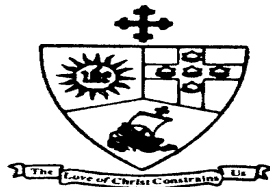




**THE METHODIST CHURCH IN THE  
CARIBBEAN AND THE AMERICAS-  
JAMAICA DISTRICT PROVIDENCE  
CIRCUIT**



*District Theme:*

*"SPREADING SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS TO REFORM THE  
NATION -----BEGINNING WITH ME"*

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT**

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Rev'd Dr. George Mulrain

**PROVIDENCE CIRCUIT  
ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICE  
CONNEXIONAL LORD'S DAY  
SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020  
AT 8:30 A.M.  
YOUTH SUNDAY**

*Preacher – Rev. Dr. George Mulrain*

Theme: **"Renewed for Service"**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Today, the first Sunday in September, is the official start of the 2020-2021 year for the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. It is called Connexional Lord's Day as a reminder to our members that we are not an isolated unit within the Jamaica District. We are connected to and work in close association with seven other district conferences, namely Bahamas/Turks & Caicos Islands, Belize/ Honduras, Guyana, Haiti, Leeward Islands, Panama/Costa Rica and South Caribbean.

At the start of this new church year, we consider ourselves Renewed For Service. This truth is well expressed in the words of a hymn composed by the first President of the MCCA Conference, the Rev'd Dr. Hugh B. Sherlock, who incidentally wrote the words of the Jamaica National Anthem.

**HYMN VIP #456**

1 LORD, your church on earth is seeking

Your renewal from above;

Teach us all the art of speaking

With the accent of your love.

We would heed your great commission:

You go into every place—

Preach, baptize, fulfil my mission,

Serve with love and share my grace.

2 Freedom give to those in bondage,

Lift the burdens caused by sin.

Give new hope, new strength and courage,

Grant release from fears within:

Light for darkness; joy for sorrow;

Love for hatred; peace for strife.

These and countless blessings follow

As the Spirit gives new life.

3 In the streets of every city

Where the bruised and lonely dwell,

Let us show the Saviour's pity,

Let us of his mercy tell.

In all lands and with all races

Let us serve, and seek to bring

All the world to render praises,

Christ, to you, Redeemer, King.

Hugh Sherlock (1905-1998 ) alt.

**PRAYER OF ADORATION:** Almighty God, we praise You for being the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent One who knows us inside out. We feel honoured that You made us in Your own image and chose us to partner You in the ongoing work of creation. We bow in admiration of the confidence that You place in us as followers of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We feel humble that great works of love can come about through us once we allow the Holy Spirit to direct our lives. To You, Father, Son and Spirit we dedicate this time of worship. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Merciful God, we acknowledge with shame that we have fallen short of your expectations. We have not always loved You or our neighbours; we have been preoccupied with our own concerns and disregarded the needs of others; we have delighted in hatred and enmity, although we know these to be contrary to Your laws. In penitence, we seek forgiveness of the sins which, in silence, we confess to You.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord, You have heard the sins which we Your servants have confessed. Because of Your faithfulness and mercy we are assured that You have forgiven us, for which we are truly thankful.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

**A PRAYER FOR CONNEXIONAL LORD'S DAY** Forever God of new beginnings, Unchanging God, we give you praise and thanks for the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. We continue to celebrate God's faithfulness and to claim God's future as an autonomous conference within the one Holy Church since May 18, 1967. Baptize us afresh with the life-giving Spirit of Jesus! Make your Church the new humanity whose faith is at work in the world. Bid us cease from seeking our own life, lest we lose it, as we mount the path to higher glory." May the love of Christ constrain us; through Jesus Christ our Lord from whose heart his merciful graces and most precious blood still flow. And who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

### CHILDREN'S TIME "From the Old to the New"

#### HYMN VIP #457

- 1 ONE more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go,  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me travelling along with you.
- 2 Round the corner of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn;  
All the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me:
- 3 As I travel through the bad and good,  
Keep me travelling the way I should;  
Where I see no way to go  
You'll be telling me the way, I know:
- 4 Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough;  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me travelling along with you:
- 5 You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me;  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
Sydney Carter (1915- 2004 )

### NOTICES, including Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING, Exodus 12: 1 – 14 read by Sis. Zola Atkins-Thomas

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 149 led by Rev'd June James

- <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!  
Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- <sup>2</sup>Let Israel be glad in its Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
- <sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
- <sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with victory.
- <sup>5</sup>Let the faithful exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their couches.

<sup>6</sup>Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,  
<sup>7</sup>to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples,  
<sup>8</sup>to bind their kings with fetters  
and their nobles with chains of iron,  
<sup>9</sup>to execute on them the judgment decreed.  
This is glory for all his faithful ones.  
Praise the LORD!  
Glory be to the Father, and to Son and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World  
without end. Amen

**EPISTLE READING**, Romans 13: 8 – 14  
read by Bro. Roger Williams

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.  
This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL READING**, Matthew 18: 15 – 20  
read by Bro. Devaughn Smilie

<sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”  
This is the Gospel of Christ.  
Praise be to Christ our Lord.

**SERMON**: “Renewed for Service” – Rev. Dr. George Mulrain

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lead. The Lord be with you

Cong. And also with you.

