

Graduation and President's Induction Ceremony

THEME

Forward Together with Pentecostal Spirituality, Divine Capacity, and Uncommon Agility

on **Sunday, November 6, 2022** commencing at **4:00 p.m.** at **Mandeville New Testament Church of God** (18 Knowles Road, Mandeville) and online via **bethelbiblecollegecaribbean.edu.jm**



Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean - Jamaica

congratulates the

Incoming President and the Graduating Class of 2022

"Preparing servants to fulfil God's purpose in the church and the world"



President's Message Rev. Dr. Earlmont Williams

I am extremely elated to be writing this graduation message and extending warm greetings to all attendees, especially the members of the Class of 2022. Last year's graduation was historic, epic, and extraordinary due to the fact that we graduated two classes at the same time and the graduation ceremony premiered online after significant groundwork was done. Due to the absence of COVID-19 restrictions, we are able to gather in-person this year for another graduation ceremony. Ultimately, this has been made possible because of the goodness and faithfulness of our great God.

This year, we are not just having our annual graduation ceremony, we are also hosting the induction service for the new president at the same time. This is also historic and unprecedented. I am delighted and elated to be that new president. After serving for 14 years as the Academic Dean, I was elevated to this consequential position. I am grateful, first, to God for making this happen and to Bishop Dr. Roy Notice and the members of the National Executive Council for their vote of confidence. Kudos to Rev. Dr. Donald Roberts for his visionary and sterling leadership of the College for ten years!

We gather today in this very special ceremony under the theme "Forward Together with Pentecostal Spirituality, Divine Capacity, and Uncommon Agility." This theme was chosen for substantial reasons. The College continues its forward march as we build on the significant strides that it has made over the past seventy-nine (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. We anticipate that several challenges will emerge as we move forward. This brings into sharp focus the applicability and currency of the divine capacity component of the theme. It is with the power and ability that God gives that we will face these challenges and emerge an even stronger institution. Furthermore, given the need to respond to some existential post-COVID realities with alacrity, uncommon agility is required. We cannot afford to sit and watch things happen in theological education and ministerial formation. We must move with great speed to make things happen so that we would remain relevant and impactful.

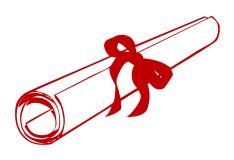
As we move closer to the 80th anniversary of this noble institution, I am anticipating that we will mobilize the board, administrative and ancillary staff, faculty, students, and alumni to mark this historic achievement in fine style. Several initiatives will be rolled out in this regard as we reach out to and include all the College's stakeholders in our celebrations. I call upon the members of the Class of 2022 to get involved when we begin to mobilize our stakeholders. Based on a conversation that I have had with a representative of the graduating class, they will be initiating something special that is highly commendable.

Class of 2022, you are being graduated today and released into what many are calling the post-COVID era. Those of you who are graduating from the diploma and degree programmes spent the last two years completing your programmes online. In addition, the certificate graduands did their programme fully online. Now, we are sending all of you out into a world that has experienced a great reset with what could be considered a new normal in several spheres of human existence including the church. It is a world dominated by geo-political tension and intrigue, wars and rumors of wars, socioeconomic crises, moral degradation, and spiritual darkness.

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We believe, however, that you have been well prepared to deal with many issues and challenges that you might face as you take certain strides into an uncertain future. However, there are some things that Bethel could not have taught you. You will have to embrace divine capacity in many situations in which you will find yourself. I encourage you, therefore, to join with the psalmist who declares, "It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights" (Psalm 18:32–33, NIV). May this awesome God who arms us with strength grant that Bethel would be even stronger, bigger, and better as it moves closer to realizing a century of success in pastoral formation and theological education.

In closing, I extend my hearty congratulations to the Class of 2022! You have done it! I celebrate the fact that you have all transitioned into the pastorate and other areas of ministry where you will undoubtedly and inevitably make remarkable strides. I also celebrate the fact that I have transitioned into the presidency of this great institution with tremendous confidence, optimism, and hope. I believe and declare that there are greater days ahead of us all. Our God will cause us all to stand on the heights. Go light and transform your world!



Board Chairman's Message Mr. Jasford Gabriel



It is with a sense of delight and high expectations that I greet the new President and members of the Graduating Class of 2022!

I pause to applaud the excellent work of immediate past president Rev. Dr. Donald Roberts. He served with great passion and definitely advanced the cause of the institution during his tenure. The new President, Rev. Dr. Earlmont Williams, I know is adequately prepared and will continue to build on the solid foundation by the grace of God.

