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# JAMAICA CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

## REPORT to the 151<sup>st</sup> SYNOD

### OVERVIEW

It has been a little over two (2) years since the outbreak of the COVID 19 pandemic in Jamaica, the repercussions of which has turned the world around like we never could have imagined. COVID has awakened us to possibilities we would never have dreamt of. Instead of folding our arms and throwing in the towel, as unprepared as we were we had to roll up our sleeves, confront the issues and determine how we were going to survive. COVID brought many changes. Apart from the personal and corporate reorganization and the necessary if not compulsory adjustments to new routines, the economic situation has worsened; and the increase in crime and violence seem to be growing out of manageable proportions. The counter-measures do not seem to be having any significant effect, and it is evident that the solution cannot be a one size fits all. And the COVID pandemic continues.

The Church has also had to endure her share of challenges. Some of the smaller missions have not operated since COVID, and there have been difficulties in maintaining ministries if at all, that were previously accepted as a staple of the community. Although there might be expressions of relief with the relaxation of the protocols, and for some hopefully the return to some sort of normality, it cannot be overemphasised that the pandemic is still with us. It definitely will not be business as usual, and we will have to look at ‘normality’ redefined.

What is the relevance of the activities of the Jamaica Church Missionary Society (JCMS) in responding to some of the issues with which we are faced? What is the response of the JCMS in the context of our changing reality? This is the challenge to our members. In a society where sensibilities seem to be numbed, should we accept the unsavory events as a matter of course? Is it expected and accepted that Settled congregations well be reclassified as Missions, Missions reclassified as Chapels of Ease without offering much resistance?

Although the pandemic has curtailed some of our regular activities, we will have to devise creative ways to respond to the needs of our members. Our challenge is to consider the type of stimulus that can be employed, to empower our people with independence and a sense of dignity. In this regard, we need to focus on the impact of the COVID pandemic in ministering to our communities, and the effective and practical response thereof.

*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” Luke 4: 18-19*

Do we truly own this proclamation? Can we align with the Synod theme ***‘God’s Church for God’s World: Breaking the Silence – Reimagining a Fractured Society.***

The Annual Report for 2021 is indeed reflective of the operational and financial challenges experienced during the year:

- Curtailment of a number of activities
- Increasing indebtedness of the Missions
- Reduction in inflows from General Contribution
- Lower than projected disbursement on projects

A review of the financial outcome reveals the decrease in the projected activities for the year 2021. Notwithstanding that inflows were approximately 33% less than projections, total operating expenses of \$3.8 million was approximately 29% less than anticipated, and this contributed to the net income of \$1.09 million.

Although the inflows for 2021 were less than projections, the Deanery Representatives are confident that the targets can be achieved, and so an upsurge in activities is anticipated.

The JCMS continues to encourage its members to make use of training programmes where possible. In light of the shortage of clergy, the Diocese will be increasing its reliance on lay persons to assume leadership roles. As reflected in the budget, the Society continues to allocate financial support for this ministry.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE**

Most Rev. Dr. Howard Gregory	Archbishop
Rt. Rev. Leon Golding	Suffragan Bishop, Montego Bay
Ven. Winston Thomas	Archdeacon of Mandeville (Retired June 1, 2021)
Ven. Patrick Cunningham	Archdeacon of Kingston
Ven. Justin Nembhard	Archdeacon Montego Bay
Mrs. Jacqueline Mighty	Diocesan Secretary
Rev. Canon Garth Minott	Bishop's Nominee
Rev. Ula Ruddock	Bishop's Nominee
Rev Carlton Tulloch	Bishop's Nominee
Sister Molly Walton	Bishop's Nominee
Dr. Trevor Hope	Bishop's Nominee
Mr. Lincoln Tomlinson	Bishop's Nominee
Miss Sandra Berry	Bishop's Nominee
Rev. Delroy Coley	Representative, St. Catherine
Rev. Don T. Lewis	Representative, St. James
Miss Pamiel Scott	Representative, St. Mary
Rev. Rory Honeyghan	Representative, Portland
Mr. Miguel Thomas	Representative, Kingston
Miss Edna Fisher	Representative, St. Thomas
Rev. Khan Honeyghan	Representative, St. Andrew
Rev. Opal Beharie	Representative, Westmoreland
Mr. Arvell Miller	Representative, St. Elizabeth
Rev. Judith Atkinson-Linton	Representative, St. Ann

Mr. Dwayne Powell	Representative, Clarendon
Mrs. Tiffany Grant-Smith	Representative, Hanover
Mrs. Jasmine Hewitt	Representative, Trelawny
Mrs. Gloria Sutherland	Representative, Manchester
Miss Vanessa Banton	Representative, Portmore
Sister Claudette Marshall	General Secretary

The business of the JCMS is conducted by the General Committee whose duty it is to formulate, supervise and implement policies for Missionary work in the Diocese for the approval of Synod. The General Committee also determines the level of assistance extended to Missions based on reports from the Deanery Representatives and requests submitted through the Deanery and Regional Councils. In this regard it should be noted that the Deanery Representatives are important links between the Missions and the JCMS, as the Society depends on their participation in the decision making process. The JCMS again implores the Deanery Councils to brief prospective appointees as to their roles and responsibilities and seek the assurance of their willingness to serve.

