



JAMAICA ASSOCIATION OF GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS IN EDUCATION

"Transformational Counselling: A Paradigm for National Growth and Development"

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Dear Colleague:

It is with much pleasure that we welcome you to the new school year and wish for you health, prosperity and every success. The past year has been quite challenging. However, there is much for which we ought to give God thanks.

We are pleased to inform you of our upcoming Annual General Conference to be held December 8-10, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Resort in Montego Bay, under the theme: ***Transformational Counselling: A Paradigm for National Growth and Development***. The Exemplary Guidance Programme Awards Ceremony hosted by the Ministry of Education will be incorporated in the Conference activities. This function is scheduled for December 08, at 2:00 p.m.

Throughout the year we have been having some meaningful interactions and discussions with some key persons and policy makers in the Ministry of Education who have extended themselves to offering the requisite support so that at the conference we will be updated on the status of ***Registration, Classification, Licensure and Certification of Guidance Counsellors***. This will be facilitated by representatives from the Ministry of Education, to include but not limited to, Jamaica Teaching Council (JTC), Guidance Unit, School Safety and Security, The Jamaica Teachers Association (JTA) and National Board of Certified Counsellors (CBCC)

In an effort to maintain relevance in the context of Jamaica's current reality with the significant increase in national crises, natural disasters and other ills in society that negatively impact the behaviours and performance of school-aged children, we have designed eight essential professional development workshops with you in mind. These are designed to enhance our therapeutic skill-set and provide practical hands on techniques to address issues such as: *Premature Exposure to Sexualized Behavior; Children At-Risk; Conflict and Anger Management; Self Esteem; and Practical Response to Trauma and Critical Incidents in Schools and Communities*. There will also be a session on *Money Management and Retirement Planning: Effective Coping Skills and Strategies*.

We are confident that you have recognized the need to attend this conference and request that **registration confirmation be done by October 30, 2010**. Please observe also that the deadline for full payment is November 30, 2010. Registration Form should be completed and payments made to the Westgate branch of The Bank of Nova Scotia Account# 600252. Cheques should be written to **Jamaica Association of Guidance Counsellors in Education**.

We have lobbied to maintain last year's fee structure. ***Per-person rates are*** as follows: ***Single Occupancy - \$32,000.00; Double Occupancy - \$22,000.00 and Day Pass - \$8,000.00***.

Thank you for your usual support and commitment to advancing the agenda of JAGCE and building our country Jamaica.

Respectfully Yours

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