you give of your best to develop the department entrusted to your care, and in so doing fulfill the command of Christ to make disciples of all mankind?

Departmental Directors' Response: We hereby dedicate ourselves in obedience to the command of Christ, and pledge our wholehearted efforts in giving quality service, and leading men and women to follow the Master. We also pledge ourselves to train and direct the members to live and witness for Christ.

Union President
(Charging the Officers): Do you, by the grace of God, commit yourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit and in so doing, administer the Conference in harmony with the policies of the Church and the voted strategic plans?

Conference Officers' Response: By the grace of God, we will.

Union President
(Charging the President):

Jesus said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me even so send I you.” I appeal, as a fellow Elder, a witness of Christ’s sufferings, and one who will also share in the glory to be revealed. Be a good shepherd of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as an overseer -- not because you must, but because you are willing. Be merciful as you exercise authority, so that when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Conference President’s Response:

By the grace God, I will bear true allegiance to the faith of Jesus. I accept the responsibility of leading this Conference.

Congregation:

We invite you to lead us in our walk with God.

Conference President:

I have come with the desire to help you lift up Jesus Christ so that by His grace, we can grow together in unity. I seek your love and your understanding as we journey together.

Union President:

As a local Conference, you have the responsibility of presenting the Gospel to this territory and prepare the world for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation:

We accept the challenge of presenting the Living Christ through our lives and ministry.

Union President

May the strength of God guide you. May the power of God preserve you. May the wisdom of God instruct you. May the hand of God protect you. May the way of God direct you. May the shield of God defend you.

Almighty Father, grant to your people these our requests that they may think Your thoughts, and do Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Hymn of Consecration..... “Breathe On Me”..... #265

1

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

2

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

3

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with Thy fire divine.

4

Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I constant be,
And live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

Prayer of Consecration for Officers, Directors Pastor Dudley Hosin
and Executive Committee Members *Health, Prayer, & Publishing Ministry, JAMU*

Musical Response Sis. Karnette Batchelor-Evering
Rollington Town SDA

Signing of Leadership Pledge Pastor Melvin Francis, President
Pastor Adrian Johnson, Executive Secretary
Elder Michael Porteous, Treasurer

Musical Response Bro. Stephen Henry
Greenwich Town SDA

Conference President’s Response..... Pastor Melvin Francis
President, EJC

Greetings..... Fields/Institutions Representatives

Vote of Thanks and Announcement Pastor Adrian Johnson
Executive Secretary, EJC

Benediction..... Pastor Roy Dennis
Family Ministries & Trust Services, JAMU

Retrieving of ColoursUniformed Group

Recessional Hymn..... “Onward, Christian Soldiers!” # 612.....Congregation

1

Onward, Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See, His banners go!

Refrain

Onward, Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

2

Like a mighty army
Moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.

3

Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the church of Jesus
Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that can never fail.

4

Onward then, ye people!
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song.
Glory, praise, and honor
Unto Christ the King,
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing.

PROFILE

PASTOR MELVIN FRANCIS

President, East Jamaica Conference

A Journey of Faith, Service and Leadership

Pastor Melvin Francis was elected to office on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, during the Seventh Quadrennial Session of the East Jamaica Conference, held at the Kencot Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kingston to serve as President. He served the East Jamaica Conference as Executive Secretary since 2022. In that role, he also carried responsibility for the Human Resource portfolio. Pastor Francis's election to the Presidency of the Conference marks another significant chapter in a life of ministry shaped by faith, perseverance and dedicated service.



He was raised by his parents, Lester and Linette Francis, in Point Hill, St Catherine. Following the death of his father in 1991, the family relocated to Temple Hall in St Andrew. It was there that he was baptised during a Seventh-day Adventist evangelistic series, an experience that significantly influenced the direction of his life.