Five (5) meetings were held during the year. The following Table reflects attendance at meetings:

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
<b>President:</b> Most Rev. Dr. Howard Gregory - <b>Chairman</b>	5/5
<b>Vice Presidents:</b> Rt. Rev Leon Golding Ven. Winston Thomas (Retired June 2021) Ven. Justin Nembhard Ven. Patrick Cunningham	5/5 1/5 4/5 2/5
<b>Treasurer:</b> Mrs. Jacqueline Mighty	5/5
<b>Bishop's Nominees:</b> Rev. Canon Garth Minott Rev. Ula Ruddock Rev. Carlton Tulloch Sister Molly Walton Miss Sandra Berry Mr. Lincoln Tomlinson Dr. Trevor Hope	3/5 5/5 0/5 5/5 2/5 3/5 4/5
<b>Deanery Representatives:</b> <b>St. Catherine</b> - Rev. Delroy Coley <b>St. James</b> - Rev. Don T. Lewis <b>St. Mary</b> - Miss Pamiel Scott <b>Portland</b> - Rev. Rory Honeyghan <b>Kingston</b> - Mr. Miguel Thomas <b>St. Thomas</b> - Miss Edna Fisher <b>St. Andrew</b> - Rev. Khan Honeyghan <b>Westmoreland</b> - Rev. Opal Beharie <b>St. Elizabeth</b> - Mr. Arvell Miller <b>St. Ann</b> - Rev. Judith Atkinson-Linton <b>Clarendon</b> - Mr. Dwayne Powell	0/5 3/5 3/5 3/5 5/5 2/5 2/5 5/5 2/5 5/5 0/5

<b>Hanover</b> -	Mrs. Tiffany Grant-Smith	0/5
<b>Manchester</b> -	Mrs. Gloria Sutherland	2/5
<b>Trelawny</b> -	Mrs. Jasmine Hewitt	1/5
<b>Portmore</b> -	Miss Vanessa Banton	5/5
<b>General Secretary:</b> Sister Claudette Marshall		5/5

## **DIOCESAN MISSIONS**

The Bishop as President of the Society may designate any Mission to be a Diocesan Mission and may make special Regulations for the administration, pastoral care and financial management of these Missions. The Missions are usually not directly attached to a Cure. There are currently three (3) Diocesan Missions.

### **I. Discovery Bay**

As the name suggests, the Discovery Bay Mission (DBM) is located in Discovery Bay, St. Ann. Since its beginnings in June 2005, the Mission has been led by a core group of about ten (10) committed lay persons who are members of neighbouring Anglican Churches. Sunday evening services are usually held at the Roman Catholic Church. In compliance with the COVID pandemic protocols, face to face services had to be suspended as the meeting time of 4:00 p.m. would contravene the Sunday curfew hours. Bible studies continued in homes. The Mission continues to offer a vibrant ministry in the Old Folly community by telephone, and the distribution of care packages. Special mention must be made of the tremendous support given to the six (6) children of the Sunday School who were awarded places in High Schools in the form of school fees, school supplies and equipment.

Although the Mission continues to get oversight from the clergy of the Brown's Town and Ocho Rios Cures, the members have expressed the need for pastoral leadership, and in this regard have been agitating for assistance with respect to the spiritual development within the community. Conversation is being held with the Diocesan regarding the way forward.

### **II. Spot Valley**

The missionary activities in the Spot Valley community remains suspended. The Archdeacon of Montego Bay currently has direct oversight for the maintenance of the property.

### **III. Longville Park Mission (LPM)**

#### **A. Mission House, Olive Road**

##### Activities

Consequential to the COVID 19 curfew protocols, activities at the Mission House were suspended. Sister Alvarine ‘Gem’ Roberts continues to maintain contact with the families and children. Assistance has also been given to some families through the distribution of care packages.

##### Maintenance

The major maintenance works during the year were in respect of flooding and pest control. Notwithstanding the levelling of the grounds at the back of the premises in the previous year, there were reports of drainage issues which caused flooding into the back of the building. This was corrected with the construction of concreted runaways. Additionally, pest control contractors were engaged to deal with termite infestation.

