



# Newsletter

## WHERE CBWU AND CBF MEET



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Sis Karlene Edwards-Warrick, President, CBWU and Rev Anslem Warrick, Executive Secretary Treasurer, CBF, at the recent Centennial Celebrations, Jamaica.

# KEEPING UP WITH THE PRESIDENT



Karlene Edwards - Warrick

In our last issue we featured the activities of Sister Karlene Edwards-Warrick as she fulfilled her official duties for the first part of the year 2022.

The latter part of the year was just as eventful for Madam President as she continued her official assignments.

The President visited the women in Guadeloupe from 21-27 October, 2022 on the invitation of the President of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship and President of the Guadeloupe Baptist Federation, Rev Dominique Dick.

She met with the women's president of Guadeloupe, Sister Maryvonne Bique, and former president, Sister Giselle Richardson. Sister Edwards-Warrick and CBF Executive Secretary Treasurer, Reverend Anslem Warrick, also had the opportunity to meet with the pastoral leaders in Guadeloupe in an attempt to strengthen the relationship with our French-speaking members. She extends heartfelt thanks to the Rev Dick, Sister Caryl Andrews and the many members of The Guadeloupe Baptist Federation, for their awesome hospitality.

Sis Karlene celebrated the BWA Women's Day of Prayer on Saturday 5th November, 2022 with the women of the Trinidad and Tobago United Baptist Women's Association.

November also saw the first face to face CBWU Executive Meeting and Leadership training for President Edwards-Warrick and her executive team since coming into office due to the COVID pandemic. This was held from November 23-26, 2022 at the Holiday Inn, Miami, Florida. The Executive meeting was booked out one month prior to the event. There were forty leaders in attendance with a beautiful mix of junior and senior women ranging from 26 years and over.

Composed by Sis Karlene Edwards-Warrick



The President and Sis Maryvonne Bique.



Sis Karlene with Sis Giselle Richardson.



Madam President and the TTUBWA women.



Women of the CBWU at the recently held Executive meeting, Miami, Florida.

(Keeping Up cont'd on pg. 9)

# CELEBRATING 100 GLORIOUS YEARS: REMEMBERING, REJOICING, RENEWING!



The work and witness of the Jamaica Baptist Women's Federation started on December 10, 1922 in Bethel Town, Westmoreland. By God's grace and mercies, we have progressed to this major milestone of a hundred years of ministry. Truly we can say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" **1 Sam.7:12.**

Our Annual Conference was held at the Moneague Teachers' College from August 10-12, 2022. The theme was our year-long theme: "Celebrating 100 Glorious years; Remembering, Rejoicing, Renewing". Special highlights of the conference were: the launch of our centennial magazine which was done by Lady Allen, wife of the Governor General; the exhibition of craft and culinary delights by sisters from across all parishes; and, the unanimous election of Vice President Crossman-Small as President Elect.

Throughout the year, special celebratory events were held in local branches across the country. Special efforts were also made to recruit and enroll new sisters to the Federation. This was successfully done as more than 400 new sisters were enrolled. Our celebrations came to a fitting climax in December, 2022 with the following events:

- December 8, 2022, the bust of Mrs. Garland Hall, founder of the Garland Hall Memorial Children Home and one of the founding mothers of the JBWF, was unveiled at the home.
- December 9, 2022, sisters participated in a Pilgrimage to the place of our birth, Bethel Town Baptist Church in Westmoreland where a plaque was unveiled and the history of the Federation retold.
- December 10, 2022 an Awards Banquet in recognition of those who have given outstanding service to the JBWF was held in the ballroom of the Holiday Inn hotel. At the Banquet, 86 awards were given to various categories of awardees. Twelve outstanding projects which were carried out by Federation branches island wide and 39 posthumous awardees were also recognized.
- December 11, 2022 the curtains came down on the year of celebrations with a closing service which was held at the Calvary Baptist Church in St James. The message was delivered by the Rev Karen Kirlaw. Once again, we were blessed with the presence and participation of the President of the CBWU and the Executive Secretary Treasurer of the CBF, Sister Karlene Edwards-Warrick and Reverend Anslem Warrick respectively.

