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To: All Pastors, Elders, Family Ministries Leaders and Members of the East Jamaica Conference

Dear Pastors, Elders, Family Ministries Leaders and members;

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. **November is observed nationally as Parents' Month**, providing the Church with a valuable opportunity to affirm, equip and encourage parents in the sacred responsibility of nurturing children and strengthening the home.

Parenting is more than providing materially for our children. It is a ministry of formation. Through our words, example, discipline, affection, worship and daily choices, we help shape their understanding of God, relationships, character and purpose. Scripture reminds us:

“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children...” - Deuteronomy 6:6–7

Throughout Parents Month, I encourage every congregation to intentionally create opportunities to support parents, strengthen parent-child relationships and promote family discipleship.

Churches are encouraged to incorporate parenting emphases into Sabbath School, Divine Worship, AY, Family Ministries programmes, seminars, small-group discussions, or other appropriate settings during the month.

To assist each church, the Family Ministries Department of the Jamaica Union has made Parents Month presentations available through the East Jamaica Conference Family Ministries Department. These resources may be used or adapted to provide practical, biblical and relevant guidance to parents within our congregations and communities.

Feel free to access the presentations using the link provided:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18MBDqc-4nU9VxT5TmPysYdO9O0fOVckK?usp=sharing>

I also encourage churches to remember the diversity of parenting experiences among us: married parents, single parents, widowed parents, separated or divorced parents, grandparents serving as caregivers, guardians, and others carrying significant parenting responsibilities. Our ministry should clearly communicate that they are seen, valued, and supported.

Let us use this month not merely to celebrate parents, but to equip them for the work God has entrusted to them and to strengthen our homes as centres of faith, discipleship and mission.

Thank you for your continued partnership in building stronger families and stronger churches!

With prayers for your families,

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