

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE  
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
**ACTION PLAN**  
**2025**

**THEME: "Their Education: Our Sacred Trust"**

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

**The Purpose**

The Department of Education exists for the purpose of promoting the cause of Christian Education and to counsel in the establishment, supervision, maintenance, and operation of denominational schools within West Jamaica Conference.

**Our Commitment**

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in West Jamaica Conference through its Education Department recognizes that God, the Creator and Sustainer of earth and the entire universe, is the source of knowledge and wisdom.

We were created in God's image. However, sin has marred this image causing us to lose our original state. Therefore, Christian education seeks to restore in man the image of his Maker, to nurture in man an intelligent dedication to the work of God on earth, and to develop in man a practical preparation for conscientious service to his fellowman.

**Our Objectives**

**Growth and Consolidation**

1. To inform and reinforce in the local church the philosophy, mission, vision, goals, and objectives of Adventist Christian Education.
2. To emphasize the role of the education secretary of the church.
3. To train and certify education sponsors.
4. To preserve the legacy of Adventist Christian Education.
5. To deepen the spiritual life of each member of staff and student at our two high schools and six preparatory schools through the Week of Prayer initiative and teachers' consecration service.
6. To conduct evangelistic initiatives – to baptize non-SDA parents, relatives, and students.
7. To increase enrollment by 10% annually in each school through the following means:
  - a. Promotion of Adventist Education in each church.
  - b. The use of the Behold He Cometh Broadcast and WCCN.
  - c. Promotion of Adventist Education at conference organized programmes.
  - d. To establish an Education Website with a page for all the schools to highlight significant information and activities in our schools.
  - e. To establish scholarship funds for needy students to access Adventist Christian Education.
  - f. Each church investing in a needy student through Adventist Christian Education.

**The school/ Church in the Community**

8. To improve and maintain good discipline among the students in all our schools.
9. To acquire funding to improve the effective financial operation of the schools.
10. To improve the image and profile of the school in the community.
11. To position the school in the best possible light to all its publics.
12. To bond the church and the school in the fostering of Pathfinder and Adventurer clubs in the school.

## **Education**

13. To improve and maintain academic success in all our schools.
  - a. Review and assess the academic curriculum for alignment with Ministry of Education expectations and the Accrediting Commission of the church.
  - b. Conduct evaluation of all schools periodically through the West Jamaica Conference Schools' Visitation Initiative.
  - c. To provide appropriate staff development programmes.
14. To equip our Science, Information Technology, and Home Economic laboratories in our schools.
15. To increase the number of vocational offerings in our high schools.
16. To join with HEART to establish the CAP (Career Advance Programme) in our two high schools.
17. To prepare each student for this life and the life to come through integration of faith and learning.
18. To promote the SDA Bible curriculum for the school.
19. To reinforce the fundamental beliefs of the church.
20. To broaden one's knowledge of school finance.

## **Family/Healthy Lifestyle**

21. To ensure the health and wellbeing of our students through the following:
  - a. Seminars/Workshops and family wellness
  - b. Time management
  - c. Counseling on healthy school
  - d. Peer counselling
  - e. Seminar on health issues for children and youth
  - f. Conduct Clinic Days at each school

**The Education Department invites all members to share in the vision of our church as we seek to prepare every boy and girl for this life and the life to come.**

We have a team of administrators and educators who will be lending us their expertise in guiding the Education Department for the Quadrennium 2022 through to 2026.

Pastor Glen Samuels, President  
Pastor Vincent Rose, Executive Secretary  
Mrs. Marion Barrett-Popkin, Chief Financial Officer  
Pastor Stephen Drummond, Director of Education  
Mrs. Cynthia Monroe  
Heather Smith-Sherwood  
Mrs. Winsome Willis  
Miss Adlin Smith  
Mr. Lockette Cuff

**We can only accomplish this mammoth task with the help of all our members and leaders rallying together in fulfilling the divine mandate.**