Lead. Let us pray for our country:

Eternal God bless our land and all its occupants. We are beset by many social, moral, political, and economic challenges. Grant true wisdom, guidance, and inspiration to all those who have been elected to serve, whether as Prime Minister, or Leader of the Opposition or member of Parliament. May all in national and local government represent the people with humility. Whatever our political affiliation, help us dear God to work together to rid Jamaica of crime and violence; to preserve the environment and to engender health and prosperity. God of mercy:

Cong. We expect and receive the answer to our prayers

Lead. Let us pray for all sorts and conditions of persons:

Merciful God we intercede for all who are sick and for those who are committed to controlling health and wellness. Give wisdom to all drivers on the road and alertness to all pedestrians. We bring before You the children and youth, especially those who are poor, needy, lonely, abused, trafficked, bereaved, unemployed and frustrated. Remember in your mercy the victims of injustice, violence, perpetual parental abuse, spousal abuse, and drug abuse. God of mercy:

Cong. We expect and receive the answer to our prayers

Lead. Let us pray for educational institutions:

God of wisdom and knowledge, we thank you for all our educational institutions. We are aware of the challenges faced by teachers and parents, given their new responsibilities occasioned by the delay in commencing the new academic year. Bless, protect, and guide all students and members of staff especially those who were looking forward to attending school for the first time or being enrolled in a new school. God of mercy:

Cong. We expect and receive the answer to our prayers

Lead. Let us pray for the Church:

Almighty God we pray for the Church of Jesus Christ, especially the MCCA. Strengthen and inspire our Connexional Officers. Give wisdom and encouragement to all our Bishops, Presbyters, Deacons, Local Preachers, Lay Pastors and Leaders as together we encourage others to become your disciples and to be faithful in their duties. Be gracious to all Ministers and their families especially those taking up new appointments at the beginning of this Connexional Year. Thanks for those who have laboured amongst us and are now serving in other mission fields or have retired from the active work. God of mercy:

Cong. We expect and receive the answer to our prayers.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### COMMUNION HYMN VIP #434a

- 1 LET us break bread together on our knees. (rep.)  
When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.  
2 Let us drink wine together on our knees. (rep.)  
3 Let us praise God together on our knees. (rep.)

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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(pg. 96, Prayer Book)

Lead The Lord Jesus, on the night in which etc.

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### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS:

Lord, we come to your table, trusting in your mercy and not in any goodness of our own. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy, and on that we depend. So feed us with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, that we may forever live in him and he in us.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all mankind. Amen.

### MCCA CELEBRATION HYMN - God Is Faithful

1. Come let us join in this celebration  
Of faith in God through many a year  
Now in each mainland and island nation  
Christ Crucified is preached without fear.

### REFRAIN:

Carrying on the work of those before us  
Never tempted to turn back.

2. We're fully focused, doubly determined,  
That it's the dawn of a brand-new day  
We'll see the end of violence and hatred,  
As God in Christ leads us all the way.

3. Across the world we make new disciples  
We warmly welcome each clan and race,  
We treat all those who are poor and helpless  
With dignity, love, respect and grace.

4. Let's all arise in each generation  
Peace, truth and justice shall be our aim;  
Pursue our mission in word and action  
As God's bright future we dare to claim.  
(Words & Music – Drs Mulrain & Roberts)

### BENEDICTION (in languages spoken across the Connexion)

(Spanish) Que la gracia del Señor Jesucristo, el amor de Dios y la presencia constante del Espíritu Santo estén con nosotros ahora y siempre. Amen.

(French) Que la grâce de notre Seigneur, Jésus Christ, l'amour de Dieu et la communion du Saint Esprit, soit avec nous tous, dès maintenant et à jamais. Amen.

(English) May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all now and always. Amen.

### Birthdays/Anniversaries this week:

7<sup>th</sup> – Sis. Vioris Wright, Bro. George Reynolds; 8<sup>th</sup> – Sis. Dawn Muir, Sis. Pauline Archer ; 9<sup>th</sup> – Bro. Dominic Nieta ; 10<sup>th</sup> – Bro. Adrian Mitchell; 11<sup>th</sup> – Sis. Karen Phillips ; 12<sup>th</sup> – Sis. Andrene Henry Anderson, Sis. Heather Hobson, Sis. Chelsea Jameson, Sis. Terry Morris, Sis. Gertrude Phillips, Sis. Khadeen Gentles, Sis. Faith Samms

### Special Notices:

Please see our website for letters from our connexional Bishop Rev. Galbraith, our Presbyter Rev. Mulrain and the safeguarding officer, Latoya Cameron Hill.

### Brothers and Sisters,

Please be advised that the staff of the District Office will be working remotely from Friday September 4, 2020 until September 14, 2020.

### Contact information

Staff will still be accessible by telephone and email etc.

The main office number is 876 445 5713.

Contact can be made via WhatsApp and text messages as well

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Payments can be made online to NCB , Knutsford Blvd.

A/C # 351-834-978

Proof of payment should then be emailed

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Documents left at District Office

For persons who need to physically attend the office to drop off letters, please observe the following

1. Deliver the document to the Security Guard
2. A book has been provided for receipting mail. Please enter your information in the book and clearly state your name and Circuit.
3. The documents will be left at Deaconess House until the office re-opens

Please continue to be safe and may the Lord whom we serve watch over us all.

