

DIOCESE OF JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
St. Andrew Parish Church

REPORT FROM THE CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2009

Congregational Life

The Vision Statement of St. Andrew Parish Church is:

“A church reconciled to God, aware of its identity and healing the community through the proclamation of the Good News of the Gospel of Christ.”

The Mission Statement reads:

The mission of the St. Andrew Parish Church is to proclaim the good news and inspire the parish family to unity with God and one another by:

- Ensuring that the church establishes programmes to maintain, engage and expand membership.
- Identifying and mobilizing the human and financial resources available to the church.
- Responding to human needs as we work for the transformation of unjust structures and the preservation of the integrity of the created order.
- Presenting the Biblical tithe as the standard of Christian giving and the shaping of the programmes of ministry that express the stewardship of God’s creation.
- Immersing our members in and expanding the knowledge of Christian identity in the context of our cultural experience and obligations they impose.

In 2009 the execution of the activities of St. Andrew Parish Church continued to be very challenging.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting held on January 25, 2009, a new Church Committee was elected and commissioned February 2009. The activities of the past year were presented and areas of concern discussed.

The following are some highlights of the year under review:

Lenten Studies were led on Thursdays by special Guest Preachers under the theme *“To know, to Live, to Share the Faith - My Responsibility”*

The annual Marian Service, which is held in collaboration with Holy Cross Church, was at St. Andrew Parish Church during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

During the period March to July 11, 2009 the tenth Alpha Training Programme was held at the Church Hall.

The Fellowship Groups continued with their programme and held a retreat on March 28th at the United Theological College of the West Indies. It was conducted by: Revd. Jim Parkes, Revd. Dr. David Kuck, and Sister Phyllis Thomas. The Eucharist was celebrated by Revd. Monique Blake.

In May the Archbishop of Canterbury visited during the visit of the Anglican consultative Council to Jamaica and a Mass was held at the National Arena. The Primate of Australia, the Most Revd.

Dr. Phillip Aspinall was our guest celebrant and preacher at St. Andrew at the Cure Service on May 10.

The Lay Readers Training Programme which began in 2008 ended in June with a Graduation Service at the Church Hall.

Our involvement in the activities of the Half Way Tree Ministers Fellowship continued with participation in the mid-day Reflections on Wednesdays at noon at Webster's Memorial Church. Members of Parish Groups assisted with the Visitation Programme to our sick and shut-in members.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on October 25, the Annual Supper on November 20 and Celebration of our Patronal Festival on December 6.

There was also the lighting of the Advent Candles during the season at the 8:00a.m. Sunday services in which the members of the Sunday School participated. Advent devotions were held on Wednesday mornings.

The Annual Planning Retreat for the year was held on November 14, 2009 under the theme "A Call to Action - *Know, Live and Share the Faith – My Responsibility*".

Additionally, the following were done:

- The accomplishments of the Strategic Plan for 2008 were reviewed and discussed.
- Key objectives for 2010 were outlined. These include- To engage the congregation to further enhance our worship. To develop each member's relationship with God in Jesus Christ and each other. To create and further develop youth leadership within our Church. To examine the funding requirements for the effective ministry and operations of SAPC.

Special thanks to members of the Church Committee, who provided invaluable assistance and support for the activities during the year; the Parish Groups; other committees and the many volunteers who provided assistance often times at very short notice.

Many thanks and congratulations to Revd. Monique Campbell, our Curate, who got married in August to Revd. Garfield Campbell, Curate at St. Luke's Church, Cross Roads. She assist with visitation to the sick and shut-in members and helping in the distribution of Holy Communion; preparing adult candidates for confirmation; also the Bible Study Group and furthering the ministry of the church in the missions - St. Clement's, Kencot, and St. Thomas at St. Andrew Settlement, Majesty Gardens.

To Sister Doris Levien for her assistance on Sundays, and the time she spent with us at Bible Study on Mondays and maintaining contact with members of our church family hospitalized in the UHWI.

