



The BCMC conneXion

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Mark your Calendar

Sunday, February 05, 2012
President's Visit to St.
Michael's Methodist Church

Monday, February 06, 2012
President & Secretary Visit
Bilney Lane Children's Home

Thursday, February 09, 2012
Andros Mission Support Group

Friday, February 17, 2012
Conference Staff & Treasurers'
Finance Workshop
Queen's College Primary
School Hall

Saturday, February 18, 2012
'Money & Ministry' Seminar
Queen's College

Sunday, February 19, 2012
'Money & Ministry' Nassau
Regional Rally
Queen's College Auditorium -
6pm

February 24-26, 2012
Young Adults Annual Winter
Retreat
James' Cistern, Eleuthera

Sunday, February 26, 2012
President's Visit to Nassau
Regional Women's Service -
3pm

Monday, February 27, 2012
President & Secretary visit
Naomi Christie Home

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Courtesy Call on BCMC Executive

A HISTORY-MAKING MOMENT!

Newly elected Members of Grants Town Wesley Methodist Church paid a courtesy call on the BCMC Core Executive Committee, Tuesday, January 17, 2012. The courtesy call was a first for the BCMC Core Executive Committee and the Grants Town Wesley Executive.



Front L to R: Deacon Elmena Bethell - General Secretary, BCMC, Rev. Christopher Neely - President, BCMC

Back L to R: Mr. Philip Clarke - Vice President, BCMC, Ms. Geneen Riveria, Ms. Keisha Deveaux, Rev. Carla Culmer - Minister, Wesley Grant's Town, Mr. Jerome Swan, Mrs. Marissa Thompson

Individualism: Our Greatest Threat

Individualism is on the rise in our society and notably so in the church. It is perhaps one of the greatest threats to our Conference. This thinking that all actions take place for the benefit of the individual and not for society, as a whole, is demonstrated in our local churches' response to Conference's call for connexionalism. The pursuit of the individual churches rather than our common or collective interests can result in a less effective Conference.

Member Churches and Entities of the Bahamas Conference of the Methodist Church will have at least three opportunities to show their spirit of connexionalism. The **first** is to remember all churches and entities throughout our Conference area and to be in prayer, particularly for those churches and entities that are struggling. **Second**, and more specific, local churches and entities should support the BCMC initiative called 'Get Out Of Debt'. **Third**, we call upon all Churches in the Nassau Region to follow the examples of the Eastern Abaco and the North, Central and South Eleuthera Regions. These Regions have an Annual Mission Service that raises funds to assist with the outreach work of the church.

In the upcoming months of 2012, let us strive to overcome individualism and remember Aristotle's teaching that "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts" or in the words of the Apostle Paul, "Indeed, the body does not consist of one member, but of many."

Executive Highlights The Andros Mission

The BCMC Churches in Andros have become the centre of the Executive investment of time and resources. Because of the decline in church membership and the deterioration of the property and the BCMC vision of new growth and vitality in Stafford Creek and Staniard Creek, the Executive Committee has taken several steps to bring about the desired change. Amongst those changes are 1) The re-establishment of an Andros Mission Support Group whose objective is the empowerment of local Androsian leadership, and 2) The appointment of a full time local pastor there, effective March 2012.

All Nassau Region Churches are asked to pray for and financially support the Andros Mission.

Nassau Region Challenged to Missions

BCMC Member Churches of the Nassau Region are being challenged by the Executive Committee to share in what is hoped to become an Annual Mission Service. This initiative was inspired by the obvious needs of sister churches in the Family Islands. While many, in the Churches of the Nassau Region, enjoy the lavish comforts of their worship environment, many of our churches in the Family Islands are going with their basic needs unmet. The Mission appeal will make us aware of those needs and how our sacrificial giving will help those churches.

The appeal however will be made to churches rather than to individual members. Each church will be targeted a certain amount.

The date for the Mission Service and Ingathering of mission funds is **Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.** This will be a **Nassau Regional Service at Grants Town Wesley Methodist Church.** We hope to see all members of the Nassau Region in attendance.

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**Soaring Comets
BJC & BGCSE RESULTS**

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WERE GIVEN INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR RECEIVING TOP RESULTS IN THE COUNTRY

 Charmelle Williams BJC Health Science	 Ashmeid Allie BGCSE Chemistry	 Dysh Neilson BGCSE Art & Design	 Peter Henderson BGCSE Physics
 Bria Munnings BGCSE History	 Neha Kadi BGCSE Mathematics	 Aravind Govindaraju BGCSE Geography	

Selandia Tooté
OVERALL TOP STUDENT IN THE BAHAMAS
8A'S 1B IN BJC EXAMS

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR RECEIVING TOP RESULTS IN
BJC MATHEMATICS
BJC FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

Five or More A's in BGCSE Exams

Five A's in BJC Exams in Grade 8

Five & Six A's in BJC Exams in Grade 9

L to R: Ashley Fox, Outhura Rahming, Marissa Bowe, Neha Kadi

Back L to R: Dominic McDonald, Farlon Cooper, Donovan McDonald, Kelthan Smith, Meshach Roberts

Front L to R: Khies Adairley, Rebecca Henderson, Jo-Gemma Hall, Charmelle Williams, Wanisha Sawyer, Jazz Wilson, Sashia Kemp

L to R: Darius McKenzie & Luke Stuart

Project

'Get Out Of Debt' Launched

Project 'Get Out Of Debt' has been launched as an initiative of the Executive Committee's strategic planning. The goal of this initiative is to ensure that sufficient finances are available to carry out the ministries of the BCMC. We are aiming to have all our outstanding debt paid off by the end of this current church year. So far, the initiative has raised \$18,000.00.



Get out of Debt

Rev. Godfrey Bethell, Minister of Ebenezer Methodist Church, has been named the Director of the Project, and Mr. Lawrence Lewis, Global Village Methodist Church, has been named the Assistant Director.

The Executive Committee's second goal is **intentional fellowship**. The team is now being put into place and we expect that that initiative will be launched shortly.



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