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Women in Mission

Women's Ministries e-Newsletter 2024

Welcome to our Women's Ministries Newsletter! This publication aims to highlight the events and milestones that have taken place throughout the year in Women's Ministries. Through this medium, we strive to inspire, share God's blessings, and offer heartfelt gratitude for all He has done in and through our ministry. We are excited to celebrate the incredible journey we've had together and look forward to what lies ahead!

Greetings, Sisters in Christ!

Happy New Year!

We praise God for His tremendous blessings over us. This past year, many of us faced significant challenges and losses—whether it was the passing of a dear husband, child, family member, or close friend, or experiencing setbacks like losing a job. Additionally, we weathered both literal storms, such as Berly, and the figurative storms of life. Yet, by God's grace, we stand here today on the other side of history. Through it all, we have learned that our God is faithful and able to carry us through the highs and lows of life.

We extend heartfelt gratitude to each of you—our sisters and brothers—who have contributed to uplifting our women and gems through prayer, the Word, encouragement, and acts of love. To our outgoing Women's

Ministries leaders, thank you for your dedicated service. Your efforts have made a lasting impact, and we deeply appreciate your contributions.

To those stepping into new leadership roles and those continuing in their leadership journey we pray for God's abundant blessings upon you. As the Scripture assures us: "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

As we move forward in our mission to empower, uplift, and serve, we are excited to reflect on the highlights of the past year and share the inspiring initiatives ahead. Thank you for being an integral part of Women's Ministries. Your prayers, dedication, and service continue to inspire and strengthen us daily.

With love and blessings,
Rox-Anne Mckoy Chambers
Education and Women's Ministries Director



Year in Review

January: Virtual Prayer Session

The Central Jamaica Conference Women's Ministries commenced the year with a spiritually uplifting Virtual Prayer Session on Sabbath, January 6, 2024, under the theme "Intensifying Your Prayer Life." The session featured impactful presentations by Mrs. Audrey Milford, Mrs. Kadean Wright Thompson, and Dr. Pella Patton. The event attracted 105 participants on Zoom and an impressive 244 viewers on YouTube Live, setting a powerful tone of faith and empowerment for the year ahead.

- Click the link below to watch the presentations and be inspired!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4-dW0RwYTc>



February: Leadership Training & Consecration Service



Leadership Training & Consecration, Willowdene Group of Schools, 2024

On February 4, 2024, the Women's Ministries Department hosted a Leadership Training & Consecration Service under the theme: "Repositioning for M.O.R. E in 2024." The event saw a remarkable turnout of 170 participants, including nine leaders from the West Jamaica Conference.

Key highlights included:

- Devotionals by Mrs. Yvonne Bignall on, "Why me? Why Women's Ministries?"

- Insightful presentations by Dr. Lorraine Vernal on “*Building Effective Women’s Ministries*”, Mrs. Rox-Anne Mckoy Chambers on “*Ministering to Young Women*”, and Pastor Chambers on “*Mobilizing Women for Evangelism.*”

Participants were equipped with resource-filled packages and a special souvenir, ensuring they left inspired and prepared for impactful ministry.

March: Day of Prayer & Virtual Prayer Summit

From February 1-3, 2024, under the theme “Ignite Your Prayer Life,” we hosted a Virtual Prayer Summit with impactful speakers such as Judith McFarlane, Pastor Josian Frampton, Kadiann Edwards-Pryce, and others shared powerful messages to deepen prayer life and faith.



Palm SDA and Mt. Diablo SDA Women’s Ministries: Active participants in the Prayer Summit Weekend

- Click the link below to watch the presentations and be inspired!

Friday Night Vesper, March 1, 2024

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4has186Aeyo>

Sabbath Worship, March 4, 2024

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAfbizaYk6s&t=11s>

May: Proclaim 2024 Evangelistic Series



Presenters: Kayla Weir, Amelia Tomlin, Raquel Sewell, Oshin Barton- Richards, Jasmine Tapper, Chantau White Taylor



Newland Praise Team & Tamara Clarke Speaker for the night



Highlights, PROCLAIM 2024, Palmetto SDA

Young women between the ages of 18-35 embarked on an exciting evangelistic series, **PROCLAIM 2024**, under the **theme: “Rescuing Our Values.”**

Over the course of seven days, seven powerful women of God delivered transformative messages that focused on restoring values and inspiring meaningful change.

The series, held at Palmetto SDA Church from May 26 to June 1, 2024 concluded with hearts renewed and lives forever changed. Praise God for His abundant blessings—two precious souls gave their lives to the

Lord through baptism!

As we celebrate this success, let us continue to pray for the ongoing impact of this powerful ministry.