Special thanks to the Chalice Bearers for their assistance on Sunday mornings. To Revd. Dr. David Kuck who continues to provide valuable help in the spiritual life of our Church; especially on Sundays and with our Fellowship Group retreat, and his wife Mary, who initiated confirmation classes at St. Thomas' Mission in addition to assisting with Sunday School and other areas there.

Revd. Sean Major Campbell our guest preacher for Harvest Thanksgiving Service and to Revd. Fr. Franklyn Jackson, our guest preacher at our Patronal Festival.

All those who assisted Administratively especially on Sundays and Mondays including representatives from the Reception Committee and other individuals; members of the BSA with representatives from the Mothers' Union and the SAPC Choir. Mrs. Hyacinth Elliott for carrying out a special assignment, and Mrs. Audrey Wharfe who assists with the Church Committee Minutes. To Miss Rhena Williams and her team who manages the Tuesday Charity, and to the members of the Christian Faith Formation Committee.

Mr. Anthony Matheson who volunteered to be the Project Officer to monitor the activities of the projects. This was a suggestion emanating from the Annual Planning Retreat in 2008. Mr. Claude Campbell who continues to maintain our web site.

The Office staff:

Mrs. Merle Thomas, Operations Manager, Miss Milinda Thompson, Administrative Assistant, and Miss Latoya Dixon, Receptionist. Miss Lynnette Mightly who continued to serve on a part-time basis in order to carry out special assignments.

Mrs. Gracie Geoghagen part-time Accountant, and Desland McKenzie, who assisted in providing accounting services and also served as a member of the Finance Committee, Mrs. Lynette Allen, who assisted in the accounting area, prepared the vessels for Sunday worship and carried out other important tasks. The Property Manager - Mr. Orlando Strudwick for attending to the needs of the various properties.

The Verger, Mr. Vernon Miranda, and Miss Ann Morrison, Assistant Verger, who assisted in providing information for weddings and funerals, organizing and assisting with the Tuesday Charity, maintaining contact with our sick and shut-in members and scheduling visits for the Priests.

The Ancillary Staff:

Mr. Linton Smith, Caretaker of the Church Hall, Mr. Curtis Dixon, part-time gardener for the cottages, Mr. Everton Williams, Caretaker of the church's premises, Miss Beverley Burrell, Mrs. Charmaine Francis, Mr. Egbert Cato, Mr. Leroy Donaldson and Mr. Phillip Duff for work on the cemetery grounds and immediate environs.

We appreciate the efforts of those who provided music to enhance our regular and special services: The Organists - Mr. Paul Bicknell, Mrs. June Spence, Mrs. Jacqueline Wright-James, Miss Stephanie Williams and Mr. Donald Hossack. Also Mr. Dwight McBean who assisted in maintaining the organ.

The Choir Directors in charge of the music ministry whose contributions enriched the Sunday services and special services — Mr. Audley Davidson, Director of the SAPC Choir; Miss Yvonne Sterrett, Director of the SAPC Alleluia Choir. We were also blessed by the presence of persons from other choirs who contributed to enhancing our worship at various times during the year.

Miss June Rose and Mrs. Donna Evelyn who provided support for the junior confirmation candidates.

Special thanks to: The individuals who extended themselves by making financial contributions towards carrying out the work of the church and to those who continued to make donations to the special First Sunday Appeal Fund.

The organizations and individuals who contributed cash and kind to many other areas including the Missions, Tuesday Charity and refreshments for special occasions - Lenten Devotions, congregational meeting etc.

Congratulations to those who received National Awards and special recognition during the year. Condolences to the many parishioners who lost loved ones during the period.

We express grateful thanks to all the members of the Church who presented a thanksgiving offering for "Gift Day." Your contribution in recognition for the blessings of God's Grace during the year, has been used for His glory and the Mission of the Church. May God bless you abundantly as His sustaining presence guide and strengthen us to do His Will.