The Theme chosen for this exercise "Forward Together with Pentecostal Spirituality, Divine Capacity and Uncommon Agility" is apt and very loaded. The leadership, faculty and student body of this great institution must continue and indeed intensify efforts to embrace and perpetuate the real meaning and application of our Pentecostal heritage. It warms my heart to join the experience and interact with so many enthusiastic young men and women who have responded positively to this divine calling upon their lives.

The "uncommon agility" referenced by the theme captures the unprecedented need to press forward and not flinch in the face of the spiritual darkness being experienced. I encourage all members of the Graduating Class to press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The fact that you have weathered the storm of the global pandemic, while remaining resolute in your calling inspires great confidence and hope for Christian mission.

I charge the members of the Graduating Class with the words of none other than the Lord Jesus himself to his disciples "So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants, we have only done what was our duty. (Luke 17:10)

Shalom!

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean-Jamaica embraces the view that theological education should be biblical, evangelical, Pentecostal, practical, and holistic. It must be both contextually relevant and globally sensitive. The educational context should be viewed as a learning community in which both learners and instructors are on a journey of reflection, exploration, learning, and transformation.

OUR VISION

We are a growing Pentecostal institution providing training in theology and Christian ministry that produces balanced and holistic individuals impacting the church and the nations.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean-Jamaica is to advance the Kingdom of God by producing spiritually equipped, socially aware, morally sound and servant-oriented individuals who will contribute to the transformation of the church and the world.

Administrative Bishop's Message Rev. Dr. Rov Notice



On behalf of the National Executive Council, the administrative staff at the national office, and the wider ministry, I extend warm greetings and congratulations to the members of the graduating class! The New Testament Church of God in Jamaica is proud of all of you for staying the course, especially during an unprecedented global pandemic, and completing your programmes. That this graduation exercise is taking place despite the ravages of the pandemic is itself a significant achievement. We also commend the administration, staff, and faculty of the College for keeping the institution's literal and virtual doors open and ensuring that we are graduating yet another batch of students who will enter pastoral ministry and other areas of Christian service to make a difference by the power of God.

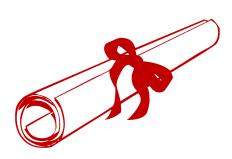
I take this opportunity to again commend Rev. Dr. Donald Roberts, the immediate past President of the College, for the tremendous job that he did throughout the past ten years. As we look to the future, I am pleased that we appointed Rev. Dr. Earlmont Williams to succeed Dr. Roberts. Dr. Williams has a long and outstanding track record as an educational administrator. We will install him today as the new President as he begins this significant journey. We are confident that he will run his leg of the race faithfully and with a spirit of excellence. The denomination will continue to support the College as it plays a critical role in the realization of aspects of its strategic plan.

The call that is being made in this graduation ceremony to move forward is a relevant and timely one. It is a call that we have been

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making as a denomination for over two years now. What I have noted is that the College's call comes against the backdrop of our Pentecostal Heritage, which we must never cast aside in a world in which many things have been left behind for an emerging new normal. Indeed, without the ability that comes from God, none of us would be able to realize God's mission to transform the world. It is this God who also proclaims to us that we should be agile in a context that could make us docile due to the constant barrage of bad news and negative experiences.

My prayers are with you, the members of the Class of 2022. You will be entering the ministry space where the needs and the pressures can become overwhelming. However, I believe you will not be like the Sadducees to whom Jesus said, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God." As graduates of Bethel, you should enter the field of souls not just knowing the Scriptures, but also knowing the God of the Scriptures who is also the God of the field. May the Lord grant you His power to make your life and ministry successful for His glory. Enjoy your graduation and have a great ministry journey!





Academic Dean's Message Rev. Dr. Ajilon Ferdinand

On behalf of the Bethel Bible College faculty, I extend sincere congratulations to the graduating class of 2022. May you celebrate your graduation recalling fond memories from your time at Bethel. As you look back, you will see there is a long and winding path that cuts through the pandemic and has led you to this moment.

There are twenty-nine (29) students graduating today, with nine (9) completing the Bachelor's Programmes, and twenty-one (21) completing the Certificate in Christian Ministry program. I believe our graduates are equipped with the competencies, character, and anointing to positively impact the church and the nation.

Graduands, as you embark upon the path that lies ahead, continue to stand firm in the face of difficulties. "For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise" (Heb. 10:36).

I offer special thanks to the parents, spouses, children, churches, pastors, and sponsors of our graduates. You can relish in the shared feeling of pride and joy in what your graduate has accomplished.