#ProclaimYoungWomen #YouthImpact
#RescuingOurValues

- Click the link below to watch all seven presentations and be inspired!

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5lJZhzQ4dtEBqHbEdbRRsJn3rpWET4Z9&si=vuBx2x2-njJPsYyq>

June: JAMU Women's Convention/ Visit from IAD Women's Ministries Director



Pastor Nevail Barrett (CJC President), Mrs. Edith Ruiz de Espinoza (IAD Women & Children Director), Dr. Lorraine Vernal (JAMU Women & Children Director), Rox-Anne Mckoy Chambers (CJC Education & Women's Ministries Director), and Pastor Dwayne Scott (CJC Youth & Children Director).

From **June 20-24, 2024**, it was an incredible privilege to minister alongside Mrs. Edith Ruiz de Espinoza, Director of Women, Children, and Adolescence Ministries for the Inter-American Division (IAD), and Dr. Lorraine Vernal, Director of Women, Children, and Adolescence Ministries for the Jamaica Union Conference (JAMU).

In partnership with the Youth and Children/ Adolescent Ministries, our team visited a children's home, held spirit-filled devotions, and made impactful donations to those in need. A heartfelt thank-you to Ms. K. Wolfe, Spanish teacher of the Willowdene Group of Schools, who skilfully served as interpreter throughout the weekend.

JAMU Women's and GEMS Convention 2024



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On Sabbath, June 22, 2024, we joined the full cohort of women at the JAMU Women's and GEMS Convention 2024, under the theme: "Rescued by His Love, Empowered for Mission." The event was a day filled with inspiration, purpose, and worship, reminding us of the profound mission we are called to fulfil.

Celebrating Excellence

In the afternoon this special service, several outstanding women from our conference were recognized for their contributions to mission. Namely sisters: Shyler Mitchell, Jordanne Brown, Daffodil A. Bruce-Miller, Norma Elleston and Lorna Bansy

We give God all the glory for a weekend of meaningful ministry, empowerment, and transformation. Let us continue to pray for His guidance as we move forward in our mission.

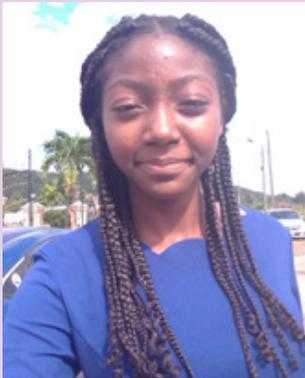
JAMU Awardees



Daffodil A. Bruce-Mill
Long-Serving Women's
Ministries Leader



Jordanne Brown
Outstanding Phoebe Awardee



Shyler Mitchell
Outstanding GEM: Recognized for Leadership
& Ministry Initiatives



Lorna Basnie
Significant Contribution to
Community Service



Norma Elleston
Outstanding Bible Worker

August: Enditnow Campaign

Rox-Anne Mckoy Chambers, (CJC, Director), Pastor Horace Wilson (CJC, Director), Dr. L Vernal (JAMU, Director), Enditnow Symposium, 2024

As part of the #enditnow initiative, we raised awareness through social media campaigns and a symposium at the Blessed Hope Crusade. Esteemed professionals, including Dr. Curtis Pryce and Mrs. Eunice Scott Shaw, presented on trauma-informed church practices and child protection. Over 250 brochures on abuse prevention were distributed.

- Click the link below for our enditnow promo video! Let's join in the fight against violence

<https://youtu.be/KGiIWBg7Z-A?si=qnMMdMbVxNt-ZIUEi>

enditnow Symposium

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCYMCKzjEe4>

October: Women's Ministries Retreat Highlights

From October 3-6, 2024, 222 attendees gathered for a life-changing weekend under the theme "Repositioned for M.O.R.E." The retreat offered a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship, featuring dynamic speakers such as Pastor Michelle Hill, Dr. Lorraine Vernal, Dr. Grace Kelly, Pastor Damian Chambers, and others.

The weekend kicked off on Thursday afternoon with a relaxing "get-to-know-you" session, setting the stage for a deeper connection. Friday morning brought a fitness walk, where Dr. Vernal inspired us to raise awareness about breast cancer while also emphasizing our spiritual responsibility to care for our health.

Event Highlights:

- A vibrant Parade of Parishes, showcasing creativity and unity.
- A powerful vesper service with a Gaither-style choir, setting the tone for the weekend.
- A divine service followed by breakout sessions addressing important topics such as grief,

depression, relationships (What Men Wish Women Knew), and more.

- Powerful preaching and an uplifting candlelight consecration service to close the Sabbath.
- A joyous all-white social, filled with connection and celebration.