Revd. (Major) Sirrano Kitson, D. Min.
Rector

THE ALTAR GUILD 2009

Officers (election held September 26, 2009)

Chairman	- Mrs. Elesia Blackburn
Vice-Chairman	- Deferred/Vacant
Secretary	- Mrs. Elsie Aarons
Assistant Secretary	- Mrs. Hazel Bell
Treasurer	- Miss Andrea Tinker

Altar Guilds consist of persons (men/women) who are called to serve God by preparing and tending the place of worship.

The responsibilities of the Altar Guild include:

- Beautifying the church with floral arrangements
- Changing the altar linen and ensuring that the proper colour is used in accordance with the season
- Caring for and replacing the linen, when necessary
- Preparation of the Sacred Vessels
- Holding training workshops

Meetings

Meetings were held quarterly – on Saturdays in February, May, September and November - with Corporate Communion on the Sunday after.

2009 Guild activities

- Floral décor/linen preparation/care of vessels
- Workdays to clean the church – scheduled quarterly but poor participation although there is a volume of work in this regard
- Landscaping of car park – small effort on roundabout
- Linen stock – this is in need of replenishing and the request for memorial gifts from the congregation has had minimal response
- Special events – Floral décor for major Festivals; Floral décor at the National Arena for Opening Service of the Anglican Consultative Council Meeting in May; Floral décor for the Curate's wedding in August;

- Special activities – Quiet Day led by Rev. Everton Cunningham in June; Members enjoyed a day devoted to an Appleton Tour
- Fundraising –Expenditure for oasis/church flowers comes from members’ pockets. Fundraising is therefore critical but a sale of bags is in progress.
- Bookmark production – Bookmarks were produced for distribution and promotion purposes.

**REPORT FROM THE ST. ANDREW PARISH CHURCH “TUESDAY CHARITY”
COMMITTEE**

The St. Andrew Parish Church has several outreach projects through which it demonstrates in a practical way, its commitment to the society and to the welfare of those in the community which are in greatest need for material assistance and spiritual development.

The Tuesday Charity started by Sister Doris Levien in the 1980s has focused on assisting indigent persons in and around the Half Way Tree area. Through the generosity of the members of the Parish Church, we have been able to provide a meal; a package of basic food items and a contribution of \$100.00 on the first Tuesday of each month.

During the past year, an average of 80 persons who are treated, attend the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist for spiritual interaction and fellowship, and this number keeps growing.

The contribution to the Dorcas Basket has improved over the past year and the new method of reminding the congregants of their well needed donation of food items and toiletries seem to be effective.

A point made by Father Serrano is that - “Tuesday Charity is our Christian faith in action, and so as a caring church we must have convictions within the heart of our souls”.

The Committee has also taken the first step in getting as many persons as possible, registered for assistance from Jamaica Drugs for the Elderly Programme (JADEP) . A Ministry of Labour representative also addressed the group about the PATH Programme which provides financial assistance to adults and children in need .

Apart from the Church’s monthly contribution to assist with the meal and “purse” which we hope will be increased, the committee has solicited help from corporate Jamaica as the numbers are growing and the cost of living has increased. Since 2009 all efforts were made to serve a hot meal each month and this has been most appreciated by the recipients.

The committee members continue to be very committed to ensuring that the indigent persons are accommodated and served with the greatest love and compassion; and appreciation is extended to those who give and to those who diligently attend on a Tuesday morning to assist in preparing and serving these persons.

The generous contribution of cash and kind from the members of the church is greatly appreciated and we could not do it without your help. Do continue “to give and not to count the cost”. God bless you all.

REMEMBER: *“We care, we share. Bring a gift for the Dorcas Basket”*

WOMEN’S AUXILIARY ST.ANDREW PARISH CHURCH BRANCH

The goal of the Women’s Auxiliary (W.A.) is to raise funds for the Pastoral Aid Fund of the Diocese. Funds collected each year are presented to the Bishop at a Mass held on the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. The Motto of the W.A. is Worship, Work and Witness.