To those graduating today, I ask that you remember Bethel by supporting its activities, programs, and initiatives. Keep the College updated on the achievements you will experience. We will always take great pride in the strides you make.

As you move forward into your vocations, careers, and life-long journeys, take pride in how far you've come and have faith in how far you can go.



Profile of Guest SpeakerBishop Dr. Alvin Bailey

Bishop Dr. Bailey is an evangelist at heart, who serves the Lord wholeheartedly. He is a recent widower, father of two (2) daughters who are both married and a proud grandfather of two (2) grandsons.

He has a Doctoral Degree (in Ministry & New Church Development) from Columbia Theological Seminary, USA. He obtained a Masters (in Caribbean Ministries) from the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology. He also has Diplomas & Associate Degree (in Engineering & Industrial Management respectively) from CAST (now UTECH, Jamaica), and Certificates (in Advanced Leadership & Evangelism) from the Haggai Institute in Singapore.

Bishop Dr. Bailey is the Presiding Bishop of the Holiness Christian Church Inc (HCC). He is also Senior Pastor of the Portmore Holiness Christian Church (PHCC). He serves as Chairman of Jamaica CAUSE. He is Vice President of the Evangelical Association of the Caribbean (EAC) and Vice President of the Jamaica Evangelical Alliance (JEA). He is also An executive member of the Jamaica Umbrella Group of Churches (JUGC) and Vice President of the National Religious Liberty Association. (NRLA).

In addition, he has many engagements in the community. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Kensingston Primary School. He is Station Pastor for the South St. Catherine Police Divisional Head Quarters (100 man). He is also Executive Chairman of the Counseling Department of P.A.R.E.N.T.S. – the social outreach arm of PHCC.

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Order of Ceremony

Moderator: Rev. Leslie Pinnock
Pastor, Escarpment Road New Testament Church of God

Processional

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

Invocation Rev. Deamar Dingwall Admissions and Student Services Director

Scripture Reading: Psalm 18:20-36 Mrs. Sandra Palmer *Graduand*

Welcome and Introductions Rev. Leslie Pinnock

Profile of New President

Installation of President Bishop Dr. Roy Notice Administrative Bishop

Special Song: *I Am Thine, O Lord* Mrs. Sydonie Williams

Prayer of Dedication Bishop Dr. Oswald Baker / Bishop Alfred Morris

Congratulatory Greetings:

- 1. Bishop Ishmael Charles Caribbean Field Director
- 2. Rev. Anthony Chung Chairman, Mandeville Ministers' Association
- 3. Rev. Robert and Mrs. Jasmine Williams

President's Response

Offertory (Hymn: Deeper, Deeper)

Order of Ceremony (cont'd)

Special Greetings: 1. His Worship the Mayor Cllr. Donovan Mitchell Mayor of Mandeville

> 2. Lt Col The Hon. Garfield S. Green Custos Rotulorum of Manchester

> > 3. Mr. Jasford Gabriel Chairman, Board of Governors

Valedictory Address (Certificate Programme)
Ms. Denise Foster
Mandeville Extension

Musical Item Bethel Ensemble

Valedictory Address (Bachelor's Degree Programme) Mr. Ralston Graham

> Introduction of Guest Speaker Ms. Simone Tyrell St. Ann's Bay Extension

> > Message Bishop Dr. Alvin Bailey

Commendation & Dedication of Graduands Rev. Dr. Roy Notice Administrative Bishop

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS, CERTIFICATES AND SPECIAL AWARDS

Rev. Dr. Ajilon Ferdinand Academic Dean

> Vote of Thanks Ms. Tiffany Robinson Student

Closing Hymn: Jesus, Hold My Hand

Benediction (The Blessing by Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes)

Recessional

There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

There shall be showers of blessing:
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.

Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need; Mercy-drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead.

There shall be showers of blessing— Precious reviving again; Over the hills and the valleys, Sound of abundance of rain.

There shall be showers of blessing; Send them upon us, O Lord! Grant to us now a refreshing; Come, and now honor Thy Word.

There shall be showers of blessing; O that today they might fall, Now as to God we're confessing, Now as on Jesus we call!

There shall be showers of blessing, If we but trust and obey; There shall be seasons refreshing, If we let God have His way.

Deeper, Deeper

Deeper, deeper in the love of Jesus Daily let me go; Higher, higher in the school of wisdom, More of grace to know.

> Oh, deeper yet, I pray, And higher ev'ry day, And wiser, blessed Lord, In Thy precious, holy word.

Deeper, deeper! blessed Holy Spirit, Take me deeper still, Till my life is wholly lost in Jesus, And His perfect will.