Total operational expenditure for the year amounted to \$674,171 [2020: \$383,000].

#### **B. Lot 859 Juniper Road, Longville Park, Phase 111**

##### Construction

Already in possession of one container, energies were channelled towards identifying a second forty-foot container, necessary for the approved design of using two forty-foot containers as the main framework for the building. Before identifying the second container however, the container on site was stolen. Undoubtedly, this has resulted in a serious set-back. The Society did receive the building material from Tank Weld Ltd as promised. This is currently in safe keeping.

Another container has been identified, but the recommendation is for the container to be placed on a foundation for security purposes. We have applied for and are awaiting approval from the Clarendon Municipal Corporation in this regard. We are also awaiting a status letter from the National Housing Trust which will facilitate accessing of utility services.

##### Evangelistic Thrust

Concerns had been expressed about the resistance of the Anglican community in Longville Park to meet at the Mission House. A decision was taken to mobilize activities on the site even while the construction plans were being pursued. Retired Church Army Head, Sister Molly Walton agreed to chair the Evangelistic Steering Committee. Utilizing the container on site, and with the engagement and

participation of the Associate Evangelists, an action plan was developed for activities to begin in October 2021. The theft of the container has delayed the implementation.

### **INDEBTEDNESS OF MISSIONS**

The outstanding amount in mission share for the year 2021 is \$45.99M [2020:\$34.62M]. The JCMS is conscious of the financial challenges being experienced overall, and this even more evident by the approximately 32% increase over the last year. The Society intends to review the status and determine a possible course of action. It should be noted that the budget has always included an allocation to assist Missions. Applications supported by the respective Deanery and Regional Councils, must include information outlining the status of the mission, the plans for correcting the situation, and the potential for growing the ministry.

### **MISSION ACTIVITIES**

The Deanery Representatives were encouraged to highlight innovative initiatives within their respective communities. Highlights mainly included the use of technology through live streaming, zooming, chat groups, and the provision of musical accompaniment for worship services. The COVID pandemic and the associated restrictions have created severe challenges for the churches and missions, but particularly for missions in the rural area. While some can benefit from the use of technology, the absence of internet connectivity in some locations have negatively impacted the fellowship in some of the communities; and the costs of other social media alternatives makes access prohibitive. Commendations are in order for those Deaneries who physically try to get information to their members.

Deanery representatives are challenged to keep the JCMS informed on the spiritual, physical and financial activities in their respective Deaneries. The Society is conscious of challenges sometimes experienced in accessing the information, and as we express gratitude for the efforts, the Society asks for the cooperation of the churches in providing the information. It was as a result of issues brought to the attention of the JCMS that action was taken to give urgent assistance to the Fellowship Cure in Portland. In association with the Church Army, a special programme is being developed to address the needs.

Some of the other initiatives are highlighted below:

- **St. Ann:** In responding to the ‘no-movement Sundays’ and transportation challenges within the community, St. Andrew’s, Bamboo now celebrates the Eucharist on Saturdays.
- **Westmoreland:** St. George’s, Savanna-la-mar has been ministering to the staff of the Savanna-la-mar Hospital who was reportedly overwhelmed with the increasing number of COVID cases. There was also a counselling programme for the staff and students of the Primary School. Additionally, in light of the increased criminal activities within the



community, the Cure is engaged in discussions as to what assistance can be given to address the situation.

**RECLASSIFICATION OF CHURCHES**

The resolution before the meeting is for a changes of status of the Mission of the Ascension, Harry Watch, Manchester, to a Chapel of Ease.

**CHURCH /SCHOOL SIGNS**

The Society continues to promote the installation of signs at our Churches, Missions, and Schools. The signs not only help to identify the presence of the Diocese in the community, but also provide information on the various activities. Although there were not many requests for Church signs during the year, it was observed that a number of signs were either in disrepair and or in need of renovation. We wish to advise that signs can be renovated at a lower cost than that of replacement. The suppliers will make the assessment and advice thereof.

Production costs exclusive of General Consumption Tax are as follows:

- One (1) two-sided Standard Sign - 48” x 34” is Forty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000.00)
- One (1) two-sided Standard Sign - 48” x40” is Fifty One Thousand Dollars (\$51,000.00)

Requests in writing with the preferred wording are to be submitted to the JCMS office along with a 50% deposit. The balance becomes due at the time of collection. *The JCMS assists by underwriting 50% of the cost of one sign to Missions.*

There has been a noticeably increase in requests for signs at a number of our schools. Changes in the dimensions of the signs can be accommodated for some of the smaller facilities.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS: Y/E DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**Summary Income Statement**