Our Annual General meeting was held on Feb 4 2009 and at that meeting the following were elected to serve:-

Mrs Minnette Mitchell - Chairman
Mrs Daphne Martin - Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Blossom Griffiths - Secretary
Mrs Peggy Smith - Assistant Secretary
Mrs Mildred Hutchinson - Treasurer
Mrs Elesia Blackburn - Representative to the Central Executive

Membership

Despite our efforts to attract new members, membership remained stagnant. There is concern that the membership is aging and renewed efforts are being made to attract some younger members. Membership of the branch is divided into four working groups, namely Mary, Hannah, Ruth, and Naomi and three sub-groups which deal with fundraising, entertainment and visitation (of sick and shut-in members).

Branch Activities

Meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, and meetings were held every month except August when the usual summer break was taken.

Worship

Our meetings begin with worship, and the sessions are led by our group leaders, who prepare the materials for prayer, a hymn and a short presentation.

As is customary, during the year we joined in Corporate worship on each fifth Sunday. Our annual Quiet Day was held on Saturday May 23. It began with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Michael Allen, assisted by Rev. Monique Blake-Campbell. A presentation was made by Rev. Dr. David Kuck. The Theme was The Holy Spirit.

We also participated in other worship activities organised by the Central Executive of the W.A.

(a) Bishops Day, held at the St. Mary Parish Church on January 6.

(b) A Day of Reflection held at the Church of the Conversion of St .Paul , Portmore, on April 25, conducted by the Rev. Everton Cunningham

(c) Central Executive retreat at the St Andrew Parish Church Hall on Saturday Sept. 26, conducted by Rev. Marion Sutton.

Some of our members also joined with Church Women United at a Fellowship Day on Saturday May 2.

Visitation

Our Branch has a number of sick and shut-in members and we maintained contact with them through our visitation sub-group, headed by Daphne Martin. Visits were made to those at home, those in retirement homes and in hospital. Visits were also made to other sick and shut-in members of the Church.

Obituaries

Several of our members passed away during the year.

We attended the thanksgiving services and offered support and comfort to their families. We also offered support and comfort to some of our members who lost loved ones during the year.

Fundraising

The two main fundraising events held during the year were a” fish Fry” held on April 24 and “Jamaica Nite” on October 16. Despite the challenges of the present economic climate we were able to raise some funds, although not as much as we would have liked.

Outreach Activities

Financial assistance was given to the Girl’s Home to assist in sending a representative to the summer camp at Hampton Girls’ School. Assistance was also given in raising funds for the Bishop Gibson Home for the aged. Plans are now being made for operation of the Market Stall at our Harvest Supper in November.

Other branch activities

Birthday Social

The entertainment subgroup led by Merna Dixon organised a social on July 1 in the Conference room. This was to recognise all those who celebrated birthdays during the months January to July. We were happy to have the Rector come to celebrate with us.

On July 11 members with their families and friends spent an enjoyable day at Puerto Seco Beach.

Conclusion

We are grateful for the guidance and support given us by the Clergy during the year and to the wider Church community who supported our fundraising efforts.

With God’s help we will endeavour to continue to carry out our mandate .We ask for the continued support of our sisters and brothers.

WOMEN'S WORKING COMMITTEE

Review of activities undertaken during 2009

The Women's Working Committee (WWC) continues to play its part to fulfill the mission of the St. Andrew Parish Church

We wish to acknowledge the support given, by the members, to the Executive Committee, *namely*

Mrs. Veta Bullock	Chairman
Mrs. Beverley Lawrence	Vice Chairman
Mrs. Idell Grant	Treasurer (<i>Deceased</i>)
Mrs. Joy Clarke	Secretary
Mrs. Fabia Davis	Asst. Secretary
Mrs. Ethel Thomas	Public Relations
Ms. Kirby Clarke	Scholarship Sub-Committee.

