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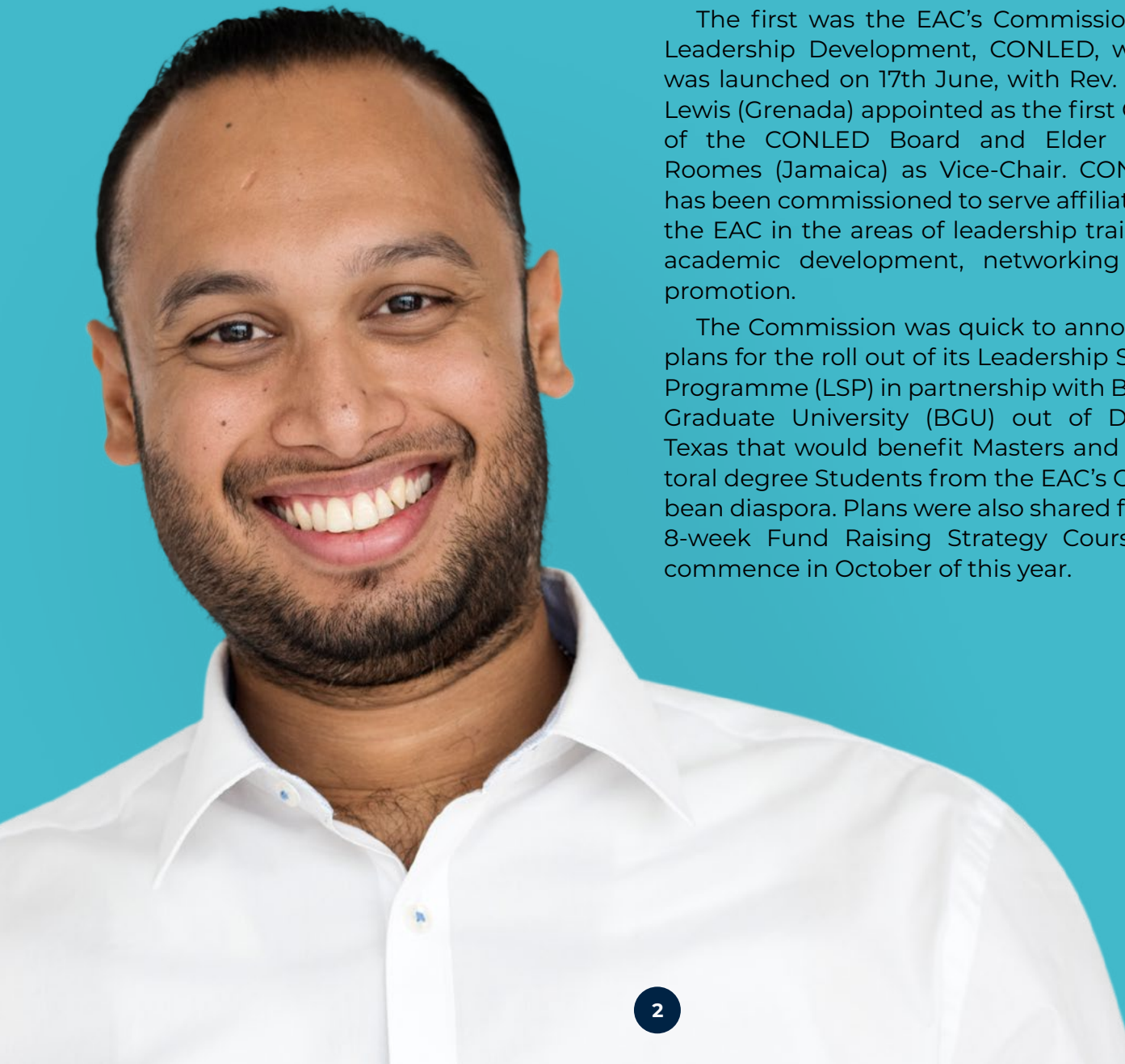
Connectivity is the gateway for growth. Our Network increases our Network, and we are jewels sitting in the Caribbean Sea. - pg 10



# Commencing the mission

By Clovis St. Romain

**The Evangelical Association of the Caribbean (EAC) is celebrating the launch of three of its Service Commissions over the past few months.**



The first was the EAC's Commission for Leadership Development, CONLED, which was launched on 17th June, with Rev. John Lewis (Grenada) appointed as the first Chair of the CONLED Board and Elder John Roomes (Jamaica) as Vice-Chair. CONLED has been commissioned to serve affiliates of the EAC in the areas of leadership training, academic development, networking and promotion.

The Commission was quick to announce plans for the roll out of its Leadership Study Programme (LSP) in partnership with Bakke Graduate University (BGU) out of Dallas, Texas that would benefit Masters and Doctoral degree Students from the EAC's Caribbean diaspora. Plans were also shared for an 8-week Fund Raising Strategy Course to commence in October of this year.

# The mission of the EAC is carried out by its various commissions

Meanwhile, the launch of the Association's Commission on Women's Affairs, CONWA headed by Mrs. Jenifer Johnson, was successful executed on 27th July in a brief ceremony attended by stakeholders from across the Caribbean. CONWA serves EAC's female constituents in the areas of training, advocacy, prayer and representation.

The third Commission, launched on 18th August, was the EAC's Commission for Relief and Development, CONRAD! CONRAD's mission is the distribution of Relief Supplies to communities experiencing emergencies or disasters across the Caribbean. This Commission trains a cadre of Caribbean-based Disaster Responders who could be deployed anywhere in the Caribbean as dictated by emergencies.

EAC's Secretary General and CEO, Bishop Emerson Boyce expressed delight at the public launch of these three regional service Commissions and urged members to look out for a fourth launch to be executed in the next few weeks.





# Strengthening to Serve

**A message from the EAC's Secretary  
General / CEO, Rev. Emerson Boyce**

In the time that has elapsed since our General Assembly in October last year, your Evangelical Association of the Caribbean (EAC) has resembled an active hive of bees – growing, developing, expanding! We have been active on many fronts, formulating plans, rolling out strategies, launching services, forging partnerships, building capacity, spreading relief, training leaders and advancing the mission of our Organisation.