The Jamaica Baptist Women's Federation is grateful to God for all His blessings over the century of our ministry and for the magnificent ways in which He led us through the year of our Centennial celebrations. We are also greatly indebted to all persons and organisations who supported our ministry and celebration. God enabled our efforts to remember and rejoice and we move forward renewed for further ministry as we continue to live by our motto, "Seek, Save, Serve". (See pics on pg. 6)

**(The first part of the celebrations was featured in the July, 2022 issue of the CBWU Connection).**

**Submitted by Sis Hillary Morgan, President JBWF**



## WHAT IS SUCCESSFUL LIVING?

What does one consider as being successful in life? Having a big house? Owning two cars? Having a good job or having a substantial amount of money in the bank?

Self-help books offer us many different recommendations to achieving success in life. But, if we logically consider it, all these methods may help us to succeed in reaching particular goals in life which in most instances are materialistic. In **Matthew 6: 19- 21** the Bible admonishes us to store up treasures in heaven and not here on earth where it can be easily destroyed.

Success by worldly standards means the big house, the cars, the good job and the large amount of money on the bank account. Your success is measured by what you believe you have been put on this earth to achieve. If you have accomplished what you believe you have been put on this earth to achieve, and that is to have the material possessions, then by worldly standards and by your own judgment, you consider yourself to have succeeded in life. But what if the reason for your existence is not what you believe it to be? Then, what is the purpose of your existence and why were you put on this earth? To answer this question, we must begin with God, the source of our existence.

In **Colossians 1:16** it states: ‘For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in the earth...all things were created by Him and for Him.’ God has not left us in the dark to wonder and guess at His purpose, He has revealed His purpose through His Word, the Bible. To know God and to learn His character, we must read the Bible daily, because it says in **John 5:39**: ‘Search the scriptures .....and they are they which testify of me’.

In today’s world, natural disasters are real possibilities, especially when we consider the effects of global warming. So, in a matter of hours, all that you have acquired in terms of material possessions can disappear. Consider what has been happening due to the COVID-19 pandemic; there has been massive job losses. How do you handle such situations if this happens to you? Some persons have been known to lose their sanity due to experiences like these. The Bible tells us clearly in **Matthew 6:21**: ‘For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also’. If your success in life is measured only by the material things you have acquired, and you lose either, all, or a substantial amount of what determines your success, then you are deemed by society to be no longer a success. Have you then become a failure? Where do you turn?

In daily reading of God’s Word, you find out whose you are and your purpose as you begin to establish a relationship with God. The stronger your relationship with God becomes, the more you learn about Him, and the more your love and dependency on Him will grow. Even in circumstances where you might experience bad times, your focus is on God and His purpose, because in **Romans 8:28** it states, ‘And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.’ If you maintain this relationship at all costs, letting everything go, God will fulfill His purpose through you and your life. You now see success not as the world sees it, but as God has purposed your success to be.

Submitted by Bethany Baptist Church

### *TRANSFORMED LIFE*

“Don’t copy the new behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.”

**Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

# Dominica

## THE NATURE ISLAND

Dominica sits midway along the Eastern Caribbean archipelago and is known as “The Nature Island” or “Waitukubuli” its Kalinago name which means “Tall is her body”. Dominica’s tropical rainforests cover two thirds of the island and are home to 1,200 plant species, rivers, lakes, streams, and waterfalls. The Morne Trois Pitons National Park, Dominica, was the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in the eastern Caribbean.

Dominica offers much more than a stunning nature adventure. Its rich culture and architecture are a blend of English, French, African, and Carib peoples. Colourful costumes, music, and pageantry are on display at a host of celebrations, from Carnival to the World Creole Music Festival, and the many independence celebrations around the island.

### USING YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD

Written by Cornealia Guiste-Durand



**James 1:17** tells us that, “every gift is from God.” We all have different talents and God-given gifts, but they are all important and can be used for God’s kingdom.

**Geraldine Sorhaindo** has been a member of the Boetica Baptist church for over 27 years. She is currently a Deaconess and the treasurer. Geraldine has a great love for God, and it shows every day by her acts of kindness, her generosity, prayer and sharing of God’s love to everyone she encounters. But God’s love is greatly shown through her amazing talent in mastering the art of quilting for the past forty (40) years.