We also acknowledge the strong support of the Spouses who, by their actions continue to endorse the achievements of the WWC.

During the period under review two new members were enrolled and we note with regret the passing of three of our members - Mrs. Idell Grant, Treasurer, Mrs. Norma Soas and George Bullock.

Having successfully launched the ROSE LYNCH SCHOLARSHIP we continue to build the Scholarship Fund in order to ensure the sustainability of the programme. We are now in the process of awarding a new Scholarship. Our focus this year is in the field of Church Music, primarily *the* Keyboard/Piano. A three year scholarship is being offered, and application forms are available for interested Students from the St. Andrew Parish church family.

Through our fundraising and membership dues, we are able to sustain the various activities undertaken. These include but not limited to providing financial and housekeeping support in areas such as the - Annual Congregational Meeting, Tuesday Charity, Sunday School Rally, Servers' Guild, Harvest Supper and where called upon for participation from time to time.

We continue to visit Shut-in members assigned to our group; we maintain Christian Fellowship by participating as a Group, in the Holy Eucharist on third Sundays, and pursue our business objectives in bi-monthly meetings.

FACT SHEET

WOMEN'S WORKING COMMITTEE (WWC)

Mission Statement

To fulfill the mission of the St. Andrew Parish Church. Our motto - *Look, see & act* as we are able, enables us to "respond to human needs as we work for the transformation . . ." (*excerpt from Mission Statement*)

Date of establishment

May 24, 1973, By the late Mrs. Rose Lynch

Source of funding, Cost of operation, Actual operating costs, How managed

The Committee is funded through Fund raising activities undertaken from time to time, and from dues and contributions from its members.

This year July, we successfully staged a Brunch at the Church hall, and wish to say thanks to the Church family and friends for their usual support.

The Treasurer manages the funds, and invests in profitable investment instruments, and disburses for the various commitments (Rector's Discretionary fund, Scholarships, Charities and organizational Meetings, etc.), as sanctioned by the committee.

Significant achievements

Maintain funds for the Rector's Discretionary fund

Sustain the Scholarship Programme

Provide snacks for the Rector, other Clergy and Church staff on Sunday Mornings (*Sunday Snacks*)

Finance and coordinate arrangements for the refreshments served at the Annual Congregational Meeting

Assist with gowns for the Servers' Guild.

Financial assistance to charities and organizational meetings etc. upon request.

The MOTHERS' UNION REPORT for 2009

Introduction:

- The Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Jamaica is a part of the world-wide Mothers Union of the Anglican Communion.

Aim & Purpose:

- The aim of the Mothers' Union is to advance the Christian faith with special emphasis on marriage and family life.
- The purpose of the Mothers' Union in Jamaica therefore is to be involved in and concerned with everything which will contribute to building and preserving Christian marriages and Christian family life.

Meetings:

- The group continues to meet on the last Tuesday of each month with fellowships and business sessions.

Activities:

- Attendance at Annual general meeting, Deanery and Regional meetings

- Include attending World Day of Prayer, visit to Trinity Moravian Church, visit to Wortley Home.
- This year we hope to visit other churches

Fundraising:

- Take out lunch in September
- Ingiving in September
- Bring and buy sale in October where members participate by (bringing and buying same in return)
- Stall at the Annual Church Supper
- Quiet Day:
Where members meet for Eucharist and a day of fellowship with the rector or any other clergy
- Visit:
Sick and Shut in members are visited and prayed for
- Fun Day:
This would take place at a resort or beach

Baptism:

- Members continue to attend baptismal interviews and services, but were not able to keep in touch by cards and calls as we would have liked to.
- Social:
Members were honoured at the Annual Christmas Social for long and outstanding services (25years of service to 37years)

Membership:

Is open to all who:-

- (1) Have been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity
- (2) Declare their support for the aim and objects of the society
- (3) Do not have to be old or married
- (4) Looking for people of all ages

Although we have loss two of our members by death the year was a good one. God has blessed us in so many ways and I do hope that with God's help we will be as vibrant as ever in the coming year.

