



## Special Mission Goals

- To facilitate spiritual and numerical growth among Brethren.
- To enable workers from across the region to seek the Lord together.
- To strengthen networking and fellowship.
- To raise awareness of the spiritual challenges of current trends and cultural developments.
- To assist in the coordination of disaster response activities.
- To encourage younger workers.

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# CBACC Newsletter

Brethren Assemblies' News from around the Caribbean and sometimes beyond

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## Innovations from Impositions



If necessity is the mother of invention then restricted movement and imposed social distancing due to COVID-19 protocols must be the father of innovation. What a different world we live in now. The Global order for social distancing meant that people in most jurisdictions were banned from meeting in public spaces, and this was manifested in empty towns, empty beaches, empty schools and especially, empty churches.

As churches, more so than any other grouping, we were faced with a huge dilemma. How could we keep the Biblical command not to "forsake the assembling" of ourselves together, and adhere to the locally imposed social distancing protocols at the same time? Some church leaders saw the imposition as a conflict of interest and opted to reject the social distancing. They had their congregants physically meet in the usual way, at the usual times, expecting that

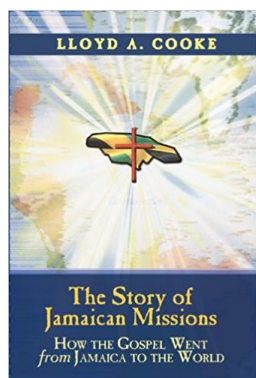
God would reduce or eliminate the risk of contracting the dreaded disease. That idea proved to be highly irresponsible and not a very wise solution to the churches' dilemma.

Over time churches started to utilise various virtual, internet based, platforms to help ease the situation. Virtual platforms that were invented, perhaps only with long distance business meetings in mind. Platforms like Zoom and Google Meet and others were studied and found to be suitable to connect congregations, thus supplying an innovative way to continue assembling ourselves together but still adhering to the laws of social distancing. Innovation has provided the middle ground. While some are missed, for various reasons, the vast majority of us are connected and are able to assemble ourselves together virtually while being good citizens and remaining at a distance physically. To God be the glory. (See pg 4)



Our missionaries need your financial support as well as your prayer support. Make a monetary pledge today to support a missionary near you.

*... he come  
from a home,  
where father is  
Hindu and  
mother is a  
Christian, 2  
days ago he  
give his life to  
Christ*



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## Who is this missionary?

- Who is a full time worker among the Brethren on the Essequibo in Guyana?
- Who is from Redemption Gospel Chapel.
- Who coaches youth in Sports Ministry?
- Who was involved in Sports Evangelism since May 15th 1991?
- Who is married to Odessa?
- Give up? **The answer is . . .**

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He would value your financial support.

## Coming from . . . Guyana

### Sports Evangelism (History)

Through Sports evangelism in basketball many have come to know the Lord Jesus and the Assembly is going strong. I passed on the baton to several of the young men in July 1999 and pastored an assembly name " Grace Gospel Chapel and oversaw 4 of the assemblies on the East Bank of the Demerara River from August 1999 to 2002.

### Sports Evangelism (Reality)

After building my home on the East Bank of Essequibo, I took up the task of pastoring the assembly I presently attend, Redemption Gospel Chapel, since that assembly was in need of a Pastor. Here my Sports evangelism continues in the form of cricket and souls are being saved. "To God be the glory great things he continues to do. "

### Sports Evangelism (Recently)

I coach my team Southside and junior teams on the East Bank Essequibo but recently God opened a new door. I began working with a young man from Georgetown. His name is Romeo Deonarine, and I believe he will play for the West Indies team sometime in the future. I go to the city twice a week to coach this young man and a few of his friends but some have quit, because my training is pretty hard. It was during our 4th session that I began to see what God is doing. One of Romeo's friends Ravin, had been asking many questions about Christianity an religion, because he is from a home, where his father is Hindu and his mother is a Christian, He later gave his life to Christ.

