

**Board Membership:**

The Education Secretary is a board member  
Also works with the following ministries:  
Adventist Youth Ministries

**Responsible for working with the following personnel:**

Youth and their parents

**Suggested meeting/planning sessions:**

Quarterly and as needed

**The Call**

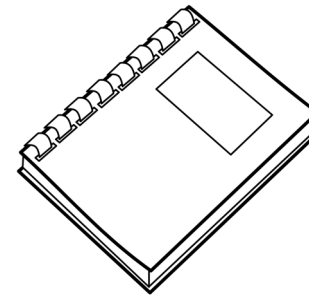
“The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.”

**The Mandate**

“Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need of a broader scope, a higher aim. True education means more than the pursual of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come.”



**Central Jamaica Conference of  
Seventh-day Adventists  
Department of Education**



**Roles and Responsibilities  
of the Local Church  
Education Secretary**

**President:**

Nevail Barrett

**Education Director:**

Rox-Anne Mckoy Chambers

## **PURPOSE**

The Department of Education seeks to encourage the involvement of teachers, parents, pastors and members in the promotion and support of Adventist Christian Education. At the local church the department seeks to: recruit new students for Adventist institutions, reinforce the value of Adventist Christian Education and collaboration with other ministries of the church to help nurture the faith of Adventist students attending colleges and universities outside of the denomination system.

## **VISION**

To educate and develop well rounded, competent and committed members who understand the philosophy of Adventist Christian Education and are fitted for service in this life and eternity.

## **PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Bible states that “God created man in His own image.” (Gen 1:27) With the entrance of sin through man’s disobedience this image was ruined and almost destroyed. “Man's physical powers were weakened, his mental capacity was lessened, his spiritual vision dimmed. He had become subject to death.” (white) It is God’s greatest desire for human beings to be restored into the image of His maker. The aim of Adventist Christian Education is to through the power of the Holy Spirit restore in man the image of God as revealed by Jesus Christ himself. This kind of education imparts far more than academics, it thrives to develop the whole person -spiritual, physical, intellectual, and social-emotional—a process that spans a lifetime. It requires that the home, school, and church collaborate with the Holy Spirit through the study of the Bible and the inspired writings of Ellen G. White to train individuals for service in this world and for eternity.

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EDUCATION SECRETARY**

The church elects an Education Secretary to promote and generate support for Christian Education. The duties of the Education Secretary may include:

1. To raise awareness among the members about the importance of Adventist Christian Education.
2. Maintaining an up-to-date census on the educational status of all the children and youth of the church.
3. Assist needy parents and guardians to finance the cost of Adventist Christian Education for their children.
4. Coordinating activities designed to create scholarship funds for Christian Education.
5. Overseeing the distribution of scholarships to students in an equitable way.
6. Lobby with the church board to create scholarships and grants to support Christian Education.
7. Assisting in contacting all Seventh-day Adventist homes where there are school-age children or young people to encourage attendance at the local church school, or at a Seventh-day Adventist secondary school, college, or university, and to suggest solutions to possible problems.
8. Contacting members who have no school-age children, encouraging them to provide financial aid to needy Seventh-day Adventist students.
9. Maintaining contact with students from the church who are in attendance at Seventh-day Adventist schools away from the home church.
10. Making sure that all students are actively integrated into the programme of the church.
11. Provide information re educational opportunities thereby ensuring that all the youths have acquired a necessary skill or tertiary education.
12. Affirm and celebrate the academic achievements of the children and youth in the church.