Today, as we launch this redesigned and re-purposed edition of our EAC News, I feel that bitter-sweet emotion of being stretched almost to the limit while yet delivering the life-changing services that reflect our purpose as a Caribbean entity. I am happy to share with you some of the ways and places where we have been “bees-ily” fulfilling our role:

- The Hive – Office of the Secretary General (OSG) - itself has been the epicentre of hyper-activity. We firstly developed and have since been rolling out the Secretary General's 2021-23 Operational Plan, which was approved for implementation at our January 2022 Regional Board Meeting. That was the easy part.
- We appointed a Fund-Raising Coordinator in Minister Revelino Guevara and then a Deputy Secretary-General (Minister Clovis St. Romain), who together comprise our Resource Development Team. They are tasked with spearheading the sourcing of the materials, manpower and money needed to drive our administrative and operational plans.

The Resource Development Team has



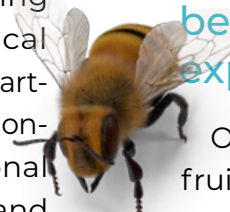
Rev. Boyce addressing members of the Dominica Evangelical Association



The CONRAD Commission is pivotal to our mission of service to the people of our Caribbean. Its CARE programme helps us deliver on our commitment to being our brothers' keepers as "first responders" in times of disaster and other emergencies. Yet CARE, at any level, cannot happen without the active involvement of trained people, targeted supplies and trusted finances. We need you to add your voice, monetary vote and volunteerism to the CARE programme. I encourage you to get involved today!

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been "bee-sy" in preparing the "Working Papers". These documents are critical purpose-based tools to be used as our departments prepare for the critical task of positioning themselves to engage local, regional and international donor organisations and charities. While having an external focus, these "Working Papers" have forced all our divisions to take important reviews of their missions, strategies and functions.



- We took decisions aimed at getting our Board Sub-Committees active and functional. This new concept of governance is understandably taking a bit longer than anticipated. Nevertheless, we have left the "starting blocks" and are striding along the track.
- We launched three Regional Service Commissions related to Leadership Development (CONLED), Women's Affairs (CONWA) and Relief & Development (CONRAD). I am thrilled to confirm that all three of these commissions have begun their work in earnest, as various articles in this issue show.

Our CONLED team is already bearing good fruit. It has been rolling out the Leadership Study Programme (LSP) through the CIL (Caribbean Institute of Leadership) Agency in partnership with Bakke Graduate University (BGU). A Fund-Raising Training Course is also on the cards for execution commencing very shortly. I urge you to make plans now to ensure your Ministry is represented. It is "unmissable"!

CONWA has been mobilising our Region's vast feminine potential, identifying and addressing their unique needs and providing them with a voice and platform.

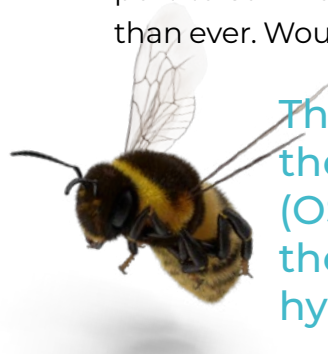
- The OSG has been integrally involved in the negotiations leading to the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with Habitat for Humanity (TT) and Bakke Graduate University, both of which will bring tremendous benefits to our members and add tremendous value to our mission! More information on these is detailed elsewhere in this issue.



- I had the privilege of spending a week with my newest friends in Dominica. During that time, we were able to formalise their reaffiliation to the EAC and meet with members, friendly Organisations, and the Government of the Commonwealth. Read additional details of this visit which are provided elsewhere in this issue.
- Our internal capacity-building proposals received a great fillip with a funding grant from the WEA's Global Institute of Leadership (GIL) aimed at helping us add administrative capacity to the OSG and funding our Resource Development department. This is critically needed financing, which allows us to deliver on the services we have pledged to our members. We are eternally grateful to the folks at GIL.
- The EAC's efforts to bring relief to the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) displaced by last year's eruption of the Soufriere Hills Volcano were boosted by an initial funding grant of US\$19,000 from Giving Hands, a Charitable Organisation based in Germany. Following receipt of our report on the utilisation of those funds, Giving Hands committed to supporting additional work and has since granted another large sum to support second-level restoration among displaced farmers and working-class peoples in the affected areas of SVG.  
I say a big "Thank you!" to Giving Hands, on behalf of all of us! Your generosity adds truth to your moniker and purpose to your vision! Please accept the gratitude of an appreciative Organisation.
- Not to be outdone or outshone, Members of the EAC's Regional Board have all committed to supporting the work of the OSG through their personal sacrificial giving. I

am happy to report that several Members have begun to make good on their promises! May the Lord not forget your generous giving, and may He reward you richly!

- As you read this report, I would like to impress upon you a need that we share as partners together in the fight to end the poverty of the Gospel in this Region where we live. As we survey the tough landscape and rugged terrain we have to cross in this evangelistic battle for the souls of our men and women, we are acutely aware that we need your support to survive, and we need it now more than ever. Would you consider sending us a



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monetary gift to help us continue this work?  
Thank you sincerely!

Amazingly, all that I said before is only a part of the EAC's story and tells only some of what we have been up to over the past few months! I omitted to tell of the daily, weekly and monthly meetings in person and online, the phone calls and WhatsApp messages and other critically important interactions with our people all across the Caribbean and further afield. We have been "bees-ily" manning those also.

I can confirm that our "bee-sy" Staff and I have been harmonious, focused and productive in our management of the 'Hive'. We have found nectar in diverse and far-flung places; the honey is tasty and is well stored; we can't wait for you to "taste and see that the Lord has been good to the EAC"!



# Your Study Goals just got **50% cheaper**

By Clovis St. Romain

The Evangelical Association of the Caribbean (EAC) recently announced the launch of its flagship academic development project for Evangelical Leaders in the Caribbean, the Leadership Study Programme or LSP.

Enabled by a partnership agreement with Bakke Graduate University (BGU) of Dallas, Texas, the scheme will allow Students from EAC Affiliates across the Region to benefit from a 50% discount on Tuition Fees when registered for BGU's Masters or Doctoral courses of study.

President of Bakke, Dr. Brad Smith expressed delight at the launch of the programme: "The Board and Staff at BGU are honoured by the opportunity to support the work of the EAC through this Programme. We currently have dozens of Caribbean Graduates and Students in our School and this LSP will help us to reach, train up and deploy many more Leaders ready to be part of the transformative work the EAC is doing in the Caribbean!"

The Leadership Study Programme will be administered by the EAC's Caribbean Institute of Leadership (CIL), an Agency of its Commission for Leadership Development or CONLED. Rev. John Lewis, Chair of CONLED and himself a Doctoral Programme Student of BGU expressed his appreciation to BGU for their partnership which he said would go a long way in preparing Students from the Caribbean for the ministry of the Church in our time.