### Sports Evangelism (Currently)

Ravin has been talking with Romeo and now Romeo is asking questions and thinking of giving his life to Jesus Christ as well. He too comes from a Hindu family, but thinks his religion make no sense, so I am sharing the gospel with him. Please pray for me and pray for Romeo that he gives is life to Christ. Thank you and God bless!

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE DECEMBER 2020

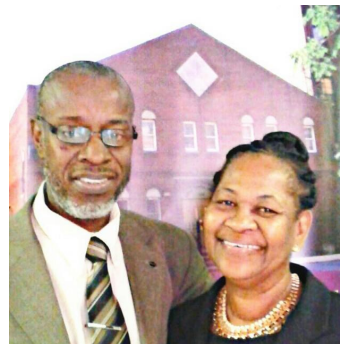
Who would have thought, one year ago, that church, in the Caribbean, would look like this? The physical distancing requirements imposed because of COVID-19 have drastically altered the way many of our churches conduct their meetings. We have seen an explosion in the use of Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube. Some persons, and I include myself here, who did not seem too keen to post on social media are now uploading sermons to Facebook and YouTube. Things have certainly changed, and, for the most part, for the better. COVID-19 may have caused some church buildings to close, but the church has remained very much open.

One of the major benefits of the new way of doing things is increased reach. Once you are online, you have the potential to reach anyone, anywhere in the world. We have certainly been seeing persons from all over the world, and local persons who would not normally attend church, joining the Zoom meetings hosted by the various local churches. We have had reports from St. Kitts, for example, of persons coming to know the Lord through meetings held on Zoom. I can also attest to the increase in reach in that **"Let's Face It"**, an interactive radio programme I host, now has a Caribbean audience because persons can connect with the radio station via Zoom. This has added a new and rich dimension to our discussions.

The increase in reach has also meant greater opportunities for fellowship among believers. The waters that keep us physically apart cannot stop us from meeting on Zoom. We are now praying together more, sharing information on what is happening in our respective countries, and simply enjoying one another's company. There is hardly an event now that can be seen as strictly

local because you can be almost certain that you will be joined by someone from another country. This kind of sharing certainly augurs well for the future of the Brethren churches in the Caribbean. Even as we celebrate the benefits of the increased use of technology, we need to spare a thought for those who are in danger of being left behind. Some persons may lack the financial resources to acquire the gadgets that are required for effective online communication. We need to be aware of this as churches, and as individuals, and do what we can to assist these persons. Other persons may have a fear of, or a negative attitude towards, technology. Such persons must be lovingly educated and encouraged to embrace the technology the Lord has provided for us to use for his glory. The available evidence suggests that things are not going to go back to exactly the way they were before COVID-19. We need to understand this and adjust ourselves accordingly.

Finally, let us remember those who have lost jobs or other sources of income because of COVID-19. We cannot afford to become so wrapped in the virtual world that we fail to reach out physically. COVID-19 will provide us with opportunities to show that we love in more than word only. Let us grasp these opportunities, as we move forward in faith, trusting the One who holds the future.



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**Gary N Joanne Akehurst II**

Here's a website we run with over 7,200 Bible teaching recordings from 900 speakers.

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## On Air and Online



Did you know that you can tune in to various online and on air programs, planned, produced and presented by Brethren from across the Caribbean? This segment seeks to highlight the several programs one can listen to and participate in, from the comfort of one's own home.

