



Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic)

Jamaica & The West Indies

28-DAY SPECIAL CONSECRATION - JANUARY 4 –31, 2026

THEME: DRAW NEAR, HOLD FAST, BE READY FOR THE LORD'S RETURN!

SCRIPTURE: HEBREW 10:19-25

INTRODUCTION

As we begin a new year, we reflect on the faithfulness of our God and the journey we have traveled together. Hebrews 10:19-25 provides a powerful guide, urging us to **Draw Near, Hold Fast, and Be Ready** for the Lord's return.

¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;²¹ And having an high priest over the house of God;²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.²³ Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

These verses shape our theme for the New Year as we transition into 2026.

We cannot reflect on the past year without remembering the devastation brought by Hurricane Melissa to the western parts of our island. Homes were destroyed, livelihoods disrupted, families displaced, and communities left reeling. Yet, even in the midst of this storm, God's goodness and the resilience of His people shone brightly. Where there could have been loss and despair, God preserved and provided hope. Where there could have been division, God united us in compassion

and service. As a church family, we rose to serve tirelessly in relief efforts, sharing resources, and being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Draw Near

Hebrews 10 calls us to draw near to God with confidence, not because of our worthiness, but because of the blood of Jesus. The veil has been torn; the way is open. In seasons of rebuilding, both physical and emotional, our greatest priority is intimacy with God through prayer, His Word, and worship. Let us come with sincere hearts and full assurance of faith, knowing He who brought us through the storm will lead us to His purposes for the year ahead.

Hold Fast

Holding fast is active and intentional. We must cling unwaveringly to the hope we profess because He who promised is faithful. Hurricane Melissa reminded us that earthly securities can vanish quickly, but our hope in Christ remains eternal. As we rebuild, let us anchor our lives in Jesus Christ, remembering that no storm, literally or figuratively, can separate us from God's love.

Be Ready for the Lord's Return

The passage urges us to encourage one another even more as we see the Day approaching. Life's uncertainties, natural disasters, global crises, personal trials, call us to live with an eternal perspective. Readiness is shown through faithful living, spurring one another to love and good works, gathering as the body of Christ, and living each day aware that our Savior could return at any moment.

Moving Forward Together

As we step into this new year, let these 28 days of consecration position us for spiritual growth, kingdom fruitfulness, and divine encounter. May we emerge as a people who have truly drawn near to God, held fast to His promises, live in readiness for Christ's return, and walk in uncompromising love for one another.

"For He who promised is faithful." – Hebrews 10:23

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Overall Purpose

To position ourselves corporately and individually for a year of spiritual breakthrough, deeper intimacy with God, and greater kingdom impact as we emerge stronger from the trials of the past season.

Specific Aims:

1. *Spiritual Renewal*

- To cultivate a deeper hunger for God's presence beyond routine and ritual
- To experience fresh revelation of God's character and faithfulness
- To return to our first love for Christ with renewed passion and devotion
- To be filled continually with the Holy Spirit, walking in power, wisdom, and love

2. *Consecration and Holiness*

- To surrender every hidden area of our lives to the refining fire of the Holy Spirit
- To maintain pure hearts so we can stand confidently before God
- To pursue holiness from deep love rather than mere duty
- To reject halfhearted commitment and embrace wholehearted surrender

3. *Steadfastness in Faith*

- To hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, knowing He who promised is faithful
- To refuse to grow weary in well-doing despite challenges
- To view obstacles as opportunities to prove God's faithfulness
- To stand firm on biblical truth even when pressured to compromise

4. *Unity and Fellowship*

- To strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship within our church family
- To be united in purpose, doctrine, and love as the body of Christ
- To remain committed to assembling together for worship and spiritual growth
- To spur one another toward love and good deeds

5. *Kingdom Readiness*

- To live each day with eternal perspective, aware that Christ could return at any moment
- To share the gospel urgently with those who don't yet know Jesus
- To settle unresolved conflicts and restore broken relationships
- To invest our talents, time, and resources in ways that honor God

6. *Recovery and Rebuilding*

- To seek God's direction for rebuilding efforts (physical, emotional, and spiritual)
- To build upon the unshakable foundation of Jesus Christ rather than merely reconstructing what was
- To emerge from adversity stronger, more compassionate, and more dependent on God
- To continue serving as the hands and feet of Jesus to those still recovering from Hurricane Melissa

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

By the end of this consecration period, we expect to see:

- ***Individual Transformation:*** Believers experiencing deeper intimacy with God, breakthrough in areas of spiritual stagnation, and fresh vision for their calling.
- ***Corporate Revival:*** A church marked by greater unity, renewed passion for worship, and heightened expectancy for God's move.
- ***Kingdom Advancement:*** Increased evangelistic fruit, strengthened community impact, and mobilized believers in their areas of assignment.
- ***Spiritual Preparedness:*** A congregation living with holy urgency, maintaining spiritual vigilance, and modeling readiness for Christ's return.
- ***Sustained Momentum:*** Lasting spiritual disciplines established that will carry us throughout 2026 and beyond

SCRIPTURES

- **Week 1:** Hebrews 10:22 - "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith..."
- **Week 2:** Hebrews 10:23 - "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)"
- **Week 3:** Hebrews 10:25 - "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"
- **Week 4:** Hebrews 10:24 - "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works"

DAILY DECLARATIONS OF FAITH

Personal Consecration: Actions of Faith

- I will allow God's Word to cleanse and purify my heart daily.
- I will surrender every hidden area of my life to the refining fire of the Holy Spirit.
- I will pursue genuine intimacy with Christ, refusing to settle for religious routine.
- I will prioritize a burning passion for God's presence above all earthly pursuits.
- I will remain teachable, open to correction, and willing to be shaped by God's truth.
- I will live a holy life that honors God in every area.

Steadfastness: Actions of Faith

- I will hold unswervingly to the hope I profess, trusting in God's faithfulness.
- I will continue to do good without growing weary, knowing I will reap in due season.
- I will see every obstacle as an opportunity to experience God's faithfulness.
- I will build my faith on the unshakable foundation of Jesus Christ.
- I will remain anchored in God's love, regardless of storms, trials, or circumstances.
- I will align my life fully with God's purposes and resist redefining His call.
- I will stand firm on biblical truth, even against cultural pressures or popular opinion.
- I will remain faithful in the place God has assigned me.

Readiness: Actions of Faith

- I will live each day with an eternal perspective, anticipating Christ's return.
- I will keep my heart pure and my conscience clear before God.
- I will seek the daily refilling of the Holy Ghost, keeping my lamp burning brightly.
- I will invest my time, talents, and treasures for eternal purposes.
- I will actively share the gospel with urgency to those who need Jesus.
- I will cultivate relationships marked by forgiveness, reconciliation, and love.
- I will model spiritual urgency and expectancy for the next generation.
- I will be ready to give an account of the hope within me.

Corporate Unity: Actions of Faith

- I will faithfully assemble with my church family for worship and spiritual growth.
- I will choose unity over division and prefer others in love.
- I will speak life, encouragement, and truth to my brothers and sisters in Christ.
- I will use my time, talent and resources to build up the body of Christ and glorify God.
- I will reject gossip, slander, and anything that harms church unity.
- I will celebrate the victories of others and support those who struggle.
- I will help make the church a house of prayer, a beacon of hope, and a dwelling place for God's presence.

ACTION PLANS FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

1. **Work out details carefully:** Convene a pre-consecration briefing service to outline the plans and formally launch the period of consecration. Ensure that prayer and fasting handouts are prepared and distributed.
2. **Prepare four (4) weekly prayer and fasting schedules:** Emphasize the importance of full participation by the church membership throughout the consecration period.
3. **Encourage personal and corporate prayer:** Encourage members to commit to praying for at least thirty (30) minutes, twice daily, preferably in the morning and evening. Members should also be encouraged to develop a personal prayer list. Partnering in prayer may be more beneficial. In addition, members should be encouraged to engage in family prayer at least once per week and, where possible, extend prayer sessions to their neighbours.
4. **Promote daily prayer in the sanctuary:** Facilitate daily prayer opportunities in the sanctuary and, where feasible, keep the space open during the day for members and non-members who wish to come and pray.
5. **Convene an all-night prayer meeting:** Hold an all-night prayer meeting on **Friday, January 30, 2026**. Leaders are encouraged to use this opportunity to anoint, commission, and release believers into active service.

