

JAMAICA COALITION FOR A HEALTHY SOCIETY

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Highlights

- New Government in Jamaica
- Buggery law challenge resumes in Jamaica
- STOP Comprehensive Sexuality Education

What's been happening: Jamaica

General Elections- February 2016

Jamaicans went to the polls on Thursday February 25, 2016 and voted in a new government. The Jamaica Labour Party won by an extremely slim margin, taking 32 seats, with the opposition, the Peoples National Party, earning 31 seats. The new Prime Minister, The Most Honourable Andrew Holness, has styled his administration's approach to governance as a '*Partnership to Prosperity*' and signaled that family is an important focus. In his inaugural address delivered on March 3, 2016 he stated that among other points, "... you must be responsible and send your children to school. Our men must take care of their children, and couples must be responsible in having the children they can afford. Our government commits to creating the environment in which families can flourish and form communities of social mobility from which every ghetto youth can be a star. However, every family member must do his or her part by being personally, socially and economically responsible."

The JCHS prays for wisdom and courage for the Prime Minister to indeed place the Family as first priority.

New Buggery law challenge

Jamaican-born gay 'rights' activist, Maurice Tomlinson has brought another case against the Attorney-General of Jamaica. He is challenging the sections 76, 77 and 79 ('buggery law') of the Offences against the Person Act claiming that the law infringes his constitutional freedoms under the Jamaican Charter of Rights 2011. The case is in some respects, a revival of an earlier challenge which was discontinued in 2014 by the then claimant Javed Jaghai.

A number of Christian groups have applied to be admitted as interested parties: Lawyers Christian Fellowship, JCHS and a coalition for churches and para-church groups – the Jamaica Evangelical Alliance, Independent churches, Jamaica CAUSE, Love March Movement, Hear the Children's Cry, Holiness Christian Church, Ethiopian Orthodox church. Their applications are being opposed by Maurice Tomlinson..

The Public Defender has also applied to be an interested party but this is being opposed by the Attorney-General.

The applications will be heard on **Tuesday April 26**. At the core of the debate over the buggery law is the determination of what ideology will be the basis for organising Jamaican society regarding sexual behaviour, moral issues and social ordering.

Enumerate NOW

During his campaigning, Prime Minister Andrew Holness indicated that he would hold a referendum on the buggery law and the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ). This seems to be on schedule as he stated in his inaugural address that "There is need for [Jamaicans] to have a say in the fundamental institutions that define Jamaica, the rights we secure for our citizens and how we want Jamaica to be. We will give form to that voice in a referendum to decide on the constitutional matters and social matters."

The next deadline for enumeration is May 31, 2016. Check the Electoral Commission of Jamaica, <http://www.ecj.com.jm/>. Stay tuned for public education on 'What the buggery law is really about'.

What's been happening: Trinidad and Tobago

Stand for Life, not Lies and Death

The United Nations and other pro-abortion entities have exploited the opportunity presented by the outbreak of the Zika virus and links to microcephaly. They advocate for countries to revise their abortion laws to allow for women to choose whether to continue with their pregnancy or not. <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/feb/05/zika-virus-epidemic-abortion-birth-control-access-latin-america-united-nations>

Radical pro-abortion groups are promoting legalization of abortion-on-demand in Trinidad and Tobago. Thankfully, the Minister of Health Mr. Terrence Deyalsingh issued a strong statement in defense of Trinidad and Tobago's pro-life laws. **Please support this petition to send a THANK YOU for his defense of life.**

<http://www.citizenngo.org/en/lf/33915-protect-life-trinidad-tobago-zika-no-excuse-abortion?tc=ty&tcid=21532008>

Yesterday it was Trinidad & Tobago, tomorrow it could be Jamaica !

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Jan-March 2016



COMING UP !

Issachar Foundation Public Lecture

Keep us free from evil powers: how international agencies are sexualizing our children

Tuesday , April 19, 2016, @ 5:30 p.m.

9 Cecelio Avenue, Kingston 10 (across from St. Andrew Prep School)

Presenters: Mrs Carole Bridge, Early Childhood Educator, Counsellor
Dr Wayne West, Chairman, JCHS

Please do attend and bring 3 others with you !

WATCH ! Share as far and wide as possible, the FWI documentary on 'Comprehensive Sexuality Education'.

<http://www.comprehensivesexualityeducation.org/videos/the-war-on-children-the-comprehensive-sexuality-education-agenda/>

ABOUT US:

The JCHS is a family advocacy group promoting Judeo-Christian principles as the most coherent framework for defining family, ordering society and building a flourishing society.

What we do:

- Public education ● Public rallies ● Media intervention
- Lobbying Government and civil society stakeholders
- Legal and policy papers

Prayer points:

- ❖ Caribbean-wide prayer roster: Defending Family, Faith and Freedom. *Repentance, Restoration, Rallying and Resistance.*
- ❖ Acceptance of Christian groups as Interested parties in buggery law constitutional challenge.
- ❖ Identification of expert witnesses- international law, epidemiology and the history of the gay agenda among other matters.
- ❖ Finances for the court case.

Financial support to the JCHS:

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Prayer Roster for the Caribbean 2016

Sunday: Anguilla, Antigua

Monday: Barbados, Belize, Bahamas

Tuesday: Cayman Islands, Grenada, Guyana

Wednesday: Haiti, Jamaica

Thursday: St Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines, St Kitts & Nevis

Friday: Trinidad and Tobago, Turks & Caicos

Saturday: U.S Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands

Repentance for: Neglecting God's design for marriage, sex and family. Abdicating civic responsibility .

Poor representation of the purity of the gospel of Jesus Christ
Compromise and cowardice in being soldiers and servants of Jesus Christ in the public space.

Following false gospels of self-worship and self-fulfilment.

Not being vigilant about foreign cultural influences in society

Failure to make evangelism and discipleship a core priority

Prayerlessness . Failure to proclaim the Gospel in the marketplace

Failure to teach and model godly manhood and womanhood

Failure to be watchmen on the wall for shifts in cultural trends

Restoration: Emphasis on wholistic gospel that addresses the total need of total person . Teaching apologetics.

Teaching biblical truths about the purpose of the body and sex.

Deliberately and actively teaching and modelling godly manhood, womanhood, motherhood and fatherhood .

Teaching the centrality of the family and the foundational nature of marriage

Making evangelism and discipleship a priority which includes reaching sexually broken persons = rape victims, post-abortive women and men, child abuse victims, prostitutes, homosexuals and lesbians, pornography addicts □ rescuing families, mentoring couples and parents

For Sauls to become Pauls

For the church to come to an understanding that addressing social issues is a central aspect of the Gospel

For people's minds to be transformed and for them to understand the times

Challenge the laity to pursue careers in critical careers such as bio-ethics, education, media, politics among others and for a deeper engagement in social justice issues.

Rallying: Raising up of volunteers, professional staff and advocacy officers in defence of biblical family and freedoms

Fund-raising, financial provision . Boldness, courage, commitment, compassion, wisdom and unity of the true church

Advocating Judeo-Christian principles in education, culture, politics, economics, business and other public policy areas

Training, empowering, equipping of youth to become watchmen on the wall and salt & light in youth fora and the marketplace

Men to resume role as protector and defender of the home and city, church and community . Men to become leaders in the struggle.

Resistance: At the national and international level, maintenance and enactment of laws and policies protecting the natural family.

Churches with schools to become more involved in curriculum development and oversight . Failure of any local, regional and international agenda to undermine family, faith and freedom in the Caribbean .

Conviction of Holy Spirit in the hearts of opponents and decision-makers.