“Tablateen” as she is fondly called, began sewing in her early twenties after learning this skill from an American Doctor, Dr. Hamilton, who had visited Delices in pursuit of land. Dr. Hamilton began this sewing project for young women in the community, as an option to learn an additional skill beside farming. She formed the **Agape Craft Cooperative** with twenty-two members, where she made Geraldine the Manager. This Cooperative lasted for many years and more women learned the art of quilting.

As the Manager, Geraldine completed various management courses as part of a small project assistant team, led by the Former Prime Minister, Pierre Charles. With these skills, she was able to write a proposal for funding to a Canadian Donor, which was successful and subsequently used to construct their own building. At 80 years old, Geraldine is still sewing quilts, but says that it’s all God’s work and she is only using this talent as a way of serving God.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS: REMEMBERING, REJOICING, RENEWING!



Sisters gathered for worship at Bethel Town Baptist Church.



Craft display at the Conference.



Recognition and appreciation for service over the years.



President of JBWF, Hillary Morgan and Lady Allen, wife of the Governor General, Jamaica.



The bust of Mrs. Garland Hall, founder of the Garland Hall Memorial Children Home, Jamaica.



One of the many awardees receiving recognition for her contribution to the JBWF.



Members of the head table at the banquet.



A section of the congregation at the closing service.

## STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD

BY SIS DEBORAH BYNOE



An exceptional display of fun and talent best describes the Baptist women of Barbados Culture Evening which was held at the Barbados Beach Hotel, Maxwell, Christ Church. This was the 'fun aspect' of their conference and the ladies thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The show was ably chaired by the effervescent Cheryl Gittens of People's Baptist Church.

The women displayed their various talents with confidence, while entertaining those in the auditorium. Their renditions included dance, song, poetry, a hat parade and a short reflective skit.



The Barbados Baptist Women also hosted a weekend retreat at the Barbados Beach Club from Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. One of the highlights of this retreat was a Prayer Breakfast on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

The theme for this breakfast was the same as for the entire conference "Standing on the Promises of God". It was an opportunity for the ladies to join in praise and worship and have sweet fellowship together after the challenges of COVID-19.

After a sumptuous breakfast, interspersed with lusty singing, prayers were offered for the following areas: The government and people of Barbados; Transformation of the Baptist churches in Barbados; All aspects of the educational system; The reopening of our Sunday Schools; and, The support of the ladies' ministries.



The Speaker for this occasion was Minister Anita Bend of the Wesleyan Holiness Church. She explored the theme "Standing on the Promises of God" through an interactive session with the ladies, whom she involved in reading selected Bible verses based on the promises. It was an inspiring session as ladies were challenged to name and share a promise which had kept them through the years. Rev. James Bend, husband of the Guest Speaker, prayed for the ladies and pronounced the benediction.

### ***CBWU THEME FOR 2023***

### ***"A TRANSFORMED LIFE"***

Colossians 3:10 says, "Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him."

A Transformed Life begins on the day of salvation at which time the Spirit replaces our old sinful nature with the righteousness of Christ. This is now and forever our new position before God. He sees us in Jesus' righteousness. Three Characteristics of "A Transformed Life" are:

1. Faith in Jesus Christ
2. Fervour in Prayer
3. Faithfulness in Service

# A Merry Heart Does Good like Medicine ..

Proverbs 17:22



## TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2023

1. The Bible will still have the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

[biblequiz.com](http://biblequiz.com)



## A LAUGH A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY!

A teacher asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by a boy's picture which showed four people on an aircraft, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. 'The flight to Egypt,' he replied. 'I see... And that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus,' she said. 'But who's the fourth person?' 'Oh, that's Pontius – the Pilot!'

- Q. What was the Bible's first math problem?  
A. Go forth and multiply - God told Adam and Eve.
- Q. Where is medicine first mentioned in the Bible?  
A. God gave Moses two tablets.

## QUICK QUIZ!!

1. Is Dominica and the Dominican Republic the same place?
2. Where would you find the 2nd largest boiling lake in the world?
3. Mountain chickens are found in Dominica. Do they fly or hop?
4. Which sea mammal loves the waters of Dominica and can be seen all year round and is a great tourist attraction?
5. What percentage of Dominica is rainforest and what is the nickname given to the Island?
6. What is the Island's motto?

1. No, they are two different Islands. 2. Dominica. 3. Mountain chickens hop. Sperm Whales. 5. Two thirds of the Island is rainforest and it is nicknamed 'Nature Island'. There are also 365 rivers winding their way across the island – one for every day of the year. 6. The Island's motto is "Après Bondie, C'est La Ter", which means "After God, the Earth".