The Leadership Study Programme (LSP) is available to Pastors and members of any EAC-affiliated Church or Associate Organisation. Participating Students are expected to actively support the ministries of their local Church, Denomination or National Evangelical Alliance as one of the conditions of the Scholarship.

For more information or to apply, visit the EAC's website at [caribbeanea.org](http://caribbeanea.org) or Bakke Graduate University at [bgu.edu](http://bgu.edu).



# Be Transformed to Transform Your World

BGU is in 100+ nations including 50 alumni students and faculty in the Caribbean serving as pastors, business leaders, educators, NGO leaders and in official government roles. With colleges of Christian theology, business and urban studies, students can choose to pursue online, mentor-led, relationally driven, cross-discipline degrees in:

- **EMBA** – Practical business skills for social good.
- **MATL** – Transformational leadership for pastors & NGO leaders.
- **DMin** – For pastors seeking to influence their communities.
- **DTL** – Transformational leadership for influencing cultures.
- **PhD** – Research to create significant policy and worldview change.

Degrees are online but BGU offers urban immersion courses (optional for all degrees but DMin and DTL) in the largest cities on 5 continents connecting students for a lifetime of global relationships. Caribbean graduates serve as mentors and are currently developing specialized courses for the Caribbean context as they support those who follow them at BGU.



**Gain a new firsthand view of God's work in the world.**

**Develop a deeper understanding of your own call to transform.**

**Connect your vision and calling with practical skills.**



# Habitat is Home

## EAC & Habitat for Humanity Sign Historic MOU

By Clovis St. Romain



*Rev. Ronald Nathan (CONRAD Director), Bishop Emerson Boyce (EAC Secretary General), Mrs. Jennifer Massiah (Head of Habitat for Humanity T&T) and Dr. Desmond Austin (EAC Board Chair) pause for a photo opp after the signing.*

The Evangelical Association of the Caribbean (EAC) and Habitat for Humanity (Trinidad & Tobago) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding detailing the opportunities for cooperation and collaboration between the two Christian entities across Trinidad and Tobago.

Signing on behalf of the EAC, Secretary-General and CEO Bishop Emerson Boyce noted the historic nature of the partnership which he said had already borne fruit and benefitted the people of Trinidad when over two hundred tarpaulins were distributed to residents in South Trinidad who had suffered roof damage during the passing of a freak storm in late 2021.

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Mr. Boyce continued: “the EAC is extremely pleased to be working side by side with an internationally renowned Humanitarian Organisation like Habitat for Humanity. We expect to learn much from Habitat and to draw on their expertise and practical experience as we roll out our Caribbean Aid, Relief and Emergency or CARE Programme.”

Mrs. Jennifer Massiah, Head of Habitat for Humanity’s Trinidad and Tobago Operations, who signed on behalf of her Organisation, was also very upbeat about the current and potential benefits of the partnership with EAC and spoke of her Agency’s “love for partnerships of

this type with like-minded ministries, involved in the same type of service to our communities”.

Said Mrs. Massiah: “This collaboration with the EAC helps to extend the reach of Habitat deep into the throes of our communities where the EAC has affiliate congregations and where Habitat wants to work to bring relief and to influence sustainable developmental action.”

The two entities promised to publish a schedule of their collaborative events and activities soon.



# FUNDING THE MISSION

Does Your Ministry need Funding support? Then don't miss this!

If you are part of a ministry, Church or para-Church Organisation across the Caribbean which is struggling to execute your God-given mission because of a lack of money, then listen up! Help is on the way!

The EAC's Caribbean Institute of Leadership (CIL) will soon be rolling out details of a 6-weeks online Course entitled “**Funding the Mission**” and based primarily on Rob Martin's book: “When Money goes on Mission”.

Targeted at ministry fund-raisers and other Leaders tasked with attracting the resources that make successful ministries tick, this virtual Training Course will help participants develop an understanding of the donors' mindset and the process of discovering, attracting and nurturing individuals and charitable entities who can support their ministry's work.

**Keep an eye on this space for additional details, coming soon!**

# Supporting the EAC became much easier

**WiPay is simple, swift and secure...that's convenience!**

By Clovis St. Romain

Are you one of those persons who has felt led to support the work of EAC but have struggled with the process of getting funds to the Organisation? Well hurray! Your struggles are over!

Thanks to a recently concluded partnership agreement with WiPay, an online payment platform, fund transfers to the EAC is now a few simple steps process – hit the DONATE / SUPPORT button, select the amount of your gift, enter your payment information and zoom, it's done! Simple, swift and secure! You can also choose to pledge and we can send reminders for future donations if you ask. Now that's convenience!

EAC Secretary General, Bishop Emerson Boyce was gushing with delight at the news that the platform had gone live and thanked our internet guru, Bro Marlon Dyce for the role he played in getting the deal finalised.

"We are highly indebted to Minister Marlon Dyce for his support and personal input which made this initiative possible", he said.

"Our use of the WiPay platform will make a world of difference to the ease with which our people are able to support the EAC through their generous giving", Bishop Boyce said.

"This is an answer to our prayers and it comes at a point when we are just about to roll out a series of events and activities which will make demands of our members' pocket books"!

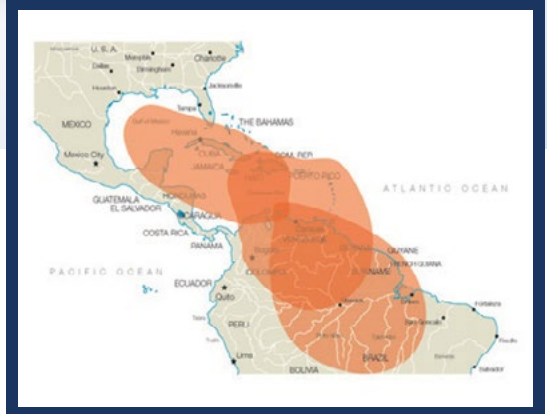
WiPay is one of a number of increasingly popular online Money-Transfer platforms working in our Region to enhance the pace and convenience at which relatively small amounts of money can be moved electronically. It currently operates in Jamaica, Trinidad and Guyana.



# USING RADIO AND INTERNET TO BRING THE GOSPEL IN OVER 300 LANGUAGES TO 190 COUNTRIES



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TWR Bonaire has been broadcasting on 800AM to Latin America since 1964 from the largest AM transmitter in the Western Hemisphere to a potential 100 million people. TWR is on the air from 7PM to 7:30AM everyday. TWR offices in Cuba, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Brazil record programs and send them daily to TWR Bonaire. We also partner with other ministries like Through the Bible, Running to Win, and Luis Palau.