CONSECRATION SCHEDULE

WEEK 1 (JANUARY 4-10)

TOPIC: DRAW NEAR: A CALL TO PERSONAL CONSECRATION AND FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

Focus: Personal Consecration and Intimacy with God

Daily Theme Progression:

- **Day 1:** Hunger for His Presence
- **Day 2:** Surrendering Hidden Areas
- **Day 3:** Cultivating Genuine Intimacy
- **Day 4:** Pursuing Holiness Through Love
- **Day 5:** Fresh Revelation Through the Word
- **Day 6:** A Lifestyle of Worship
- **Day 7:** Dependent on God Alone

Prayer Points:

- Pray that we will hunger for God's presence above all earthly pursuits and distractions - Psalm 42:1-2; Matthew 6:33
- Pray that we will surrender every hidden area of our lives to the refining fire of the Holy Ghost - 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- Pray that we will cultivate genuine intimacy with Christ rather than settling for routine - John 15:4; Philippians 3:8-10
- Pray that we will pursue holiness not from duty but from deep love for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ - 1 Peter 1:15-16
- Pray that we will experience a fresh revelation of God's character through consistent time in His Word - Psalm 119:18; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Pray that we will cultivate a lifestyle of worship, not just moments of worship - Romans 12:1; Psalm 34:1
- Pray that we will lay down self-reliance and choose a posture of dependence on God for guidance, strength, and direction - Proverbs 3:5-6; John 15:5
- Pray that we will approach God with teachable spirits, willing to be corrected, redirected, and shaped by His truth - James 1:19-21

WEEK 2 (JANUARY 11-17)

TOPIC: HOLD FAST: A CALL TO REMAIN STEADFAST AND COMMITTED TO THE CALL AND WORK OF THE LORD

Focus: Steadfastness and Commitment to God's Call

Daily Theme Progression:

- **Day 8:** Refusing to Grow Weary
- **Day 9:** Obstacles as Opportunities
- **Day 10:** Aligned with God's Purposes
- **Day 11:** Modeling Commitment to the Next Generation
- **Day 12:** Stewarding Influence for the Kingdom
- **Day 13:** Standing Firm on Biblical Truth
- **Day 14:** Faithful Where God has Placed Us

Prayer Points:

- Pray that we will refuse to grow weary in well-doing - Galatians 6:9
- Pray that we will view obstacles as opportunities to prove God's faithfulness rather than reasons to turn back - James 1:2-4; Romans 8:28
- Pray that we will stay aligned with God's purposes, resisting the temptation to redefine the call to suit our own desires. - Romans 12:2
- Pray that we will teach our children the value of lifelong commitment through our example - Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Proverbs 22:6
- Pray that we will steward our influence wisely, using every platform to advance God's kingdom purposes - Matthew 5:14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Pray that we will stand firm on biblical truth even when cultural pressures tempt us to compromise - Ephesians 6:13
- Pray that we will not abandon our post or assignment, but stay faithful where God has placed us - 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 3:23-24
- Pray that we will silence the voices of doubt and fear - Isaiah 41:10; 2 Timothy 1:7

WEEK 3 (JANUARY 18-24)

TOPIC: BE READY: A CALL TO BE PREPARED FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD

Focus: Preparation for Christ's Return

Daily Theme Progression:

- **Day 15:** Living with Eternal Perspective
- **Day 16:** Maintaining Pure Hearts
- **Day 17:** Fresh Oil for Our Lamps
- **Day 18:** Investing for Eternity
- **Day 19:** Restoring Broken Relationships
- **Day 20:** Urgent Gospel Witness
- **Day 21:** Modelling a lifestyle of Expectancy, Diligence, and Preparedness

Prayer Points:

- Pray that we will live each day with eternal perspective, knowing Christ could return at any moment - Matthew 24:42; 1 Thessalonians 5:2-6
- Pray that we will maintain pure hearts so we can stand confidently before God without shame - Matthew 5:8; 1 John 3:3
- Pray that we will keep our lamps burning with fresh oil through a vibrant relationship with God - Matthew 25:1-4; Romans 12:11
- Pray that we will invest our talents, time, and resources in ways that honour God - Matthew 25:14-30
- Pray that we will settle unresolved conflicts and restore broken relationships so nothing hinders our readiness - Matthew 5:23-24; Romans 12:18
- Pray that we will share the gospel urgently with those who don't yet know Jesus as Saviour - Mark 16:15
- Pray that we will model urgency and expectancy for the younger generation who may not grasp the brevity of time remaining - Psalm 78:4
- Pray that those who have not experienced the baptism of the Holy Ghost will earnestly seek and receive the infilling of the Holy Ghost in faith, according to God's promise.
- Pray that every backslider will hear the voice of the Lord calling them home and respond with a willing and repentant heart.

