

JAMAICA COALITION FOR A HEALTHY SOCIETY

Education. Advocacy. Ministry.

E-newsletter: Case Update January 2014

Who we are

A group of Jamaican individuals and organisations concerned about promoting and defending Judeo-Christian principles as the basis for enriching the social, spiritual, mental, physical and emotional health of the Jamaican society. We serve with others as cultural watchmen for our society and bearers of God's truth and love.

What we do

Raise the public's awareness and understanding of current issues facing Jamaica and the Bible's relevance in addressing these issues.

Confront the prevailing culture with the immutable and infallible truth of the Bible. Lobby those in positions of political, economic and social influence to garner support in safe-guarding and promoting justice and truth. Mobilise churches and 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 above to counselling resources.

What's been happening: Jaghai v Attorney General of Jamaica:

In February 2013, Javed Jaghai, a Jamaican homosexual man filed a case in the Supreme Court, claiming that the buggery law as contained in sections 76,77 and 79 of the Offences against the Person Act, denies his right to privacy and equality and is therefore unconstitutional. The right to privacy is found in sections 13 (3) (U) (i-iii) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms (Constitutional Amendment) Act of 2011. The right to equality is found in s.13 (3) (g) of the same Charter.

Mr Jaghai wants the Court to declare that buggery between consenting adult males should not be a criminal offence. JFLAG – Jamaica Forum for Lesbians, All Sexuals and Gays are second claimants in the case as representatives for 3 other persons who also state that their constitutional rights have been denied.

The Attorney-General of Jamaica is the defendant in this case and a number of other entities have been accepted to participate in the case as 'interested parties'.

Caribbean DAWN, an all woman non-governmental organisation (NGO) promoting gender equality, was granted interested party status in support of Mr Jaghai. A similar application by Jamaicans for Justice for participation as an interested party was denied.

The interested parties opposing the claimants are a combined group of churches and organizations. They 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,
- ❖ The Love March Movement.

These interested parties seek the retention of the buggery law in order to protect the Jamaican society from the negative restructuring that will result from favouring the homosexual lifestyle; that is, repealing the buggery law will open the way for the union of two men or two women to be considered and treated as good as and as normal as the union between a man and a woman.

These parties also assert that there is sufficient evidence from other societies that acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle will have an adverse impact on the institution of marriage, the education of children as well as stifling the freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of conscience of anyone who opposes the homosexual lifestyle.

The trial date has been set for November 2014 .

JAMAICA COALITION FOR A HEALTHY SOCIETY

January 2014

How you can help:

Please pray for:

- Healing and strengthening of family life in Jamaica and the promotion of God's design for sex, marriage and family as the only and best design for a healthy society.
- Protection and godly nurturing of our children.
- Deliverance, healing and salvation for those bound, affected and hurt by sexual sins. Reversal of efforts to propagate lies about homosexual attraction, identity and behaviour.
- Wisdom, boldness and divine guidance for the Judiciary presiding over the case.
- Wisdom, clarity, coherence and unity among lawyers of the interested parties defending Judeo-Christian principles and virtues.
- Funding to facilitate the participation of appropriate expert witnesses
- Honest and objective reporting on Jamaica by local and international media . Fearless investigative journalism to expose the sexual rights agenda and fabricated incidents and statistics.
- Government policies and laws that will preserve, not undermine God's design for family.
- Greater public awareness, political and financial support for pro-family organisations e.g. Father's Inc. and other groups helping fathers.
- Increased pro-family volunteerism in Jamaica
- Changed hearts or removal of public and private sector leaders and policy makers complicit with sexual rights agenda including church leaders.
- Boldness by Jamaican Christians especially media and key Government positions and those with influential access to national leaders, to share God's truth and love with them.
- Boldness and wise strategies for Christians in other developing countries where they can still speak about God in public spaces.
- Encouragement and help for Christians in developed countries whose freedoms have been and are being curtailed. Remember other organisations defending the family such as Christian Concern (UK), Americans for Truth and Mass Resistance (USA).
- Protection for members and partners of JCHS and families

How you can help:

Your financial support:

Participation in the case will cost an estimated J\$6 million. These costs include legal fees (research, drafting arguments and preparation of documents, presentation in court), airfare for overseas expert witnesses, photocopying and other incidentals. We welcome contributions in any amount, whether as a one-off donation or a regular contribution.

One, one cocoa fill basket!

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 and may the Lord richly bless you !

Please send your comments, questions or suggestions to:

Philippa Davies
Advocacy Officer
jchsadvocate@gmail.com.
(876) 779-6219
www.jchs.org.jm

View the JCHS documentary: '**Sex Lies and Rights: a seduction of law, medicine and politics**': [https:// www.youtube.com/jchsadvocate](https://www.youtube.com/jchsadvocate)

“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