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT (SUMMARY) FOR THE YEAR 2009

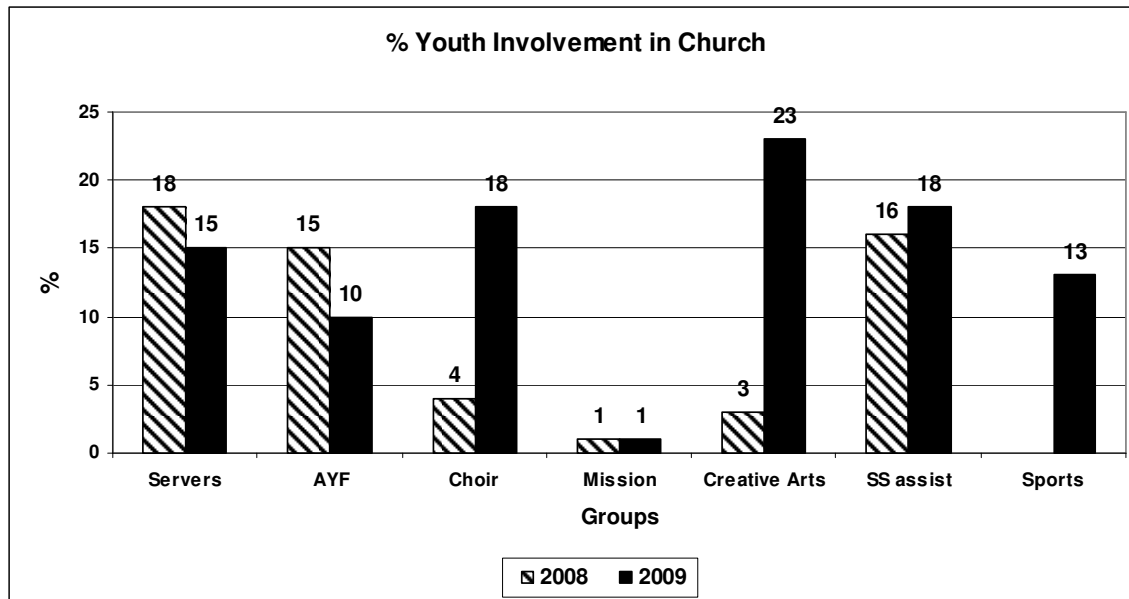
The Youth Committee comprises of representatives from the following youth groups/organizations within the church:

- Anglican Youth Fellowship (AYF)

- Sunday School
- Youth Choir
- Servers Guild
- Young Adults
- St. Clements youth group
- Little Brothers of St Andrews.

The Youth Committee functions as a support arm to the various youth organizations within the church. The committee also worked directly with the Education and Youth Department by informing and sourcing support for the groups to take part in Diocesan events.

Some rough data as % of involvement by our youths (6 – 18yrs) are listed below:



*The average numbers of youths (counted through SS) declined by 1 point from 79 in '08 to 78 in '09

2009 was an activity filled year for the committee. Though the numbers of youths fell (marginally) over the year*, the activities increased. We saw a dramatic increase in youths involved in activities this year (98%) over 2008 figs. (57%). This was greatly due to the growth of the Alleluia Choir, Creative Arts (dance and drama) and with the help of the Young Adults group, initiating the netball group recruitment. Missions remained the same and Sunday school assistance a slight increase.

Youth activities through the Youth fellowship and Servers Guild faced a lot of obstacles this year (declined by 5 and 3% respectively). Despite these challenges the groups were able to achieve some of their planned programmes. We were extremely proud of the increase involvement from the Girls' Home, those youths who preached at the youth services and new faces from the Sunday school getting involved in the many youth activities planned.

