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CCIJ - AGM - February 7th

The **Annual General Meeting** of Christian Camping Int. Jamaica will be held at the New Testament Church of God Headquarters, 8 Fairway Drive, Kingston 5, on Saturday February 7th, 10am - 1:30 pm. The AGM will provide us with 'the year in review', a financial report and a look forward and will also include the election of additional board members. All Member Camps and organisations are expected to be represented and all others are very much welcome as well. A contribution of \$300 (members) or \$500 (non-members) is expected to cover our costs. Refreshments will be provided.

Training sessions on February 7th

We have included two concurrent training sessions in the AGM between 10 and 11 am. Please come early so we can make the most of these sessions. The sessions will be on:

1. Packaging and pricing our facilities

This session is primarily for Facility Management. It will be interactive and will help us in assessing our facilities and their unique features and services from a marketing perspective, and pricing it for various rental groups, including overseas groups, and our own church groups. Participants are asked to bring the marketing material and price list that they use at their facility. Mrs Dollis Campbell from Jamventure Tours will be part of this discussion and share from her wealth of experience.

2. Protecting The Integrity of Your Camp

This session is applicable for administrators, recruiters, camp directors and program planners. The issue of Child Abuse has emerged as one of the major challenges facing Youth Camp leadership. This presentation, led by our own Rev. Orville Plummer, Director of Youth and Education at the NT Church of God, will provide us with useful insights geared towards preventing and managing Child Abuse at youth camps.

Prayer Requests

1. Growth and development of our camps and Association
2. Successful training sessions and AGM on February 7th
3. Wisdom and strength for all those planning for Summer camps.

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That's what Mark King, the Assistant Manager from Moorlands and Rachel Cooke, former full-timer with New Generation did, when they tied the knot at their beautiful December wedding. A hearty congrats to them from the CCIJ fraternity.



Membership

Membership Renewal for the year 2009 has begun and should be completed at the AGM. We encourage all our members to complete this process ASAP. CCI Jamaica relies on your fees to pay their operational expenses. We also wish to encourage new members to come on board:

- churches that run camps and those that own or run an independent campsite,
 - companies and organisations that offer camp-related products and services,
 - individuals that have a warm heart towards camping
- Why not join in membership- in order to bring Christian Camping together in Jamaica?

Words From The Chair

2009 has started with many of us wondering how we'll get it all done again. The world around us is grappling with the various crises. Well, the good news is that God is not subject to these crises, but that He is constant and provides for us the stability and confidence to carry out His work. More than ever the quiet get-away that our camps and retreats provide is an ideal opportunity for reconciliation between God and man. We declare 2009 the year of the LORD!

Christian Camping International Jamaica (CCIJ) is an inter-denominational association that brings together Christ-centered camps, conferences and retreat ministries.