TWR Bonaire has 4 missionary families from the USA, Canada, The Netherlands, and Germany along with 4 paid staff from Venezuela, Bonaire and the USA.



# Clovis

## *St. Romain*

### **EAC Appoints Deputy Secretary General**

The Evangelical Association of the Caribbean (EAC), has appointed its first ever Deputy Secretary General.

Effective 1st June 2022, Mr. Clovis St. Romain of the EAC's Antiguan affiliate has taken up the lead role in the Association's newly created Resource Development Department.

Currently serving as Secretary General (Ag.) and Treasurer of the Antigua-Barbuda Evangelical Alliance (ABEA), Clovis brings to the EAC a wealth of experience in the business world, experience which he gained during more than thirty years in management level positions in companies operating in the commercial sectors of Guyana, St. Kitts Nevis and his adopted home of Antigua-Barbuda.

Clovis is no stranger to the Regional NFP landscape having previously served as Secretary General, Vice-President and President of JCI West Indies, a global NGO focused on preparing young people to be active community leaders. Clovis describes himself as a "Caribbean man, with a deep

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passion and love  
for the people of  
the Region where  
I grew up



passion and love for the people of the Region where I grew up and across which I have many dear friends and relatives resident in countries from Belize to Suriname”!

His experience will serve him well in this new role, where he will head up the EAC’s Fund-Raising programme and its efforts to garner the manpower, material and monetary resources needed for its operational arm as well as the many Service Commissions and agencies which the Organisation expects to roll out across the Region over the next few months.

Speaking of the historic appointment, the EAC’s long-serving Secretary General, Bishop Emerson Boyce described it as “one of several major moves that the Association will be making in our drive to achieve the outcomes envisioned in our Roadmap 2023 Strategic Plan”.

Mr. Boyce continued: “Clovis has been integrally involved in the EAC’s revitalisation plans which began a few years ago and brings to us a level of passion, knowledge and experience that will serve us and our stakeholders very well as we roll out the tremendous programme that the Lord has given us for transformation of our Caribbean Region”!

Clovis’ appointment is supported by capacity-building funding support from the WEA’s Global Institute of Leadership (GIL), which is also actively assisting the EAC to prepare the programmes and strategies to be implemented as part of its institutional strengthening process which began in 2021.



## VACANCY

# Volunteers Needed

Are you a member in good standing in an EAC affiliate church who has admin, communication, writing or research skills and wants to serve the Lord at a regional level?

**Then, volunteering with the EAC might be for you!**

Send applications via email to The Secretary General, Evangelical Association of the Caribbean P. O. Box 4947, Tunapuna, Trinidad at [info@caribbeanea.org](mailto:info@caribbeanea.org)

**APPLY TODAY**





# Building Bridges

By Rev. Desmond Austin

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Master Carpenter, has commissioned us to 'Build Bridges' in the region through the Evangelical Association of the Caribbean (EAC). A bridge enables the passage of ideas; it connects people in different places and opens opportunities for people to be empowered. The world is transitioning, and as the church, we cannot allow ourselves to be where God was. More importantly, we must be where God wants to position us, connected for growth, becoming God's precious string of pearls in the Caribbean Sea.

This can only happen if each National Evangelical Association achieves their goals based on the needs within its respective islands or territory. To build this goal, we must have all hands on deck and work together with one mind, the mind of Christ. He has commissioned us to establish His Kingdom on earth. To do that, we must learn how to BUILD strong bridges by building strong networks and relationships in the following ways:

**B – Bridge:** Our Network increases our Net worth. Through our several commissions and governance structure, the EAC's capacity for relationship and enhancement of the NEA's ministry's effectiveness in the Caribbean will see exponential growth. Some see the Caribbean as a great tourist destination, but the Caribbean is an extraordinarily complex mission field that requires a robust strategy to reap the harvest of the Lord. The Caribbean is split into smaller subcommunities by former colonial powers.

Still, all together number, approximately 40 million people containing various ethnic groups that must complement each other in areas relevant to our mutual development.

**U – Unity:** A significant feature of our vision is to unify evangelicals across the Caribbean. The EAC represents more than 5 million evangelicals in the region. This representation is through our partnerships and alliances in 28 nations, including over a dozen denominations and agencies. This status empowers us to:

1. Advocate for biblical and Evangelicals positions.
2. Strengthen the local church's influence.
3. Network resources and activities to proclaim the Gospel on local and regional levels.

This is God truly demonstrating the beauty of harmony in diversity. As the official representative of Evangelicals in the Caribbean, the EAC is the only organisation that can bring a regional identity.

**I – Invest:** We've increased investments in training through the work of our commissions. Training in fundraising, for instance, has been a central feature of our human resource development. With ongoing training, it is expected that the NEAs can become vital, viable and (visionary) visible in function. We also need your investment of time, personnel, and resources towards this regional trust. This investment is to mitigate

the issue that often our local regional and international Christian organisations are out of sync with each other thus, our region's relatively small, skilled evangelical mission force and limited resources are not efficiently deployed.

**L – Launch:** 'Small beginnings are the launching pad to great endings', and we at the EAC have cast a vision that will see God's will for the Caribbean come to fruition because it is centred on people. God is about relationships and everything else is just details. Therefore, to build strong and sustainable relationships, we must sow; not just time but finance so we can reap

**D – Development:** Development of leaders is crucial for the survival of any organisation, and it is often said organisation's rise or fall based on the leaders.' In the recent past, there has been an increased value placed on quality leaders. The Caribbean Institute of Leadership is a new initiative which will witness the training of leaders of the church. A significant part of this initiative is a partnership with the Bakke Graduate University (BGU) of Dallas, Texas. This divine collaboration has provided an excellent window of opportunity for individuals to advance their educational pursuits. They will benefit



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an excellent harvest for those we serve. To this end, we have appointed a fundraising coordinator Revelino Guevara, who has years of experience in advertising and marketing, to help us achieve this goal, with support from other key individuals from several NEAs.

We have restructured and launched commissions to help drive the work for our network, including the Commission on Leadership (CONLED) and the Commission on women affairs (CONWA) and the Commission on Relief and Development (CONRAD).

from a 50% discount on tuition fees for the university's masters and doctoral courses.