On Sunday morning, the retreat concluded with a prayer walk, leaving participants spiritually refreshed, uplifted, and ready to face life's challenges. This retreat was a time of spiritual renewal, laughter, and unspeakable joy. Hearts were lifted, and lives were deeply touched.

Pictorial Highlights

Thursday Evening, Reception, 2024



Ladies actively participated in our getting to know you session

Worship Fitness & Breast Cancer Awareness, Friday Morning, 2024

Worship session



Worship Fitness



Breast Cancer Awareness & Prayer highlights



Friday, Opening Session & Vesper Service, 2024



Vesper Service



Gaither Style Women's Retreat Choir

Vesper Service, Women's Ministries Retreat, 2024



Friday Evening Vesper Service, 2024



Administrative Assistants CJC and Singers

Janet Rowe, along with our Guest Speakers

Saturday, Divine Service, 2024



President Barret & Sis Barrett, 2024



Sabbath Worship, Retreat 2024



Candle lighting Ceremony, Retreat 2024



Guest Presenters, Retreat

All White Social, Retreat 2024



Prayer Walk, 2024



Breast Cancer Awareness Virtual Vespers Service



CJC, Breast Cancer Awareness Competition, Willowdene Group of School Staff, 2024

Breast Cancer Awareness Virtual Service: “You Are Not Alone”

On **October 25, 2024**, in recognition of **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, we hosted a powerful

virtual service under the theme “You Are Not Alone.” With over **1,100 participants** joining from various locations, the session was filled with inspiration and hope.

The event featured moving **testimonies** from:

- **Mr. Dean Harvey**, the husband of a breast cancer survivor, who shared the emotional journey of supporting a loved one through the battle.
- **Mrs. Gloria Thomas**, a **two-time breast cancer survivor**, who spoke about her resilience and faith in the face of adversity.
- **Dr. Derria Cornwall**, who delivered an insightful **presentation on the importance of collective responsibility** in the fight against breast cancer, urging everyone to take action and raise awareness.

The service was a reminder that no one is alone in their fight, and together, we can make a difference.

Spotlight on Local Churches: Women’s Ministries in Action

St. Catherine



Newland SDA Women’s Ministries Honors Evelyn Stanley on her 105th Birthday Celebration August 2, 2024



41 Women at the Dover SDA Women’s Retreat in Panama, including 8 non-Adventists, October 2024



Irish Pen SDA Women Ministries’ Retreat, August, 2024



“Breast cancer awareness Sabbath celebration October 26, 2024” at the Family of God SDA church



Women’s Ministries Leaders FOG SDA Launching their GEMS, Phoebe , Abigail and Lydia groups February, 2024



**Braeton SDA
Women’s Ministries
One-Day Retreat 2024**



Braeton SDA Women’s Ministries hosted a one-day retreat at Straun Castle in the picturesque hills of St. Andrew, with approximately 50 women in attendance.

Clarendon



“Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day 2024 at Denbigh SDA:all out in their colours and shirts



Denbigh SDA Women’s Ministries Committee Retreat at Cardiff Hotel, January: Strategizing and planning the year’s events.



Women’s Ministry
Breast Cancer Awareness Promotion
Clifton SDA Church



Women’s Ministries Day
Freetown SDA Church

Manchester



Team of Women at Comfort Hall SDA, April 2024



Parish Coordinator Sis Charmaine Robinson leading in the Manchester Women's Ministries Convention, April 2024



Manchester Women's Ministries Convention, April 2024



Mandeville SDA Women's Ministries Community Outreach in Green Vale: Delivering Care Packages to the Women's Centre of Jamaica Foundation, 2024

Awardees

Central Jamaica Conference recognized and awarded three (3) Women's Ministries leaders at the recently held Camp Meeting on December 21, 2024, in honor of their significant contributions to Women's Ministries.

St. Catherine



Juanita Gooden
Women's Ministries Leader
Braeton SDA Church
Exceptional Contributions to the
Growth and Development of the
Ministry

Clarendon



Gillian Grandison
Women's Ministries Leader
Denhigh SDA
Exceptional Contributions to the
Growth and Development of the
Ministry

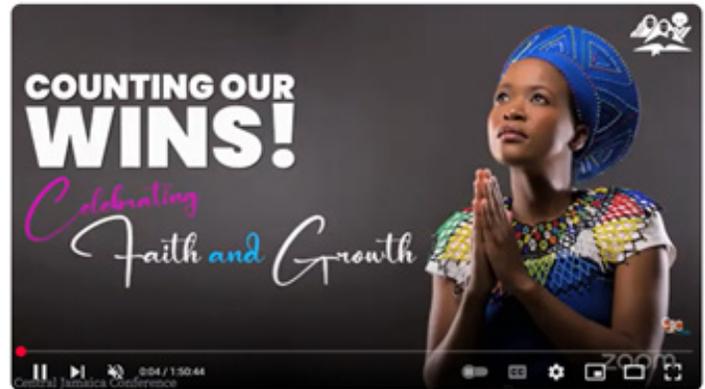
Manchester



Sheila Swaby Lewis
Women's Ministries Leader
Exceptional Contributions to the
Growth and Development of the
Ministry

Looking Ahead

To start the new year, we hosted a spirit-filled Virtual Prayer Conference on Friday, January 3, 2025. We continued to celebrate faith, reflected on God's blessings, and stepped confidently into the new year."