Pastor Melvin Francis attended Golden Spring Primary School and Oberlin High School. Although he initially hoped to pursue a career in agriculture, he later responded to what he believed was God's call to gospel ministry and enrolled at Northern Caribbean University. While pursuing his studies, he worked as a plumber in the university's Plant Services Department to help finance his education. Despite the demands of balancing work and study, he remained committed to completing his ministerial training.

After graduating from NCU in August 2008, Pastor Francis began his ministry as an intern pastor, serving the New Haven, Half Way Tree and Andrews Memorial Seventh-day Adventist churches. Following 11 months of ministerial internship, he was appointed pastor of the Florence Hill Circuit of Churches. He later served in several other pastoral districts, including Everton Park, Macedonia, Morant Bay and Meadowvale.



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Over the years, Pastor Francis has served in several leadership capacities, including Zone Leader and Executive Committee Member. He also served as President of the Ministerial Professional Association in 2018 and again in 2022. His ministry has been marked by extensive evangelistic work and recognition from the Conference, Union and Division for outstanding pastoral service.

Beyond his denominational responsibilities, Pastor Francis also serves as a volunteer chaplain with the Jamaica Constabulary Force, extending his ministry of spiritual care and support to members of the organization.

In 2022, he was elected Executive Secretary of the East Jamaica Conference, a position he held until his election as president.

Pastor Francis recently graduated with a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary. He holds a Master of Science in Counselling and Social Work from The Mico University College and a Bachelor of Arts in Religion, with a concentration in Pastoral Ministry, from Northern Caribbean University. He also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Education from NCU and a Train the Trainer certificate of competence from HEART Trust.

He is married to the former Christine Curtis, and they are the parents of two sons, Samuel and Jadon.

Pastor Francis brings to his role years of pastoral, evangelistic and administrative experience. His life and ministry have been guided by the biblical principle, **“In quietness and confidence shall be your strength,”** a philosophy that has become a hallmark of his leadership journey.



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PASTOR ADRIAN JOHNSON

Executive Secretary, East Jamaica Conference

A son of Bath, St. Thomas, Pastor Adrian Johnson has dedicated his life to ministry since 1983, when he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church. That early conviction led him to Northern Caribbean University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Theology. In 2012 he completed a Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology at the Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary. He is also a graduate of Happy Grove High School.

He entered full-time ministry in December 1993 with the East Jamaica Conference. Over the years, he has served with distinction in districts across Portland, St. Mary, St. Thomas and Kingston & St. Andrew, including Windsor, Dover, Oracabessa, Hope Bay, Morant Bay, Hagley Park, Kings Chapel, Kencot, Andrews Memorial, Half Way Tree, and Constant Spring.

At the Sixth Quadrennial Session he served as Family and Men's Ministry Director. He now serves the wider church as Executive Secretary of the East Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, providing leadership in administration, church governance, and pastoral support across the Conference.

Family remains his foundation. For 30 years he has been married to Genevieve James, an Educator. Together they are the parents of three young adults: Adrian Jr, Adrienne, and Adene, all graduates of Northern Caribbean University.



Pastor Johnson is passionate about prayer, family life, and authentic connection. He enjoys thoughtful conversation, playing the guitar, and being among people.
Motto: “Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.”



PROFILE

ELDER MICHAEL PORTEOUS

Treasurer, East Jamaica Conference

Elder Michael Alexander Porteous is an ordained Elder and serves as Treasurer of the East Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

FROM CALLING TO CRAFT

Michael was drawn to numbers from an early age. He originally set his sights on engineering, but life pointed him toward finance instead, a shift that grew into a career of purposeful stewardship. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a Finance emphasis, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2007 from Northern Caribbean University, followed by a Master of Science in Accounting with Distinction in 2019 from The University of the West Indies, where he was recognized for the most outstanding performance in the MSc Accounting Research Project. He is also a Fellow Chartered Accountant with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica.