The EAC responds with Christian compassion to environmental, social, and administrative issues through our churches, affiliates, and partners. This expanding network of training and development is regional in scope that flows down to individuals at the community level like none other. Although this network includes international partners, our support is delivered with a regional friendly face. We are extending our hearts to spread the Gospel in word and with tangible support where needed.

On behalf of the EAC, we are ready for the shift, we are ready to BUILD.



**Rev. Desmond Austin**  
Board Chair, EAC





# Remembering Ken

## TRIBUTE TO THE REV. DR. KENNETH RAGOONATH

*By Rev. Emerson L. Boyce  
Secretary General/CEO*

He was a firm,  
yet friendly,  
affable and  
considerate  
person.

I first met Kenneth Ragoonath 35 years ago when my family and I relocated from Barbados to Trinidad. We became closer in 1990 when I began serving with the Evangelical Association of the Caribbean (EAC) on the Missions Commission and later as the Executive Director of Missions.

“Ken” as we affectionately called him, served as President of the EAC for two (2) terms, a total of eight (8) years and a member of the International Council of World Evangelical Alliance (WEA).

He was a firm, yet friendly, affable and considerate person. He was energetic, assertive, kindhearted and dependable. He had a great sense of humor and always had a good joke to share. During those years of knowing him, he created and now has left a great impression on those who served with him. We of the Evangelical Association of the Caribbean will miss him.



I will remember Dr. Ragoonath as an Educator and incredible Servant of God. He was a person of high moral values, integrity and Christian beliefs. His life and ministry touched the lives of hundreds of people including youths through his insightful skill of tact and straight talk. Family, friends and ministerial colleagues alike will miss him greatly.

“Ken” was an advocate for biblical truth, accountability and transparency among God’s Servants and believers alike. He was an ardent student of the Word and applied the principles of Scripture to his life, lived and practiced them among his peers.

The EAC Chair, Dr. Desmond Austin, members of the EAC Regional Board, Bishop Dr. John Smith, immediate past EAC Chair and the EAC constituency, pay tribute to an amazing Christian Statesman, a friend, a

fellow minister, a Soul Winner, a Stalwart of the Faith, and a tremendous blessing to the EAC, and the Caribbean.

We shall miss his indefatigable service and contagious smile. Rest in Jesus’ arms, Statesman Kenneth Ragoonath... your labor on earth has ended... the enjoyment of eternal bliss with Christ in His presence has only just begun.

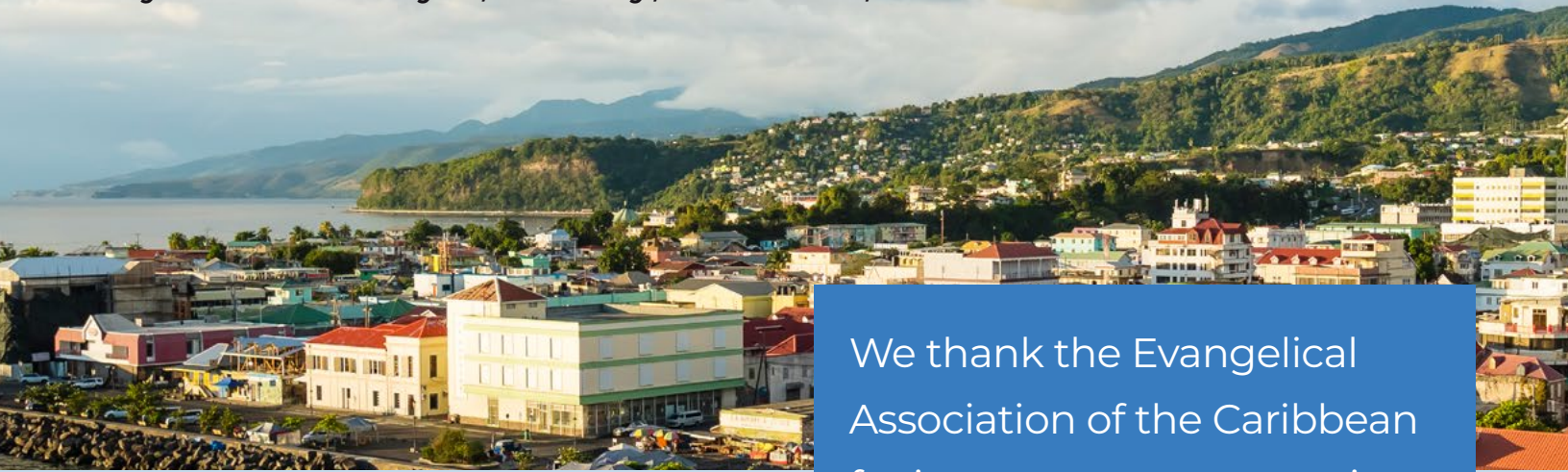
The EAC conveys its prayerful support to his wife, Mrs. Faith Ragoonath, to Andrea, Alicia and Andrew, his children, and to his siblings, relatives, friends and associates.



**Rev. Emerson Boyce is the Secretary General and CEO of the EAC**

# The EAC Secretary General visits DOMINICA

By Pastor Randy C, Rodney, President, DAEC



We thank the Evangelical Association of the Caribbean for its support as we continue to partner with others in our quest to serve the Kingdom

The Dominica Alliance of Avangelical churches (DAEC) hosted the Secretary General of the Evangelical Association of the Caribbean from September 1 to 7, 2022 and we are happy to report that we were encouraged to continue the work of the kingdom by his presence.



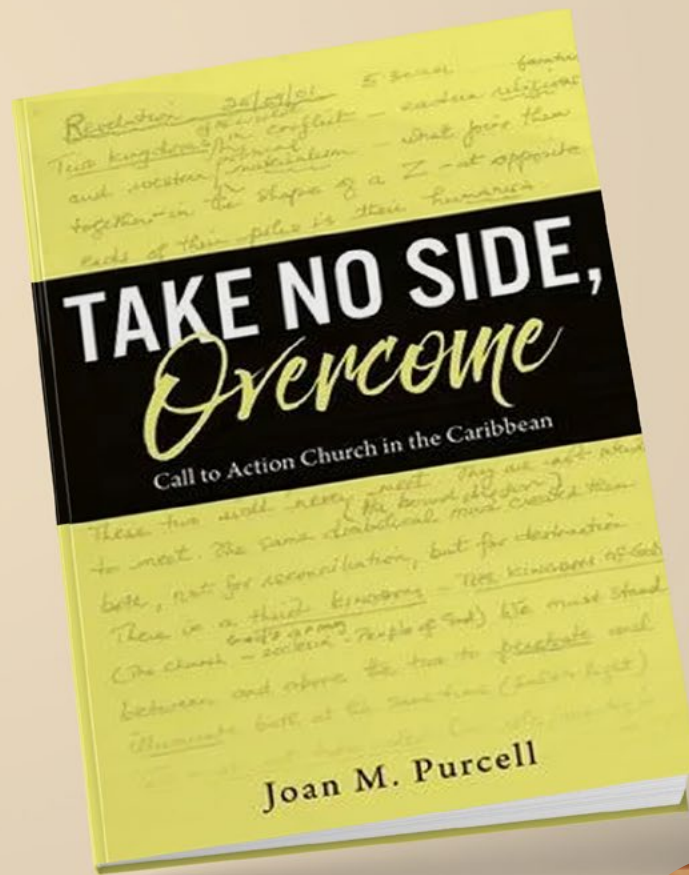
*Rev. Randy C, Rodney, President, DAEC receives Certificate of Membership from Bishop Emerson Boyce (EAC Secretary General)*

