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President's Message – “Dawn Before Daybreak”

It's the dawn before daybreak. A new school year is a mere 4 weeks away. PLEC has come and gone—what great preaching—and so has the Union Session—an orderly and spiritual Session with great morning and evening devotions from Pastor Abraham Jules of the Northeastern Conference in New York. And what enthusiastic responses to the USC Report. Oh my! I was encouraged. This next week the University hosts the South Caribbean Camp meeting—the preacher is Pastor Glen Samuels from the Jamaica Union—then shortly thereafter the Communication Workshop of the Caribbean Union Conference, which takes us up to the brink of Colloquium 2016, where we cement and approve all the final plans for the start of the School Year.



Dr. Kern Tobias was reinstated as President of the Caribbean Union Conference

The new Union Committee has been substantially formed, and the University Board almost, minus the final selection of lay representatives. God has blessed and continues to do so. Remember us in your prayers and in your plans.

Lastly and importantly, I wish to publicly thank the Events team and two of our administrators, Pas. Onesi LaFleur, Vice-President for Student Development Services and the Assistant to the President, Dr. Robert Liverpool and their teams for the leadership that they demonstrated in working with the Union and the PLEC team. I didn't hear a single complaint. Thanks folks to all of you.

USC MBA Student, Lorenzo Kenswill Gets Harvard Ph.D. Scholarship—Based on recent news now, and a high GMAT score, USC's MBA student Kenswill has received a full Ph.D. scholarship to Harvard University with a stipend. Congratulations!



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O Come Ebenezer – 13th Sabbath Offering Coming to USC

The Inter-American Division President, Dr. Israel Leito, announced at Session that the 13th Sabbath offering in 2018's First Quarter, will come to the USC Church building project. USC is to get near \$7 million toward its University church, as this becomes the center piece of an "Ebenezer" project in a plan worked through with the

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(EXODUS 25:8). "HITHERTO HAS THE
LORD HELPED US" (1 SAMUEL 7:12).

higher organizations. The church's physical plan has been reconfigured and it will be erected on the site of the old Cedar Hall building.

PLEC (Pastoral Lay Evangelism Conference), July 17-19

The assembled pastors of the Caribbean Union Conference came together in a pre-Session meeting for the Pastoral Lay Evangelism Conference under the fiery preaching of two pastors from the North American Division. ***"Jesus I know and Paul I know, but Who are You"*** was the riveting question. The evil spirit knew Jesus by history, Paul by reputation, but he didn't know the Jewish rulers. Should the devil not know about us as leaders? Should he not have heard of our reputation through our baptism with the Holy Spirit, asks Dr. Knight? Thanks to Dr. Knight from Oakwood University, and Pastor Herman Davis from the Mt. Sinai SDA church in Orlando, Florida. What awesome preaching.

Feature Story--USC Food and Nutrition Students

For some time now, USC has been producing top high quality Food and Nutrition majors. The USC strategy has been to make agreements with area governments for rotation opportunities across the Caribbean, and such agreements to hospitals and the Ministry of Health in each territory. Once students are completed with the regional rotation, then they are eligible to travel to the United States and sit the Registered Dietitian examination—USC is linked to Oakwood University for this purpose. Through this means, students are able to gain immediate international and regional recognition.



The program is led by Dr. Claudette Mitchell, who has her Ph.D. in Nutrition and Dietetics from Howard University, and is a registered dietitian herself. Today, Dr. Mitchell is in Grenada supervising a group of interns who are providing nutrition education to school-aged children, performing nutrition assessment at the hospital as well as nutrition counseling to Grenadian nationals under the supervision of state employees.

USC's Nursing Applicants for fall At Max

The USC Admissions Office informed that Nursing Applications are already maxed out for the fall term, and July has not ended. The USC Nursing program is one of the best in the country. We have been asked to produce more nurses, but we are maxed out for teachers, space and facilities.

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USC's South Campus Growth— Happening in South Trinidad

USC is experiencing its greatest national growth surge at the South Center extension campus. We expect near 400 students this fall up from 300 in the last year. Extension campuses account for 20% of the overall enrollment with South Center and Tobago 50% of that amount.

Busy Packed Summer

Thanks to the summer classes registering over 1000 students, PLEC, the Union Session, the South Carib Camp meeting, and the following Communications Workshop, USC facilities are booked solid up to August 17, just two days before the official meetings to start the School year begin.

USC Dominica Staffer writes book-- "This Ability"

Some have two eyes, yet some have one. Read Nicola Reefer's story in her new book, "This Ability".

Hislop's back from California

One for Music and the other for Physical Therapy startup. The USC band instruments are now clearing customs in Port of Spain as the University launches into a new phase of musical life—a **University** band.

USC to Link Special Ed. Degree Deal with the Antiguan Government

The government of Antigua/Barbuda has entered negotiations with USC to offer an online Bachelors in Educational Services with an emphasis in Special Education to train 50 teachers by the year 2018 August. As of July 11, 49 of the 50 slots had been taken with students accepted by USC as recommended by the Ministry of Education

USC Gearing up for the Start of the School Year

Colloquium starts off the School Year, and as a emphasis direction, the USC administration proposes the following themed and pillar directions to "produce entrepreneurial and critical thinking leaders that herald transformation and excellence". Each theme below will be championed by a group of employees.

COLLOQUIUM 2016

August 24-28, 2016

1. **Spiritual Ethos and the Integration of Faith and Learning** across the academic, student life curriculum and campus-wide environment
2. **Work-Study**—work will be tied to specific course syllabi as a lab experience, alongside paid labor
3. **Holistic Healthy Living**—through a series of health summits, the University will focus on the adoption of healthy lifestyles of its students and employees
4. **Entrepreneurship**—the University will adopt a creative thinking mode in all of its programs, and initiatives as students are encouraged to develop work-life projects during their sojourn. A certificate in Entrepreneurship is proposed
5. **Leadership**—the University will focus on the preparation of each student for leadership
6. **Quality**—the University will continue to explore and establish markers of a "more excellent way in all its processes".