Fri., Jan. 3, 2025 | CJC Online Church | Women Ministries Virtual Prayer & Praise | 7:00 PM

- Click the link below to watch and be inspired!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyHqgi_FyBE

CJC Women's Devotional Book

"The wait is almost over! The Central Jamaica Conference Women's Ministries Devotional Book, *written by our very own women of CJC*, is just around the corner. Stay tuned and prepare to be inspired!"

Central Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists | Women's Ministries Department

Final Call for Submissions!

We are in the final stages of preparing our devotional book, and a few more submissions are being accepted. If you'd like to share your personal story of God's goodness, don't miss this last opportunity!

Share your story

>> **Submission Guidelines** <<

- **Bible Text:** Include a scripture that relates to your story.
- **Title of Devotional:** Eg. Answered Prayer
- **Personal Testimony:** Share your experience (not a sermon or sermonette)
- **Word Limit:** 400 words maximum

Include at the end of your submission:

- Your full name
- Your phone number

We look forward to hearing how God has worked in your life!

Submit now before the book is finalized!

Send submissions via email to:
women@centralja.org

FINAL DEADLINE
March 31
2025

Submissions for this book are still being accepted.

Deadline is **March 31, 2025**,

Devotional Submission Guidelines

We invite you to share your personal story of God’s goodness in your life. Please note that space is limited, and we are accepting a few more submissions for this book.:

- A Bible text that relates to your story.
- Your personal testimony, not a sermon or sermonette.

Word Limit: Maximum of 400 words.

At the end of your submission, please include:

- Your full name
- Your phone number

We look forward to hearing how God has worked in your life!

**CJC WOMEN’S MINISTRIES
CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS AND
EVENTS – 2025**



Theme: Made to Flourish

January	
Fri 5	Women’s Ministries Virtual Prayer Session
Sab 18	IAD Rescued by Jesus Programme Launch
February	
Sun 2	Women’s Ministries Online Leadership Training
Sab 22	Women’s Rally (St. Catherine)

March	
Sab 1	International Women’s Day of Prayer
Sun-Sun Mar 2-Apr 6	Operation Huldah
April	
Sab 19	Women’s Rally (Manchester)
May	
2,8,11,25	IAD A Silent Journey with Hope “Attention to Widows”
Sun 11	Mother’s Day
June	
Sun-Sab 1- 7	Proclaim (Evangelistic Series)
Sab 7	IAD Rescue and Reunion – Women’s Ministries Evangelism Program
Sab 14	Women’s Ministries Emphasis Day
August	
Sab 23	EnditNow Emphasis Day “No to Abuse”/Enditnow Symposium
September	
Mon 29 – Oct 3	Freedom Week
October	
Sun 5	Women’s Conference

“We may do a noble work for God if we will. Woman does not know her power for God. . . . There is a higher purpose for woman, a grander destiny. She should develop and cultivate her powers, for God can employ them in the great work of saving souls from eternal ruin.”
 —Testimonies Vol. 4, 642, and Evangelism, 465



Quote for Women

“Women can be instruments of righteousness, rendering holy service. It was Mary that first preached a risen Jesus. . . . If there were twenty women where now there is one, who would make this holy mission (one-to-one ministry) their cherished work, we should see many more converted to the truth. The refining, softening influence of Christian women is needed in the great work of preaching the truth.” —Evangelism, 471

Thank You !

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Women’s Ministries. Together, we are making a difference in our communities and beyond.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION The link for our website page is:

Central Jamaica Conference

<https://www.centralja.org/ministries/women-ministries/>

IAD website information

<https://women.adventist.org/inter-american-division-wm-leadership-training-conference>

GC website Information

<https://women.adventist.org/>

Women Ministries Resources:

Please see link for Women’s ministries Resources 2025:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19_zL6wfayTaAmzMSdRieV6BFVQ3EeM1I?usp=drive_link

Women’s Ministries Materials

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11qwkg5wqDLGPYNsCqKuPOBMLbz_KaFAU?usp=drive_link