On Thursday evening, he met with the executive where we shared pertinent matters relative to leadership and direction of the national church. On Saturday morning, at a special general meeting with Pastors and ministers of the Gospel, Reverend

Boyce shared on “Empowering the church to serve society DAEC and EAC serving together”. At that meeting Rev. Boyce presented the DAEC with its certificate of membership of the EAC.

On Sunday, after we hosted a prayer match which culminated with a rally at the Michael Bill Daniel Memorial Park. Reverend Boyce encouraged the church there to march on with the work of God’s kingdom by being Vital, Vibrant and Visible.

The work of the Association has been centered around 4 key pillars namely; Strengthening bonds of fellowship among churches, building leadership capacity among Ministers of the Gospel, partnering with Government and other agencies for people centered activity and Public advocacy on behalf of Evangelicals.



## Avialbe on:

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This book is a call to action. While it is addressed primarily to the Church in the Caribbean, it applies to the Body of Christ everywhere.

It provides an understanding of the upheavals, conflict and turbulence of the present world order and describes some of the global polarizations and world clashes of both religious and humanistic origins. The cosmic nature of our earthly conflicts is exposed as the human kingdoms of the East and West clash and come up against the spiritual Kingdom of God. A warning cry goes out to the Church of Christ to beware of taking sides in a battle where there is no earthly winner and to choose the only course that is sustainable and eternal - the Kingdom of God. It begins with repentance. The urgency of the times is underscored and the challenge to the people of God in the Caribbean to fulfill its mission and to overcome goes forth with clarity and resonance.

Joan Purcell (B.Sc., M.ED., Dip. Theology), an educator, missionary and bible teacher, has served in various areas of Christian Ministry – locally, regionally and internationally. Joan Purcell has also been involved in her country's politics and served in public office for fourteen years. She has written and published five books. She is a strong proponent of a biblical world view in all of life and seeks to live this out in service to her country and region. She is Founder/Director of Agape Foundation Grenada which can be found on [www.agapefoundationgrenada.com](http://www.agapefoundationgrenada.com). A widow, mother and grandmother, she resides in Grenada, Eastern Caribbean.

# US\$ 45,000 for SVG

## Volcanic Relief & Development

By Ronald Nathan



Receiving gift boxes inside the Evangelical Church Barrrouallie.

The Evangelical Association of the Caribbean's (EAC) Commission on Relief and Development is working with the Association of Evangelical Churches (AEC) in St. Vincent and the Grenadines to move from Disaster Relief to Development.

In the aftermath of La Soufriere Volcanic eruption in April 2020, some sixteen thousand (16,000) of the one hundred and ten thousand (110,000) inhabitants on the island were displaced.

The AEC SVG project is an excellent example of the relationship we need to engender



Houses destroyed due to volcano



House destroyed due to volcano



*Ian Edwards photo at left receiving baby bath and sheets. Edwards also received a quantity of foodstuff. His house was totally destroyed. Edwards has three teenage children and a baby.*

The EAC's Commission on Relief and Development was able to secure US\$45,000 in two tranches. Phase one saw the supply of immediate food relief and emergency supplies. Phase two will provide the AEC SVG with financial support to develop greater resilience through the St. Vincent Resettlement & Livelihood Restoration Assistance Project. The project-led approach involves providing farmers with farm tools, seedlings, and other inputs to get them farming again.



*Church mobilised to deliver aid*

The AEC SVG project is an excellent example of the relationship we need to engender among International Organizations, National Evangelical Alliances (NEA) and the EAC.

The NEAs can help EAC understand the needs of their local people. EAC will then work with NEAs to find support from regional and international givers. The resources are then administered by the



*A glimpse of life in the shelter at the Wesleyan Holiness Church*

National Alliance through their local network of Churches and Christian Organizations because they would know their communities best.

Finally, the National Alliance will report on what was done so that we can improve the process and be accountable to our growing base of supporters.

You can do your part to help regional disasters by giving to the EAC Today: [www.caribbeanea.org/support/](http://www.caribbeanea.org/support/)



*Answering the gospel call from Pastor Al Blake Shelter at Thomas Saunders Secondary School*

# Relief Day is Coming



## October 2022

**EAC's Disaster Focus Day is Sunday 30th October 2022. We encourage every EAC affiliated congregation around the Caribbean to:**

**1** Share information with your congregation on what is being done through the EAC's CONRAD CARE Programme to boost Churches' preparedness for and response to disasters in our communities and across the Region (the EAC will supply information and guidelines).

**2**

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# PRAYERCADE

HELD IN ANTIGUA

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The Antigua Barbuda Evangelical Alliance (ABEA) held its second annual Prayercade on Saturday 30th July across the island nation. Commencing at 6:00am with prayers at the “old” Parliament Building in the centre of St. John’s, the motorcade snaked its way through the island, pausing at the “gates” of each of the local Parishes to pray and issue declarations of the rulership of Jehovah and praising him for his goodness to the nation, on the dawn of another observance of the abolition of slavery on August 1st.

The Prayercade, supported by around 50 vehicles, was being held for the second year in a row. It was developed to give Christian context to the observance of emancipation

which for the past 51 years has been celebrated in Antigua/ Barbuda as “carnival”, a festival of music, revelling and costume parades in the streets. While many nationals immerse themselves in the salacious dressing, explicit dancing and uninhibited carousing associated with the carnival festivities, believers would take the opportunity the Prayercade provided to recommit themselves and the nation to the ways of the Lord.