A CAREER ON THE RISE

Michael's career began in the corporate world at Chas E. Ramson and Restaurants of Jamaica, where his sharp mind and eagerness to learn quickly earned him a promotion to supervisor. In 2003, he joined the East Jamaica Conference as an accountant, rising to Chief Accountant in 2006 and Assistant Treasurer in 2008 before stepping into his current role as Treasurer in January 2020.

His tenure has weathered a global pandemic and two major hurricanes, and his strategic thinking has helped the Conference emerge from each with stability and growth. He also serves on the boards of the Kingsway Group of Schools, the NCU Media Advisory Board, the Good Samaritan Inn, and the JAMU executive committee.



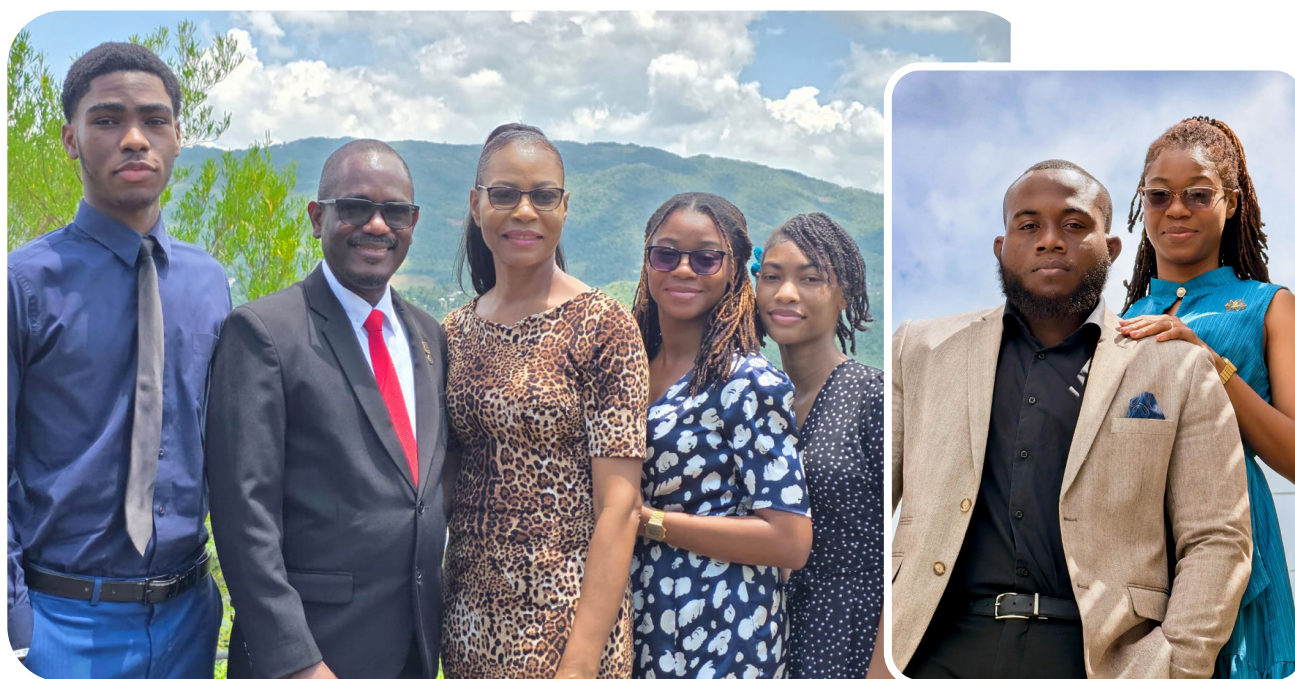
FAMILY

The fourth child of Rosalie Porteous and the late Rupert Porteous, Michael's foundation was laid in St. Catherine, where he learned that hard work, humility, and integrity define a man. As a first-generation Seventh-day Adventist, he has made it his mission to build God's kingdom through his family.

