

CTCAAI Mandeville Chapter
Report for the 2017-2018 Year

The period being reported on commenced June 3rd 2017. On this date the AGM of the Mandeville Chapter was convened. Ten (10) members were in attendance, which included two members of the Executive, President Anthony Norman and CTCAAI Board member Mrs. Aggett Crosbie, hence the business of the Chapter could not be addressed conclusively. The members present agreed to the establishment of a steering committee to serve the Chapter until the Executive could be properly elected. The following persons were Devon Crossfield, V.P.; Ingrid Watson, Secretary; Aggett Crosbie, Treasurer and & André Wallace Treasurer.

Albeit, the business of the Chapter for the most part was conducted by Mrs. Aggett Crosbie, Mr. Dudley McLean; Alumni Office Volunteer staff. This included the planning of the Bi-annual CTCAAI Reunion July 21 – 23, 2017 in collaboration with the CTCAAI Board.

The CTCAAI Mandeville Chapter wishes to congratulate Drs Garth Anderson, Jannett Singh, Devon Crossfield and Curt Brown on the attainment of doctoral degrees. We further congratulate Dr. Garth Anderson on his installation as Jamaica Teachers Association President for 2018-2019 academic year. Congratulations to Dr. Janett Singh on her appointment as Acting V.P. (Academic Affairs)

The CTCAAI Mandeville chapter expresses condolences to the families and batch mates of Gwyneth Master (11), Clayton Solomon (3), Rose Huggett-Green (6), Nicie Simms (14) Ivan Pusey (10), Millard McLeod (10) and Blossom Mendez (4) who among others, have passed.

2. Activities of the CTCAAI Mandeville Chapter.

- a. CTCAAI Mandeville Chapter participated in the NAJASCO 40th Anniversary and Convention at Secrets Resorts, Montego (July 12-16, 2017) represented by Mr. Dudley McLean who was a panelist at the Young Professional Forum on July 13th. The CTC male and female presidents: Oneil Robinson & Phelisa Ricketts also attended. The Alumni was made aware of opportunities, its association with the Organization could yield, especially in support of students' welfare.
- b. Anthony Norman, Aggett Crosbie and Dudley McLean attended a meeting of the Manchester Chambers of Commerce, July 20, 2017 which was addressed by Capt. Dr. Rupert Francis, Chair, Prime minister's Diaspora Crime Committee. The discussions provided insights into a comprehensive crime plan for Jamaica, and opened bi-lateral agreements between the parties.

- c. The Chapter hosted the bi-annual CTCAAI Annual General Meeting held at Church Teachers' College: Mandeville campus July 21-23, 2017. At the AGM Juley Wynter Robertson was elected to the post of Secretary on the CTCAAI Board. Opposition Leader, the Hon. Peter Phillips was guest speaker at the Banquet on the evening of the 22nd July. Other activities during the week-end included 'Lime' on Friday evening and the Reunion Church Service and Repast on Sunday.
- d. The Chapter welcomed Batch 53 to the Mandeville campus during the annual orientation exercises for freshmen. A group of alumni from a range of batches and various professional groups participated in the exercise.
- e. The CTCAAi sponsored the *First Male and Female High School 5K Run* trophies at the college's annual 5K Run/Walk, November 4, 2018. Mr. Dudley McLean finished first male in the 'Master's' category (walk).
- f. The alumni office influenced the branding of the CTC English - Spanish Debate Invitational with the official name of the championship trophies after Lloyd B. Smith, first president and founder of the Church Teachers' College Debate Society and the Spanish Club. The competition is held on the First Friday of March, Spanish Day. The alumni also sponsored the trophies for the Top Speaker in both categories of the invitational.
- g. The alumni office assisted with the selection and interviewing of CTCAAi STAR AWARDS beneficiaries. An awards board was also erected at the main dining area to provide exposure for the work of the CTCAAi STAR AWARDS, it's awardees and updates on the events of the alumni.
- h. R2R: Beneficiaries of awards/grants from CTCAAi Star Awards and the Mandeville Chapter have been assisting with the upkeep of the Laundry.
- i. Farewell; Church Teachers' College: Mandeville bid farewell to two members of the alumni and lecturers - Mr. Aldan Salmon and Mrs. Aggett Crosbie. Both retired during the first quarter of 2018.
- j. The Mandeville Chapter hosted an Awards Luncheon in March to honor Batch #2 member Miss Carmen Ward. Miss Ward who is ailing has been a faithful alumni member who truly embodies the alumni motto Return to Reciprocate (R2R). Total proceeds from this event was Fifty Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety Two Dollars, Fifty Cents. (\$50,392.50). Ms Ward was given a purse of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), of

which she donated Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to a student in need of financial assistance.

The CTCAAi Mandeville Chapter is yet to vote on its amended constitution. This document is a revision of its 1973 constitution which was undertaken in 2013 to align it to the CTCAAi 2011 By Laws, was further amended in 2017 with input from volunteers from the local chapter.

The CTCAAi is still pursuing the mandate arising from the 2017 AGM to be registered as a legal entity in Jamaica with The Department of Co-operatives and Friendly Societies (DCFS). This process has been hindered by the limited administrative capacity of the Chapter.

The immediate concern of the Chapter is to hold an AGM for the current year and reconstitute a functioning executive. Plans are afoot to have this meeting in October 2018.

Submitted by Anthony Norman, President CTCAAi Mandeville Chapter.