The Prayercade Planning Committee has shared plans to make the event bigger and better next year and to host it on the Sunday evening, just before the carnival activities reach their climax on the Monday!



# Protect the health and development of Caribbean Children!

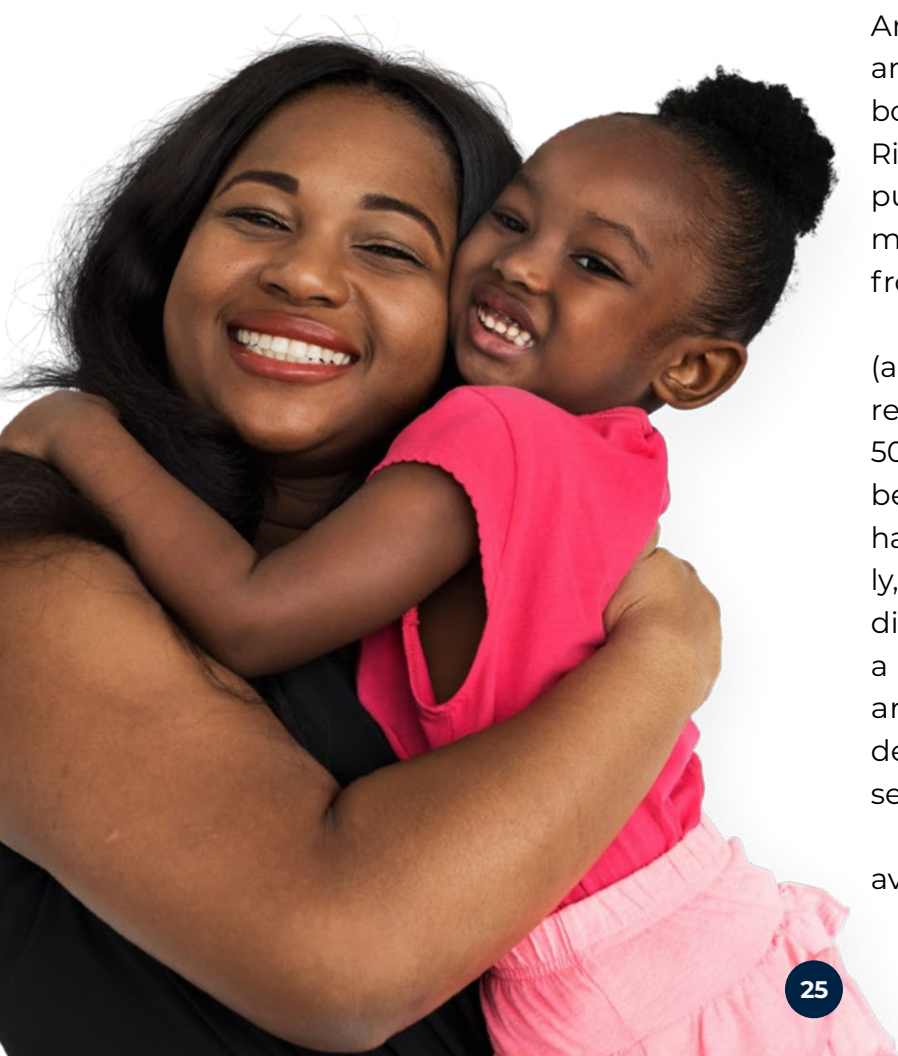
Youth across the globe, including the Caribbean, are impacted by choices they make regarding their sexual health. Teen pregnancy, viewed by some as the direct consequence of teen sexual activity, is merely the tip of the iceberg. The epidemic rates of Sexually Transmitted Infections and the sequelae of the diseases these infections cause is a major health concern, especially in the 15 – 19-year-old age group. Additionally, teen sexual activity is also associated with increased rates of depression, suicide and long-term poverty.

In an attempt to mitigate these problems, it is important to acknowledge that it is, in fact, teen sexual activity that is at the root of the issue. Unsafe sexual practices failed condoms, or other failed contraceptives are not the culprit. As such, we must arm our youth with the knowledge and the skills that they need to avoid engaging in teen sexual activity and other risky behaviours that can have a potentially ominous effect on their futures.

The debate over how to approach this issue has been a topic of debate in many nations for the past several decades. The American College of Paediatricians (ACP) and the National Physicians Center (NPC) both promote Abstinence-centred or Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) as the best public health approach. The ACP recommends that all children be taught to abstain from sexual activity.

In fact, effective Sexual Risk Avoidance (abstinence-centred) educational programs reduce teen pregnancy by approximately 50%. Increased SRA programs in the US have been cited as being responsible for at least half of the decrease in teen pregnancy. Clearly, abstinent teens avoid sexually transmitted diseases and corresponding medical costs, a lesser-known fact is that abstinent teens are nearly three times less likely to be depressed or to attempt suicide than their sexually active counterparts.

Studies prove that investing in sexual risk avoidance (abstinence-centred) education



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is a cost savings for taxpayers. Providing youth with the skills to wait to have sex is easier and less expensive than treating youth for the possible consequences of teen sex. Teens who avoid these consequences are more likely to be successful in reaching their goals. Students who abstain from all risky behaviours are more likely to achieve their goals, more likely to succeed academically, less likely to live in poverty and more likely to have successful long-term relationships.

Today's teens encounter unprecedented pressures from all sides to engage in sexual activity. Media, the culture in general, and even sex education classes too often communicate a message that encourages sexual experimentation and downplays the risks associated with that behaviour.

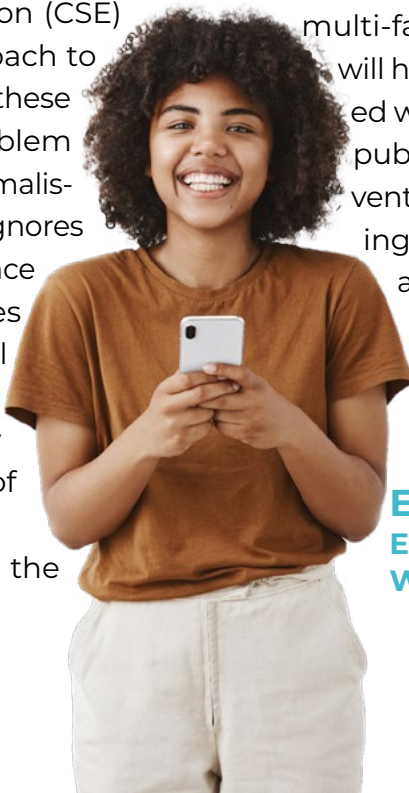
Parents are often informed that so-called "Comprehensive" Sex Education (CSE) programs offer the best approach to address this problem. In reality, these programs often add to the problem by promoting curricula that normalises teen sex. The CSE approach ignores a needed priority on risk avoidance and, instead, primarily focuses on merely reducing the physical risks of teen sex without adequately addressing the many other possible consequences of that activity.