### Tuesday Nights:

Tune in at 8:00 to NBC Radio St. Vincent, [nbcsvg.com](http://nbcsvg.com) for the program "Let's Face It" with Dr. Hadyn Marshall. The program is also available on Zoom where persons can interact with the host as if they were calling in on the radio. This is a good option for persons who do not reside in St. Vincent or who do not have access to Magic Jack. Please contact Dr. Hadyn for the Zoom link



### Thursday Nights:

**Marrige Forum**, facilitated by Gabriel Hyacinth and hosted by Jerningham Junction Gospel Hall, Cunupia, Trinidad.

<https://zoom.us/j/9049343267?pwd=anp5empjb2lUMW9lTXo5VWdEMzdRZz09>

### Any Time Day or Night:

"I am have sent me" is now on **YouTube**, hosted by Rodney Brown. Go to <https://youtu.be/pNaLTWjPFFA> for past shows but you may need to contact Rodney Brown to have current content sent directly to you.

Also, on **YouTube** you can listen to "Ish Den" with Pasor Napolean Black of the Maverley Gospel Hall in Jamaica. They are now on break but you may contact Pastor Nap to get connected. <https://youtu.be/fQY5iltrnqU>.

## Midland Bible Institute needs Financial Help

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## Other Innovations

***“Thanks for being  
there to pray,  
encourage and  
help in ways as  
our Lord directs.  
You are a blessing!  
May our Lord  
bless you always  
and supply ALL  
your needs.”***

**CALL –A-STORY-** 609-871-3448 is still rolling. Our Bible and other stories for children since 2001.

PRAY for this outreach.

PRAYing with folk on the phone, sending cards, visiting (with mask on) is going on with joy and urgency, for we still have to send God's message out in creative ways, preaching and encouraging and reminding each other, “This too will pass!”. (Habakkuk 3:17-19)

Amen!

**SATURDAY MORNINGS** Ladies Prayer /Praise Meeting is the Ice-cream on the cake. This is a time when we share our praises and seek the Lord for clarity, refreshing, & sharpening each other with the Word of God so that we can be stronger women of God, wives, widows, singles, church and community leaders for the Lord. Join us if you can on zoom. November 14<sup>th</sup>, Dr Atasha Jordan will speak to us on Mental Health and the Believer. Zoom info is ID 3885040783 PW. 51324) Time 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Mental health is

being a challenge especially since Covid 19-We need help. Facing life's challenges. is being a good and responsible Christian instead of hiding and feeling shame- Beloved, HELP is always near we just have to face the storms with professional help, with wisdom and truth.

Thanks for walking with me on roads that are as pretty as an Autumn day at some times and yet filled with a mixture of many of life's disturbances at other times. Thanks for being there to pray, encourage and help in ways as our Lord directs. You are a blessing! May our Lord bless you always and supply ALL your needs. He is an awesome Father and He gives wisdom and peace to us as we need them. THANKS!

Serving with courage and joy  
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Carmen Anderson-Harris

**Look out for the next CBACC sponsored Brethren Conference in Jamaica 2022 DV.**



**Visit :**

**The Brethren Training  
Network BTN**

### **Brethren Camping Facility**

(...“for great is our God above all gods” -2 Chron. 2:5)

Estimated cost: USD\$300,000.00

**Your cash donations and prayer fellowship are greatly appreciated.**

**Contact Brother Anthony Roberts: 1 (868) 688 1843 or 283 2222; Email : [afrob64@gmail.com](mailto:afrob64@gmail.com)**

## On Air and Online



**Youth Session on YouTube:** The hosts are :  
**Brianna Daniel, Kimmeshar Tonge, Stacy Semper, Dane Batchelor and Keron Nicholson**

The youth are not left out. These young people from **Antigua** (above) use **YouTube** to get their message across. You can connect to the program “**Youth Session: A Christian forum with youthful and Biblical perspectives of various issues of interest in today's world.**” See past episodes by pressing this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRf2Z2p2FDYOTORAMrX89cw> or email them at [youthsession19@gmail.com](mailto:youthsession19@gmail.com). Remember to always Engage, Embrace, Encourage, Empower and Employ the youth among us.