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	<b>Actual 2021</b>	<b>Budget 2021</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Actual 2020</b>
<i>Revenue:</i>				
Investment Income	0.04		0.04	0.12
General Purposes	4.85	7.31	<2.46>	4.77
Miscellaneous				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>7.31</b>	<b>&lt;2.42&gt;</b>	<b>4.89</b>
<i>Expenses:</i>				
Personnel Expenses	0.99	1.00	<0.01>	0.88

Ministry Expenses		0.25	<0.25>	
Admin. Expenses	1.29	1.34	<0.05>	1.40
Grants	1.52	2.75	<1.23>	2.55
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>3.80</b>	<b>5.34</b>	<b>&lt;1.54&gt;</b>	<b>4.83</b>
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>1.97</b>	<b>&lt;0.88&gt;</b>	<b>0.06</b>

The year 2021 recorded a net income of \$1.09 million derived from total revenue and expenditure of \$4.89 million and \$3.80 million respectively. Total revenue of \$4.89 million was in line with that of the previous year 2020, but approximately 33% less than the 2021 projections of \$7.31 million. The year closed with a positive expenditure variance of \$1.54 million from total expenditure of \$3.80 million versus the projected \$5.34 million. This positive variance is attributed mainly to the fact that requests for Grant Development Projects, Current Account Support and Education and Evangelism were less than anticipated.

#### DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

The following Projects/Institutions were recipients of contributions during the year:

Projects / Institutions	2021 (\$)	2020 (\$)
Longville Park Mission Operations	674,171	383,000
St. Monica's Children's Home	100,000	50,000
Clifton Boys' Home	150,000	250,000
Discovery Bay Mission (DBM)		100,000
Spot Valley Mission	10,028	10,872
St. Stephen's, Litchfield		340,000
St. James, Grange		400,000
St. John's, Auchtembeddie		400,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>934,199</b>	<b>1,933,872</b>

*Details of projected disbursements for 2021 are contained in Appendix 1.*

#### GENERAL PURPOSE CONTRIBUTIONS *(Appendix 2)*

##### Summary of Contributions by Regions

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REGIONS	2021	2020	2019
<b>KINGSTON</b>	1.49	1.64	2.74
<b>MANDEVILLE</b>	1.05	1.29	1.16
<b>MONTEGO BAY</b>	2.31	2.04	2.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.85</b>	<b>4.97</b>	<b>6.57</b>

Although the Regions did not achieve their targets for 2021, commendations are in order for the Montego Bay Region, which contributed \$2.3 million, 81% of its target of \$2.9 million and approximately 48% of the total contribution. Special commendations are in order for the Deaneries of St. James and Trelawny who exceeded their approved quotas for the period. The Church of the Holy Trinity, West Gate, was again the highest contributor in the Diocese with an amount of \$0.98 million; the Deanery of Kingston also exceeded its target with strong support from St. George’s, Grand Cayman.

Total contribution for the year amounted to \$4.85 million.

**Deanery Contributions for 2021 (Appendix 2)**

Top contributors per Deaneries are as follows:

<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>	
<b>Deaneries</b>	<b>Contributions \$</b>	<b>Deaneries</b>	<b>Contributions \$</b>
St. James	1,270,919	St. James	1,353,529
St. Andrew	525,943	St. Andrew	1,023,343
Kingston	448,394	Kingston	554,915
Manchester	404,950	St. Elizabeth	469,482
St. Elizabeth	362,714	St. Ann	454,495

**Church Contributions for 2021 (Appendix 3)**

For the sixth consecutive year, Church of the Holy Trinity, Westgate, Montego Bay, is the top Church contributor. The five (5) top contributors are as follows:

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Church of the Holy Trinity, West Gate	985,009
St. Mark’s Parish Church, Mandeville	194,400
St. George’s, Grand Cayman	181,434
St. Peter’s, Wait-a-Bit	137,200
St. Ann’s Parish Church, St. Ann’s Bay	117,000.00

The JCMS continues to appeal for Attorneys to ensure that the General Purpose Contributions are so indicated on the deposit slips, and that these be submitted as soon as possible after the transaction. Only transactions completed by December 31 will be accounted in the current year.

The JCMS is financed mainly by the returns from the Missionary Services. Notwithstanding the Canonical requirements, regrettably, some churches, do not participate in this ministry. The

contributions of individual churches and missions are reflected in *Appendix 3*

**CONCLUSION**

The JCMS takes this opportunity to express thanks to the Venerable Winston Thomas for his contribution to the Society, his knowledge and expertise on which we have relied over the years, and offers all good wishes as he goes into retirement. The Society also wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the members of the General Committee, and particularly to the Deanery Representatives who were the channels of communication with the missions across the Diocese.

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**The Most Rev. Dr. K. A. Gregory**  
**Chairman**

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**Sis. Claudette Marshall**  
**General Secretary**