



JAMAICA ASSOCIATION OF GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS IN EDUCATION

"Overcoming Obstacles: Committed to Purpose"

May 12, 2010

Dear Principal:

The President, officers and members of the JAGCE do take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our recently held **Week of Prayer and Fasting April 25 to May 1, 2010**. We are confident that God has heard and answered our prayers.

It is also with distinct pleasure that we remind you of our **Half Yearly Meeting** scheduled for **Tuesday, June 8, 2010**, at the **Mandeville New Testament Church Hall, 18 Knowles Rd. Mandeville, Manchester. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 9 a.m.**

The main features of our meeting are our professional development sessions specially planned to enhance morale and retool counsellors for the awesome tasks they are committed to do daily. Our key note speakers are Rev. Dr. Roy Notice, Dr. Lester O. Shields and Dr. Angela Gordon-Stair. Among other things, counsellors will be empowered with skills, techniques and practical hands-on-activities to address issues in anger management, sexual orientation/abuse, grief counselling and burn-out.

Additionally, the new Assistant Chief Education Officer Mrs. Fern McFarlane will engage counsellors in a rap session on pertinent issues affecting counsellors and Guidance and Counselling in Jamaica and the counsellor's role in advancing the vision, mission, and purpose of the Ministry of Education and in particular the Guidance and Counselling Unit.

We do anticipate your usual support in releasing your counsellor to engage in and benefit from this experience. Where possible, we also invite the support of the school in providing financial sponsorship as each counsellor is required to contribute JA\$1,500 which include lunch, break, and handout.

Yours Respectfully

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