WEEK 4 (JANUARY 25-31)

TOPIC: READINESS WITHOUT RESERVATION: A CALL TO GUARD AGAINST SPIRITUAL DRIFT AND BEING ANCHORED IN LOVE

Focus: Maintaining Vigilance and Walking in Love

Daily Theme Progression:

- **Day 22:** Recognizing Spiritual Complacency
- **Day 23:** Returning to First Love
- **Day 24:** Committed to Corporate Assembly
- **Day 25:** Unity in the Body of Christ
- **Day 26:** Accountability and Speaking Truth
- **Day 27:** Wholehearted Surrender
- **Day 28:** Stirring Up Our Spiritual Gifts

Prayer Points:

- Pray that we will recognize the subtle beginnings of complacency before they take root in our hearts - Revelation 3:2-3; Proverbs 4:23
- Pray that we will return to the passion and zeal of our first love for Christ - Revelation 2:4-5; Psalm 42:1-2
- Pray that we will remain committed to assembling ourselves together for worship, encouragement, and spiritual growth - Hebrews 10:24-25
- Pray that we will be united in purpose, doctrine, and love as the body of Christ - Ephesians 4:3-6; 1 Corinthians 1:10
- Pray that we will surround ourselves with believers who will speak truth when we begin to wander - Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
- Pray that we will reject halfhearted commitment and embrace wholehearted surrender to Christ - Luke 9:23
- Pray that we will stir up spiritual gifts within us and use them fully for God's glory - 2 Timothy 1:6; 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Pray that we will be filled continually with the Holy Ghost, walking in power, wisdom, and love - Ephesians 5:18-19; Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:22-23

NOTES FOR LEADERS

General

1. The full 28-day period should involve focused prayer and fasting, with the active participation of the entire church membership.
2. Careful and thorough planning must be undertaken to ensure the objectives of the consecration period are achieved.
3. Convene a pre-consecration briefing and launch service to clearly outline and unveil all plans.

4. Prepare and distribute handouts on prayer and fasting (previous years' materials may be adapted as needed).
5. Establish a prayer and fasting schedule, and encourage members to commit by placing their names on the fasting roster.
6. Leaders should designate a venue and meet in prayer as officers at least once per week.

Fasting

1. Promote the fast as a continuous chain throughout the 28-day period. To avoid breaks in the chain, allow for overlapping fasting periods where necessary.
2. For an 18-hour fasting link, ensure that 2-4 members are assigned within each 24-hour period.
3. Encourage members who find fasting challenging to participate progressively. beginning with the sacrifice of one meal, then two, and increasing as they are able.

Prayer

1. Reinforce the expectation that each member commits to praying for at least thirty (30) minutes, twice daily.
2. Encourage members to prepare a personal prayer list, identifying individuals and situations for focused intercession.
3. Promote daily prayer in the sanctuary and, where possible, keep the sanctuary accessible during the day.
4. Encourage family prayer sessions as well as neighbourhood prayer meetings.

Bible Teaching

1. Conduct at least one Bible teaching session per week, allowing time for discussion on designated topics.
2. Ensure that each session maintains a balance between bible study and prayer.
3. Prepare and distribute handouts and teaching aids, as these will enhance learning and engagement.
4. Allocate time for questions and interaction, as audience participation can deepen understanding and interest.

Fasting and Prayer Services

1. Conduct at least one fasting and prayer service per week, and actively encourage members and neighbours to attend.
2. Conclude the consecration period with a seven (7)-hour all-night prayer meeting.
3. Hold a Post-Consecration Testimony and Praise Service on Sunday evening, February 1, 2026, or the nearest convenient date following the close of the consecration period.

FASTING SCHEDULE

To support the prayer and teaching plans outlined above, the following fasting schedule is suggested to ensure an unbroken fast from January 4 to 31, 2025. The continuity of the fast depends on the committed participation of each member as described below:

January 4-10

Each member should engage in at least one day link (6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.) and at least one evening link (6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.).

January 11-17

Each member should engage in at least two day link (6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.) and at least one evening link (6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.).

January 18-24

Each member should engage in at least two day-links (6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.) and at least two evening-links (6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.).

January 25-31

Each member should engage in at least three day-links (6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.) and at least two evening-links (6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.).