The CSE approach has been the mainstay of sex education for

decades in the United States, receiving the lion's share of all funding even though research results for this approach are dismal, particularly in the school setting. During this same time, STD rates have skyrocketed while condom use has increased. Emotional consequences to teen sex also persist, yet the message remains focused simply on increasing condom use rather than decreasing sexual activity. Today, a mistaken and dubious view argues that bringing this failed approach to other nations, including the Caribbean, will yield better results. (The website [stopcse.org](http://stopcse.org) contains analysis and information on CSE and its content and dismal impact globally.)

The Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) approach, sometimes called the Abstinence-centred approach, is effective, supported by parents, and is a message that more and more teens are adopting in their own lives. SRA programs address teen sexual activity from a holistic standpoint, recognising that possible consequences far exceed pregnancy and the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

Therefore, SRA provides teens with multi-faceted information and skills that will help them avoid all the risks associated with teen sex. It mirrors the effective public health approach of primary prevention most often followed in addressing other youth risks, such as tobacco, alcohol, and drug use. When parents and educators understand SRA, they are overwhelmingly supportive.



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# Antigua Mourns the passing of Christian Stalwart & Pastor, Rev. Joscelyn Martin

By Clovis St. Romain



*The late Rev. Joscelyn Martin & wife Rev. Sandra Martin*

The Antigua Barbuda Evangelical Alliance Incorporated (ABEA) recently joined with the family, friends and members of the Christian community across the nation and the Caribbean to celebrate the life of Reverend Joscelyn Sepeter Martin, Pastor of the All Saints Nazarene Church (All Saints Village, Antigua) and Superintendent of the Leeward-Virgin Islands District of the Church of the Nazarene. The event was a memorial service for the former President of the Alliance which was held a year after his passing and subsequent burial in the United State.

He described the late Leader as a “5-Star General of the Christian faith” who was committed, hard-working and dependable.

Rev. Martin, who held various positions on the Board of Directors of ABEA over the last 20 years, including serving as President from 2000 through 2005 and most recently as Head of the Relief and Development Commission, passed away in the United States after a valiant battle with stomach cancer.

Pastor Martin - as he was affectionately known by the people of the All Saints, Sweetes, Liberta and surrounding villages – had previously done pastoral work in his homeland of Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana and St. Vincent prior to taking up the appointment in Antigua in 1996. At All Saints, he not only served as Pastor but as a mentor, counsellor, cricket enthusiast and community activist in the area for over 25 years. His service to the Church of the Nazarene across the Caribbean spanned over 40 years!

Speaking at the event, ABEA’s President Bishop Rolston Jeffrey highlighted the fact that as District Superintendent of one of the Charter Denominations of the ABEA, Rev. Martin was a permanent Member of the Alliance’s Board of Directors. He described the late Leader as a “5-Star General of the Christian faith” who was committed, hard-working and dependable. Despite his very humble and affable character, he could be relied on to raise his voice whenever the role and function of the church was challenged or infringed nationally.

Bishop Jeffrey continued: “I truly admired the fact that in spite of his daily battle with the dreaded disease, Rev. Martin dutifully attended and participated in our monthly Board Meetings; he was the first to give and he gave generously, to the Alliance’s causes. We will dearly miss his presence and his personality at our meetings. Lady Martin, Josiah, LaFleur, and you who are members of this Church: I have no doubt that you will miss him also. Please accept our prayers for strength as you go through this tough time.”

The EAC joins with the ABEA in expressing heartfelt sympathies to Rev. Martin’s wife, Rev. Sandra Martin, their children Josiah and LaFleur, the members of the congregation at the All Saints Church and other congregations of the Church of the Nazarene and his numerous friends and ministerial colleagues across Antigua, the Caribbean and globally.

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# Bringing Fun to Fundraising

## Revelino Guevara

EAC's Fundraising Coordinator



Earlier this year, the EAC appointed its first-ever Fund-Raising Coordinator (FRC) in the person of Minister Revelino Guevara. As Fund-Raising Coordinator, Reve, as he has come to be known by his EAC Colleagues, has been working as an integral part of the Association's Resource Development Department. His functions include designing capital campaigns and developing the "working papers" and other documents needed to take the EAC's many programmes to the "funders market".

Revelino Guevara is a Creative and Marketing Professional with many years of experience serving at the highest levels of business in Trinidad, across the Caribbean, Canada, the USA and Africa. He has done award-winning work with big-name corporate clients in ICT Development, Digital Animation, Marketing Campaigns and digital content development for children. In 2019 Revelino was appointed Country Coordi-

**Fundraising for the Kingdom of God is hard work and a tremendous responsibility but never dull.**

nator for the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) Business Network for Trinidad and Tobago.

Revelino combines his passion for Christianity with his love of digital media, Caribbean culture, marketing content creation and children's media production into a dynamic entrepreneurial mindset that has driven his life for the past twenty-five years. He is professional yet light-hearted with a corny sense of humour and admits to loving both traditional and "modern forms" of Christian ministry.

Saved while still a teenager, Reve studied Graphic Design from 1998 to 2001 and completed a master's in communication with a Specialization in New Media and Society in 2014. In addition to his business experience and acumen, he brings a fun, no-hype, outgoing

personality to the Kingdom and uses it to break the ice and ease the tension when things get tough on the job. "The job of Fund-Raising Coordinator of the EAC is tough. It is unlike any other I have undertaken in my life so far", he remarked. "It exposes me to a new industry and ways of doing the Lord's business. We here at the EAC have been involved in pioneering work across the grant-funding industry, some of which have been used as benchmarks and templates for other Regional Alliances of the WEA, which is quite satisfying."

Speaking of the impact his appointment

has had on the Association, Secretary General Bishop Emerson Boyce said: "We have been very pleased with the work Minister Revelino has been doing and the progress he has helped us to make, principally on account of the diverse skillset he has brought to the table. He has clearly come to the Kingdom for such a time as this!"

Revelino Guevara is a Leader at the Tunapuna Open Bible Church and Pastor of V-Family Online Ministry. He and his wife Lynette have a teenage daughter, Renata and make their home in St. Joseph, the first Capital of Trinidad.

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