

# JAMAICA COALITION FOR A HEALTHY SOCIETY

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## Who we are:

A group of Jamaican individuals and organisations concerned about promoting and defending Judeo-Christian values as the basis for the health of the Jamaican society. This includes but is not limited to enriching the social, spiritual, mental, physical, emotional and economic health of the Jamaican society. We serve with others as cultural watchmen for our society and bearers of God's truth and love.

Please view our Charter on our website: [www.jchs.org.jm](http://www.jchs.org.jm)

## What we do:

### *Education. Advocacy. Ministry.*

**Raise** the public's awareness and understanding of current issues facing Jamaica and the Bible's relevance in addressing these issues. We visit churches, schools, civic and any other interested groups.

**Confront** the prevailing culture with the immutable and infallible truth of the Bible. Lobby persons and/or institutions in positions of political, economic and social influence with the aim of garnering their support in safe-guarding and promoting justice and truth. Mobilise churches and other allied groups to further the work of the Coalition through its various activities.

**Direct** interested persons who have intentionally or unintentionally deviated from a Biblical standard in any of the moral issues listed above to counselling resources.

## What's been happening:

- On-going public education programmes.
- Press Conference - May 2012.
- Numerous presentations to Church Boards and or their congregants, schools, business places, Government bodies.
- Presentations usually take the form of power point presentations followed by an open discussion and Q&A session on Worldviews, the LGBT Agenda - internationally and locally, and the Law.
- A wide array of Media Interviews and Media Training.
- Lectures at Tertiary Institutions.
- Public Service Advertisements.
- International Conference held in December 2012 "Human Rights,

International Law and the Family".

- Emancipation Park Event on International Human Rights Day - Dec 10, 2012 – "Celebrating God the Giver of Rights"

## What's happening now:

**Jaghai v Attorney General of Jamaica:** In February 2013, the United States-based advocacy group AIDS-Free World on behalf of Jamaican Javed Jaghai filed a constitutional challenge to the Buggery Law and seeks constitutional redress from the alleged abrogation that the Buggery Law impinges on his right of privacy and equality .

A combined group of churches and organizations are participating in the case as interested parties. These are Christians for Truth and Justice (CFTJ), Hear the Children's Cry, The Jamaica Coalition for a Healthy Society Ltd (JCHS), The Lawyers' Christian Fellowship Ltd (LCF), The Jamaica Association of Evangelical Churches (JAE), the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Jamaica, Independent Churches of Jamaica Ltd, Holiness Christian Church, Christian Brethren Assemblies-Jamaica, The Society of the Church of God in Jamaica and The Love March Movement.

These parties seek the retention of the Buggery Law since its repeal will facilitate a negative restructuring of society and its institutions in favour of the homosexual lifestyle, namely by accepting that the union of two men or two women is as good as and as normative as the union between a man and a woman. There is sufficient evidence from other societies, of the adverse impact that acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle has on the institution of marriage, education and also on freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of conscience.

Look out for BBC documentary to be aired on November 5, 2013 and news reports on the case. A team visited Jamaica in September 2013 in order to conduct interviews with a variety of stakeholders to ascertain the status of the LGBT Agenda in Jamaica.

International Conference, December 7, 2013 - International Law and the Welfare of the Family - The Impact of the Secular Worldview on Children

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## How you can help:

### Your prayers:

Please pray for:

- The Lord's name to be glorified in all circumstances, through the work of the Coalition and our individual lives.
- Increased public education opportunities for the JCHS, divine wisdom and guidance in making presentations.
- A pro-active civil society that will constructively oppose ideas that undermine the health of the society.
- Increased resources (personnel, logistical, financial) for State and NGO agencies working on children, youth and family issues.
- Changed hearts of public and private sector leaders to serve Jesus Christ as the one true God and to align their personal lives and national policies, laws and practices with the Word of God.
- Healing and strengthening of family life - responsible sexual behaviour, commitment to marriage and good parenting, healthy development of male/female identity and relationships, healing and deliverance from damaged family experiences, strong positive male and father role models, end to women and child abuse/exploitation.
- Wisdom, boldness and divine guidance for the Judiciary presiding over the Jaghai v Attorney General.
- Wisdom, clarity and coherence and unity among lawyers of the interested parties defending Judeo-Christian values.
- Honest, objective reporting on Jamaica by local and international media.

### Your stories:

Have you been negatively affected by secularist policies in your school, workplace or community? We'd like to hear about your experiences to build up our case studies on the negative impact on national mores and those persons who adhere to traditional definitions of marriage and family. If requested, your names will be withheld.

## Your 'pen action':

Please write to the Jamaican newspapers (Gleaner, Observer, The Voice) with letters, articles, and comments promoting family life and human relations as God designed and intended them to be. The letters/articles etc can be short or long, please just write!

## Your financial support:

International Conference, December 7, 2013 – "International Law and the Welfare of the Family – The Impact of the Secular Worldview on Children."

Participation in legal case

Public education campaign

Contributions can be deposited to:

The Jamaica Coalition for a Healthy Society  
Scotiabank, 82-84 Half Way Tree Road, Kingston 10  
Savings Account # 936 361 Transit # 60145  
Swift Code NOS CJMKN

Thank you!

Please feel free to share this newsletter with other like-minded persons.

Visit our website at: [www.jchs.org.jm](http://www.jchs.org.jm).

Send your comments, questions or suggestions to:

Philippa Davies, Advocacy Officer, at [jchsadvocate@gmail.com](mailto:jchsadvocate@gmail.com).

May the Lord bless you.

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

2 Cor. 10:4-5 KJV



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