NOTE: Alternative Ways to Participate in the Fast

For members who are **unable to fast from food due to health or medical reasons**, meaningful participation is still encouraged. Scripture teaches that God honors **the heart, intention, and devotion** of His people.

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to Me with all your heart...” — **Joel 2:12**

Participants may temporarily set aside certain activities in order to devote focused time to **prayer, reflection, and seeking God**.

Suggested Alternatives & Scriptural Support

- **Taking a break from television and internet use**

“Be still, and know that I am God.” — **Psalm 46:10**

- **Stepping away from social media**

“Let us lay aside every weight... and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” — **Hebrews 12:1**

- **Limiting cell phone use and unnecessary conversations**

“Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.” — **Psalm 141:3**

- **Reducing or refraining from the use of technology altogether**

“Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” — **Mark 6:31**

Spiritual Encouragement

- God desires **obedience and sincerity**, not sacrifice without meaning (1 Samuel 15:22).
- True fasting involves **turning attention away from distractions** and toward God (Isaiah 58:6–9).
- What is given up should be **replaced with prayer, Scripture reading, and quiet reflection**.

“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” — **James 4:8**

ALL-NIGHT PRAYER MEETING – SUGGESTED OUTLINE

Theme:

“Steadfast & Ready: Working Till He Comes”

Order of Prayer & Worship

1. Opening Worship – Praise & Thanksgiving

Focus: Exalting God and acknowledging His faithfulness

Prayer Emphasis:

- Thank God for His faithfulness through every season
 - Acknowledge His sustaining grace in our lives and ministries
 - Invite the presence of the Holy Spirit to lead the gathering
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2. Personal Reflection & Confession

Focus: Repentance, recommitment, and spiritual alignment

Prayer Emphasis:

- Ask the Lord to search our hearts and reveal anything that hinders steadfast faith
 - Repent of complacency, distraction, or spiritual weariness
 - Recommit to holiness, obedience, and faithful service
 - Pray for purified hearts aligned with God’s will
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3. Intercession for the Church

Focus: Faithfulness, unity, and fruitfulness in the Body of Christ

Prayer Emphasis:

- Pray for endurance, perseverance, and commitment to God’s call among leaders and members
- Ask for wisdom, energy, and effectiveness in every ministry
- Intercede for unity, love, and spiritual maturity
- Pray that the church will remain steadfast and fruitful in both trials and seasons of ease

4. Intercession for the Nation

Focus: Righteous leadership, justice, peace, and spiritual awakening

Prayer Emphasis:

- Pray for government leaders and national policies to align with righteousness and justice
- Intercede for peace, stability, and moral clarity in the nation
- Pray for the education system, evangelism efforts, and spiritual awakening
- Ask God to raise faithful laborers for the harvest within the nation
- Pray for healing, relief, and restoration from natural disasters and crises

5. Healing & Deliverance

Focus: God's restoring and delivering power

Prayer Emphasis:

- Pray for physical healing for the sick and afflicted
- Intercede for deliverance from oppression, bondage, and strongholds
- Pray for strength and perseverance for those facing trials and temptations
- Ask God to restore broken relationships and families

6. Special Focus Intercession

Focus: Revival, restoration, and preparation for Christ's return

Prayer Emphasis:

- Pray for spiritual awakening and revival in the church
 - Intercede for the restoration of backsliders
 - Pray for youth and families to walk in faithfulness and purpose
 - Ask God to prepare hearts and lives for the return of Christ
 - Pray for lasting spiritual growth and fruitfulness across generations
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7. Thanksgiving & Testimonies

Focus: Celebrating God's works and answered prayers

Prayer Emphasis:

- Thank God for answered prayers and visible fruit
 - Share testimonies that strengthen faith and perseverance
 - Give thanks for God's guidance, provision, and sustaining grace
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8. The Upper Room Experience

Focus: Waiting on God for renewal and empowerment

Prayer Emphasis:

- Seek a fresh infilling and refilling of the Holy Ghost
 - Pray for renewed spiritual power, passion, and boldness
 - Ask God for grace to remain steadfast and diligent until Christ's return
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9. Closing & Commissioning

Focus: Commitment, readiness, and faithful service

Prayer Emphasis:

- Commit ourselves anew to God's purposes and kingdom work
 - Pray for continued endurance, faithfulness, and perseverance
 - Ask for protection, strength, and grace to remain ready and working until He comes
 - Send forth the congregation with blessing, courage, and spiritual resolve
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