Also in Antigua, you can join host **Samuel Edwards** on “**Getting Plugged In**” on **Facebook Live**. See <https://www.facebook.com/samuel.edwards.9216/videos/10160098571209152/>

If you wish, you may connect to Voice of Guyana radio station, to hear Elder Loris Heywood on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and Elder Leslie Glen on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. but it's Pastor Terry Newton (See page 2) you can connect and interact with on **Facebook Live** every Sunday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Happy connecting.

If you are aware of any other online programs promoted and presented by the Brethren, please let us know. We will be happy to check them out.

### IBCM 8

**The next International Brethren Conference on Mission (IBCM) is scheduled for Malaysia, from June 19-24, 2023. The theme is “For Christ's love compels us...”**



## Dr. Robert O. Belgrave impacted his generation and fell asleep.



**Beloved Elder Emeritus** of the Dayrells Road Gospel Hall Barbados.

Retired Principal of Harrison College, former Tutor of Barbados Community College. Lecturer of the UWI

Husband of Joyce Belgrave. Father of Marc and Gerard.

Brother of Betty (Patty) Harrison, Bruce Belgrave and the late John Belgrave. Uncle of Cheryl, Steven, Robin, Paul, Philip, Julia, John Jr. and Tyler.

Father-in-law of Skye Maule-O'Brien. Brother-in-law of Dr. DeLisle Worrell, Yvonne Francis, Cleveland Harrison and Ruth Belgrave.

Viewing of the body took place in the Chapel of E. Pamela Small Funeral Home, "The Lawns", Vauxhall, Christ Church from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th November, 2020.

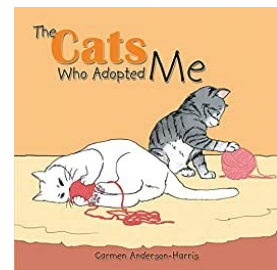
The service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr. Robert Oliver Belgrave took place on Wednesday, 18th November, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Coral Ridge Memorial Gardens, The Ridge, Christ Church, and the interment followed in the Frangipani Lawns of the Coral Ridge Memorial Gardens, The Ridge, Christ Church.

A retiring offering was taken after the service, towards the continuing work of "The Gideons International – Barbados Camp."

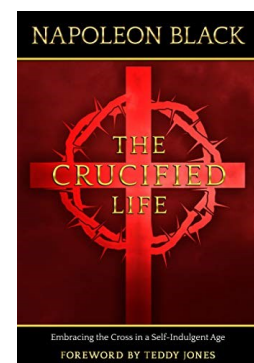
**Live Stream:** <https://inlovingmemory.online/RobertBelgrave>

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To: E. Pamela Small Funeral Services

**"The Caribbean Brethren Assemblies Conference Continuation Committee (CBACC) was established at the end of the conference held in St. Kitts from July 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014"**



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*Strengthening the things that remain.*

## Coming Soon



**Please Join Us.**

### **ZOOM INFORMATION**

**Topic: Bethesda Gospel Hall  
New Year's Day Convention**

**Date: January 1st 2021, 10:00  
AM to 4:30 PM (AST)**

**Zoom ID: 952-135-1028**

[https://us04web.zoom.us/  
j/9521351028](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9521351028)



### **FOR PRAISE**

- \* Innovations for Caribbean Conventions 2020.
- \* Enrichment of ministry through use of online platforms.
- \* Full time workers still active
- \* The Lord's faithful provision.

### **FOR PRAYER**

- \* Application of conference messages.
- \* Volcanic activity in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- \* Academic support programme at Elim, St. Vincent, scheduled to restart in January 2021.
- \* Y4C Conference in Barbados 2021.
- \* CBACC Conference in Jamaica 2022.

**The Caribbean Brethren Assemblies Conference Committee (CBACC)** headed by Dr. Hadyn Marshall of St Vincent was born out of the need to unite brethren in the Caribbean and to prepare for future Brethren conferences. This Newsletter is the committee's way of linking Brethren in the Caribbean and beyond.

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