### Keeping up with the President (cont'd from pg. 2)

The leaders were led in training sessions in the “Essentials of Project Proposal and Fundraising” by Sister Georgia Crossman-Small and the “Essentials of Newsletter and Writing Newsletter Articles” by Sisters Dorrette Campbell and Donna-Daile Smart. The latter rolled out the new initiative for the CBWU Connection. This meeting was very fruitful and encouraging.

The President concluded her year of activities by joining the Jamaica Baptist Women’s Federation (JBWF) at the conclusion of their Centennial celebrations from December 8-11, 2022. Sis Edwards-Warrick was delighted to share with the sisters at the four events culminating this significant milestone. These included: the erecting of a bust at Garland Hall memorial home for children; laying of a plaque at the Bethel Town church and birth place of the Jamaica Baptist Women’s Federation; a Banquet to honour those who served over the years; and, a closing service at the Calvary Baptist Church.



From l. to r. Sis Hillary Morgan and Sis Karlene Edwards-Warrick at the JBWF Centennial Celebrations



CBWU Executive. Seated from left: Sis B. James, S. Munroe, K. Edwards-Warrick, B. Hamilton, J. Barclay. Standing from left: K. Bernard, L. Audain-Jacobs, C. Williams, L. Lightbourne, D. Franco & H. Morgan



President, CBWU, Sis K. Edwards-Warrick and EST, CBF, Rev A. Warrick at the Centennial celebrations, Jamaica.

Madam President brought greetings on behalf of the CBWU at three of the events and brought the message at the banquet celebrations. She encouraged the women and the specially invited guests from the Word, (**Hebrews 10:23-25**), to remain faithful to their Calling, remain faithful in their Actions, remain faithful in their Commitment and faithful as they Persevere. She concluded by calling on all present to sing a verse of the hymn “Until Then” and expressed how wonderful it was to end the year in this way.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

CBWU - Day of Prayer "A Transformed Life" - Saturday June 03, 2023

CBWU Conference - Thursday July 20-24, 2023 - Dominica (See your island Presidents for more information. Registration begins in February.)

CBF Midterm Assembly - October 25-29, 2023 - Jamaica

BWA Women Global Day of Prayer - November, 2023

CBWU - Executive Meeting November 22-25, 2023 - Miami, Florida, USA.

## HURRICANE RELIEF CONTINUES IN SAN ANDRES



The women of San Andres were able to deliver some gifts towards the project “Hurricane Relief”. The Presidents and Vice Presidents of the local churches received these gifts and expressed their heartfelt gratitude. “We give thanks to God and to the CBWU for bringing smiles to many homes in our archipelago. God bless you greatly.”



### SOUP

### SATURDAY

### MAFEKING WORLD CHANGERS

### TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



The Mafeking World Changers Women’s Department embarked on a Soup Saturday initiative with the hope of meeting the needs of the community of Mayaro and sharing the love of Christ. This idea was birthed through the women’s department after dissecting the needs of the community; and, was strategically and prayerfully considered. The group of 20 women were the sole contributors allowing over 150 soup bowls to be prepared. They then scheduled a Saturday, went out into the market and offered a meal, evangelized about Christ and gave a warm invitation to fellowship for congregational worship at the Church compound. Each person was also given a gospel track which sparked conversation. The feedback given from the community was remarkable and, ever since, there has been growth. Persons from the community continue to ask when more initiatives like this will be done.

## MISSION

To foster and celebrate unity in Christ and promote fellowship among Baptist women in the Caribbean and worldwide; engage in soul winning for Christ and work towards greater social and community involvement through **prayer, witness** and **service**.

## VISION

Caribbean Baptist Women in every island working together, growing in effectiveness, solidarity and impacting our Region and the world for Christ.

## *Editorial Committee*

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## **NOTE FROM THE CHAIR**

*Thanks to all the women's ministries who contributed to the successful January, 2023 issue.*

*If you would like to contribute to our Newsletter, please contact the President of your Island.*

*Peace and Blessings!!!*

*Sis Donna-Daile*

## **CBWU OFFICERS**

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## **TRANSFORMED LIFE**

*"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me."*

**Galatians 2:20 (NLT)**