He has walked alongside his wife, Maxine Ann Marie Porteous, for over twenty-five years — a partnership that raised their children, Toni Harvey, Darryll Porteous, and Kalila Porteous, with son-in-law Michael Harvey the family's newest addition. Within the family, Michael is the sage whose advice is treasured, typically once it's asked for. But for all the seriousness his work demands, he's quite the joker at heart. Outside of work, he enjoys chess, football, dominoes, and table tennis.

PHILOSOPHY

Elder Porteous often points to the saying that there are three types of people: those who watch things happen, those who wonder what happened, and those who make things happen. He has committed his life to the third, guided by the Serenity Prayer, the grace to accept what he cannot change, the courage to change what he can, and the wisdom to know the difference. He holds firmly to the belief that with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26), and gives all trust, honor, and praise heavenward.



ELECTED ADMINISTRATOR AND DIRECTORS



Pastor Sebert Hamilton

Vice President &
Sabbath School Director



Pastor Ralston Tyrell

Asst. to the President, Evangelism
& Director, Personal Ministries



Pastor Theodore Henry

Communication Director



Elder Claudette Genas

Women, Children & Adolescents'
Ministries Director



Pastor Sheldon Schooler

Community Services,
ADRA, Senior Citizens,
Possibility Min. Director



Pastor Joel Jupp

Youth Ministries Director



Pastor Desmond Clarke

Family & Men's Ministries
Director



Pastor Paul Bailey

Ministerial Secretary



Pastor Omar Oliphant

Education & Public Affairs
and Religious Liberty Director

ELECTED ADMINISTRATOR AND DIRECTORS CONT.



Pastor Sadekie Beckford
Publishing, Spirit of Prophecy
& Prayer Ministries Director



Pastor Brian Shaw
Stewardship, Planned Giving &
Wills & Trust Services Director



Pastor Leonard Steele
Health Ministries Director

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EJC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pastor Melvin Francis, President

Pastor Adrian Johnson, Executive Secretary

Elder Michael Porteous, Treasurer

Pastor Sebert Hamilton, Vice President & Sabbath School Director

Pastor Ralston Tyrell, Asst. to the President, Evangelism/ Director, Personal Ministries & Leader of Zone 2

Pastor Theodore Henry, Communication Director

Elder Claudette Genas, Director, Women's Children & Adolescent Ministries

Pastor Omar Oliphant, Director, Education & Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Pastor Joel Jumpp, Director, Youth Ministries

Pastor Leonard Steele, Director, Health Ministries

Pastor Sheldon Schooler, Director, Community Services, ADRA, Senior Citizens, Possibility Min.

Pastor Desmond Clarke, Director, Family & Men's Ministries & Leader of Zone 1

Pastor Paul Bailey, Ministerial Secretary & Leader of Zone 3

Pastor Sadekie Beckford, Director, Publishing, Spirit of Prophecy and Prayer

Pastor Brian Shaw, Director, Stewardship, Planned Giving & Wills and Trust Services

Pastor Andre Clark, Leader of Zone 4

Elder Donovan Hanson – Constant Spring

Elder Audrey Sewell – North Street

Mrs. Claudia Frys-Butler (Principal) – Morant Bay

Elder Howard Johnson Jr. – Meadowvale

Mr. Sayeed Bernard – New Haven

Elder Lorna Fowler – Washington Gardens

Mrs. Stacey-Ann Maragh-Simpson – August Town

Dr. Noval Dale – Hagley Park

Elder Paulette Stewart – Kencot

Elder Duane Muirhead – North Street

Mrs. Julia Wong-Brooks – Rollington Town

Mrs. Arlene Barnes – Morant Bay

Elder Venus Wallen – Content Gap

Elder Gavin Lowe – Constant Spring

The congregation is asked to file past quickly in a single line and greet the elected Officers, Departmental Directors, and other Conference Executive Committee

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MISSION FOR ALL

“So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall
not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)

