



BETHEL FOCUS



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

by Anna-Kaye Mighty,
ICT Director



Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean – Jamaica has a rich heritage of coupling practical spiritual experiences with sound theological education. Through this Christmas issue of the *Bethel Focus*, we seek to highlight how we have done this by lovingly serving our community by the grace of God.

Happy reading!

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF



Rev. Dr. Earlmont Williams
President



Rev. Dr. Ajilon Ferdinand
Academic Dean



Rev. Deamar Dingwall
Admissions and Student Services Director



Mrs. Sydonie Williams
Counselling and Residential Services Coordinator



Mrs. Paula Salmon
Canteen Manager



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Rev. Dr. Earlmont Williams

I commenced my tenure as the President of Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean - Jamaica (BBCC-J) on September 1, 2022. I am grateful to God primarily for His grace upon and His faithfulness throughout my life so far. I am also grateful to the Administrative Bishop of the New Testament Church of God in Jamaica, Rev. Dr Roy Notice, and the National Executive Council (NEC) for their vote of confidence in me in appointing me to this prestigious position in our blessed denomination.

There is no doubt that a new era has dawned in the forward movement of Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean- Jamaica. The Rev. Dr. Donald Roberts

served the College exceptionally well for a decade. He was a visionary, transformational, and wise leader. For all of that, he must be commended highly. As I take the College forward, I am standing on his shoulders as well as the shoulders of several other outstanding leaders who served as Principal/President of this noble institution. Therefore, it is clear to me that there are greater days ahead for BBCC-J.

The "greater days" to which I am referring will come as we take the College forward based on 7 Pillars of Progress as follows: *Identity and Mission, Growth and Expansion, Reimagination and Innovation, Agility and Acceleration, Professionalism and Accessibility, Experience and Empowerment, and Professionalism and Success.* These Pillars of Progress have been the starting point for what we have done so far in this academic year.

What have we done or accomplished to this point? We have renovated the campus facilities. Two staff members were replaced, and three persons joined the staff and faculty. We made a few changes with respect to the offices that administrative personnel occupy and utilize. We have also procured and installed new office signs on all office doors. Staff and faculty salaries were increased by 10%. We resumed our critical residential programme and our student population increased by 15%. Thanks to the Administrative Bishop, the Bethel Support Programme was revived and relaunched.

In our recently held graduation exercise, we reflected on the theme "*Forward Together with Pentecostal Spirituality, Divine Capacity, and Uncommon Agility.*" This theme was chosen for significant reasons. The College continues its forward march as we build on the foundation of the significant strides that it has made over the past 79 years. Although we are advancing into what I believe is a great future, we will be guided by our Holiness-Pentecostal theological perspectives and traditions on which the College is built.

As we move closer to the 80th anniversary of this noble institution, I am anticipating that we will mobilize the board, administrative and ancillary staff, faculty, students, and alumni to mark this historic achievement in fine style. Several initiatives will be rolled out in this regard. A launch event has been scheduled for February 1, 2023. The Bethel 80 Planning Committee will begin its work soon.

We anticipate a tremendous academic year as we continue to work hard and pray even harder. The board, administration, faculty, and students express their appreciation to all the denominational leaders, district overseers, and local church pastors in the New Testament Church of God - Jamaica for their undying commitment to and unwavering support for BBCC-J. We believe that as we take Bethel to new levels of achievement and success, our great denomination and, by extension, our nation will benefit significantly, and our God will be glorified.

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BETHEL'S DAY 2022

by Rev. Deamar Dingwall, Admissions and Student Services Director

Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean-Jamaica seeks to interact with Districts and local churches with the two-fold goal of being engaged in ministry and promoting the institution. In this regard, students get the opportunity to do ministry, to be ministered to, and to spread the influence of the College in a different context. The aim of Bethel's Day is to get students at the College actively participating in a service, and to make Bethel the highlight of the day on a particular District. This initiative is held twice per year based on invitations by District churches.

Bethel's Day was held on November 27 at the Duanvale District of Churches. Bishop Terrence Gayle welcomed the students to participate at Duanvale, Haddington, Sherwood Content, and Perth Town churches. The students who preached on that day were Student Pastors Jason Fullerton, Dontae Seivwright, Rhoneil Parkins, and Dane Wilson.

Those who were engaged in ministry have demonstrated solid and mature application of theology and experience. Balancing scholarship and the anointing was clearly shown through their approach to ministry. Evidently, the fruit of Bethel's ministry on the Duanvale District was the salvation of souls and the deliverance of a woman. The Word of the Lord mentioned that we are sent to bear fruit and that our fruit must remain. We believe the students have left an indelible mark on the District which is a clear sign of Bethel's progressive impact in the country and world.



2022 GRADUATION & PRESIDENT'S INDUCTION CEREMONY: PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

On Sunday, November 6, 2022, Rev. Dr. Earlmont Williams was officially installed as President of BCCJ. Also, twenty-nine students (29) graduated from the Bachelors and Certificate Programmes. This blessed event was live streamed and can be viewed on the college's website. Congratulations to Rev. Williams and the Graduating Class of 2022. See highlights below:



MINISTRY PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

by Rev. Deamar Dingwall, Admissions and Student Services Director

The Ministry Participation Programme (MPP) is a special initiative by the College that the administration decided to roll out to keep students actively engaged in ministry outside their local churches. While we understand that the theoretical elements of their study are vital for ministry, it is imperative that students are involved in the praxis aspect. It is within our policy to ensure that mentorship, guidance, and feedback are given to students to foster their development, growth, and improvement.

A total of nine (9) students were assigned to churches within the parish of Manchester to be involved in preaching, teaching, administration, counselling, and community engagement. We have received reports that students are excited to serve and willing to offer themselves up for the process of growth and transformation. In the next semester, we will be assigning all our online and commuting students to churches in close proximity. This programme will build rounded and well-developed students for church and the world.



MY RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE



Campus life is great!

I am a fourth-year student, and this is my second year on the campus. So far, it has been life transforming. Perhaps the most enjoyable times on campus are my interactions with the males on dorm. There is a comradery here that I have found nowhere else. Each of us brings a unique personality to the campus. We involve ourselves in interesting and controversial discussions, recreational activities, and of course, spiritual formation. It is through this fellowship that I have been developing as an individual and I am eternally grateful for Bethel!

Rhoneil Parkins



A wonderful adventure!

For me, residing on the Bethel campus provides the opportunity to be independent. I have learnt a sense of duty. It "tests my capabilities" as I must be responsible for myself. This was not my norm. Residential life also affords me the opportunity to be a part of a community that offers help to others. It has allowed me to meet new people. It creates space for new relationships to be formed. I have made lifetime sisterhoods here. Dorm life also acts a catalyst for personal and spiritual development / formation.

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