Deeper, deeper! tho' it cost hard trials,
Deeper let me go!
Rooted in the holy love of Jesus,
Let me fruitful grow.

Deeper, higher, ev'ry day in Jesus, Till all conflict past, Finds me conqu'ror, and in His own image Perfected at last.

Jesus, Hold My Hand

As I travel thru this pilgrim land
There is a Friend who walks with me,
Leads me safely thru the sinking sand,
It is the Christ of Calvary;
This would be my pray'r, dear Lord, each day
To help me do the best I can,
For I need Thy light to guide me day and night,
Blessed Jesus, hold my hand.

Blessed Jesus, hold my hand,
Yes, I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Through this pilgrim land, this pilgrim land
By Thy saving pow'r;
Hear my feeble plea, my feeble plea
Lord, dear Lord, look down on me,
When I kneel in prayer, Blessed Jesus, hold my hand.

Let me travel in the light divine
That I may see the blessed way;
Keep me that I may be wholly Thine
And sing redemption's song some day;
I will be a soldier brave and true,
And ever firmly take a stand,
As I onward go and daily meet the foe,
Blessed Iesus, hold my hand.

When I wander through the valley dim,
Toward the setting of the sun,
Lead me safely to a land of rest
If I a crown of life have won;
I have put my faith in Thee, dear Lord,
That I may reach the golden strand,
There's no other friend on whom I can depend,
Blessed Jesus, hold my hand.

Graduating Class of 2022

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY MINOR IN GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING

COLLINS, Randy
FRANCIS, Kimo
KING, Tisheorn
GRAHAM, Ralston
ROBINSON, Francine
SENIOR, Rajii
WILLIAMS, Richard
WHYTE, Kimani

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

PALMER, Sandra

CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

LEVEL II

ALLISON, Audia ANDREWS, Kevarie BENT. Christine BLAKE, Clayon CRAWFORD, Chevaughn **DUNN-RODNEY**, Gillian FOSTER, Denise FRANCIS, Anthony FRANCIS-CAMPBELL, Shanakay LEWIS, Kerrian LEWIS, Suzette LOWE, Tameka McCARTHY, Christena MELLIS, Sara MOORE. Faith TYRELL, Simone WALKER-WEBB, Patrice

LEVEL I

BURNETT, Ta-Jay McGREGOR, Ann Marie PALMER-LAWRENCE, Lashova

Special Awards

Valedictorian Award (Bachelor's Degree Programme)

Valedictorian Award (Certificate in Christian Ministry)

Award for Achievement in Biblical Studies

Award for Achievement in Theological and Historical Studies

Award for Achievement in Pastoral Studies

Award for Achievement in Social and Behavioural Studies

Award for Achievement in Communication and

Philosophical Studies

Award for Achievement in Christian Education Studies

Award for Achievement in Leadership Studies

Academic Dean's Award for Academic Excellence

President's Scholarship Award

National Evangelism Department Award

Alumni Scholarship Award

Caribbean Field Director's Missions Award

National Youth Department Award

Community Life Enhancement Award

Student of the Year Award

Academic Excellence at the Port Antonio Extension

Academic Excellence at the St. Ann's Bay Extension

Academic Excellence at the Montego Bay Extension

Academic Excellence at the Savanna-La-Mar Extension

Academic Excellence at the Mandeville Extension

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Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean – Jamaica is committed to offering educational programmes of the highest quality.

PROGRAMMES:

- A four-year Bachelor of Theology Degree (accredited by University Council of Jamaica)
- A four-year Bachelor of Theology with a minor in Guidance & Counselling (accredited by University Council of Jamaica)
- A three-year Diploma in Theology (accredited by University Council of Jamaica)
- A one-year Certificate in Christian Ministry (CCM) Levels 1 & 2

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Degree and Diploma Programmes: Five (5) CSEC/GCE O'Level subjects. English Language is mandatory.
- Certificate Programmes: Minimum requirement for the CCM Level 1 Secondary Level Education.
- CCM Level 2 Three (3) CSEC/GCE O'Level subjects Pass in CSEC.
 English is compulsory for all courses with exception of CCM Level 1.



Bethel Bible College of the Caribbean – Jamaica, an undergraduate institution owned and sponsored by the New Testament Church of God in Jamaica, has served the Caribbean Community with distinction since 1943.

The BBCC-J is registered with the University Council of Jamaica and has a Level 3 certification from the Church of God Education Department in Cleveland, Tennessee, USA.

"Make every effort to present yourself approved to God" – 2 Timothy 2:15

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