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

**The Role of the Education Secretary**

1. To plan in conjunction with the Pastor and the Home and School Association for the promotion of Christian Education.
2. To understand and teach the Principles of Adventist Christian Education and to keep them constantly before the church.
3. To work on a person-to-person level with parents and guardians of all school-age children to encourage attendance at the church school, academy, college; and to help them address problems that might prevent them.
4. To encourage the church to start a church school when one is not available.
5. To maintain contact with students from the church who are away at school.
6. To contact members who do not have school-age children to seek sponsorship for needy students.
7. To maintain an up-to-date census of all school-age children in the church.
8. To report on the matter of Christian Education to the Conference and to promote the programmes of the Education Department in the local church.
9. To represent issues of Christian Education on the Church Board.
10. To represent the church on the board of the school.
11. To facilitate constant dialogue and interaction between school and church.
12. To assess the educational needs of church members who are not eligible or interested in the regular school system and to assist them in finding opportunities to address their educational needs.

**The Education Evangelism Initiative for 2025**

**Theme: “Their Education: Our Sacred Trust”**

**Our mandate:** I will go because Jesus loves me.

I will go because I love Jesus, and I am His Ambassador.

I will go because He has called me to rescue the lambs from the clutches of the devil.

I will go because He loves our Children.

**The Education Department has adopted the Inter-American Division evangelistic initiative, “Their Education: Our Sacred Trust” as its Spiritual guide for the year 2025.** All schools owned and operated by West Jamaica Conference will carry the theme as we seek to prepare our children who are entrusted in our care for time and eternity.

**The following guidelines are expected to be observed by each school:**

1. The Healthy & Happy Bible Lessons will be issued to all schools and will be used along with other methods the school will deem necessary to prepare students for baptism.
2. Each principal is encouraged to divide the overall baptismal goal among the Form/Grade teachers.

3. Each school must plan its week of prayer and submit in a document form the speaker and the method of preparation undertaken for this emphasis.
4. Principals are to work closely with the church Pastor in getting a speaker and seek guidance from the Pastor in the planning and execution of the programme.
5. The evangelism programme will be executed in stages throughout the calendar year.
6. The baptismal goal for the schools is as follows:

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|---------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|
| Bull Savannah Preparatory | 10 | Harrison Preparatory       | 15 |
| March Town Preparatory    | 10 | Savanna la mar Preparatory | 15 |
| Wellesley Gunter          | 10 | Harrison Memorial High     | 15 |
| Darliston Preparatory     | 10 | Savanna la mar High        | 15 |

**West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
Department Of Education Calendar of Events 2025**

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| <b>February 27</b>    | Inter School Sports Day                                       |
| <b>February 28</b>    | WJC Principals' Workshop                                      |
| <b>March 10-14</b>    | Inter-American Education Week of Prayer                       |
| <b>March 12</b>       | Inter-American Day of Prayer                                  |
| <b>March 25</b>       | Students' Evangelism Day                                      |
| <b>March 29</b>       | Education Symposium in four parishes                          |
| <b>April 20-26</b>    | Education Congress/School Festivals                           |
| <b>April 20-26</b>    | Education Week in our Schools                                 |
| <b>May 1-31</b>       | Child's Month   |
| <b>June 25</b>        | Graduation Ceremony-Wellesley Gunter Preparatory              |
| <b>June 26</b>        | Graduation Ceremony-Savanna-La-Mar Preparatory                |
| <b>June 29</b>        | Graduation Ceremony-Savanna-La-Mar High                       |
| <b>July 1</b>         | Graduation Ceremony-Darliston SDA Preparatory                 |
| <b>July 3</b>         | Graduation Ceremony-Bull Savannah Preparatory                 |
| <b>July 4</b>         | Graduation Ceremony-Harrison Memorial Preparatory             |
| <b>July 6</b>         | Graduation Ceremony-Harrison Memorial High                    |
| <b>July 7</b>         | Graduation Ceremony-March Town Preparatory                    |
| <b>September 6-7</b>  | Wellesley Gunter's 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Inauguration |
| <b>December 17-20</b> | Camp Meeting  |
| <b>December 21</b>    | Officers' Council   |