Some achievements and support given for 2009:

- Youth Services throughout the year
- Support growth of the Alleluia Choir
- Worked with the CFFC in staging 'The Trendy Anglican' youth seminar
- Diocesan and Provincial Youth Rally, Montego Bay, July

- Moyen Campbell as St. Andrew Deanery youth representative to the Provincial Youth Gathering, Starfish Resort, July
- Supported the Diocesan Summer camps as Councilors
- Facilitate youths to Happening Spiritual Retreat in September
- Support to Sunday school, bible quiz team
- Support Young Adults in formation of Netball training

Although a budget was submitted to the finance committee, most activities were primarily funded by individuals and organizations within the church family. We thank especially the parents and church members for their support patience and participation.

The many challenges faced in 2009 were to us, opportunities to rethink and refocus our ministry to the young people. However, we give God thanks for the year and look forward to bigger and better things in 2009!

Thanks team.

THE SERVERS' GUILD

Mission Statement:

The Servers' Guild functions to serve God by:

- Aid in maintaining efficiency and smooth running of church services.
- Assisting clergy at Eucharist services and at special services such as funerals, weddings and ordinations.
- Working alongside other church groups to enhance our congregation's worship experience by allowing them to "Offer to God a service of praise and glory along with appropriate beauty and pageantry".
- Being leaders among the youths of our church, joining in other youth related activities and inviting others to join the Guild, thereby promoting understanding, use of, and pride in our Anglican heritage.

Cost of Operation & Source of Funding: No real operation costs. Material and sewing of vestments acquired through donation by Mrs. Marie Isaacs (who recently informed us she can no longer manage to make the vestments, after over 20 plus years of making the Servers' Guilds vestments) - and the Women's Working Committee. In the new church year, the guild will resume collection of monthly dues to cover incidental costs. We would just like to say on behalf of all servers' past and present to say a big thanks to Mrs. Isaacs for all her years of making us look good every Sunday.

Management: The guild is led by the chief server, appointed by the Rector in November 2009 after the resignation of Minke Newman in December 2008. The chief server is guided by the Rector and Curate. His responsibilities include organizing and coordinating the guild activities, creating the monthly duty roster, the training of new members, and acting as the guild representative to the Youth Committee. The Guild's Executive is currently in a restructuring process as some of the members have gone away to school.

Membership: The Servers Guild is currently in the recruiting process. The number of active senior servers declined over the course of the year. One of our valuable members went away to school this September – Kurt Strudwick. Kurt Strudwick is one of the members of the Guild's Executive. Minke Newman resigned in December 2008 as Head Server a position she held for six years; she also created a training syllabus which is still used. We thank her for her years of service to the Servers' Guild.

Challenges in 2009: The major challenges for 2009 were:

- Decline in membership of active senior servers
- Lack of adherence (by members) to the duty roster. Poor attendance and punctuality continue to be Problems for this group.
- Lack of funds. There was little to no collection of dues from members in 2009.

Activities in 2009: Activities which the servers took part in aside from their regular participation in Sunday worship, and in training, rehearsals and Bible study at their Saturday guild meetings, included participation in:

- AYF Annual General Meeting held at the Church Hall in January.
- Daily Mass for House of Bishop's Meeting held at Bishop's Lodge for the Bishop's in Province of the West Indies in April.
- Anglican Consultative Council (ACC 14) opening Service held at the National Arena in May.
- Diocesan Youth Rally at Montego Bay Community College, Montego Bay in July.
- Harvest Festival service at St. Thomas Mission, Majesty Gardens in November.
- Patronal Festival service at St. Clements Mission, Kencot in November.

Goals for 2010: Important goals for 2010 include:

- To increase guild membership
- To improve general attendance and punctuality for church services and guild meetings
- To improve the bimonthly servers meetings and bible studies, and to incorporate more social and spiritual group activities
- To increase guild participation in the church's youth related activities
- To resume the collection of dues from guild members
- To create a Servers Guild bank account for the management of guild funds

We would like to thank the parents who continue to take their children to meetings and to the various activities that we participate in.

ST. ANDREW PARISH CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Mission

The Sunday School is committed to the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This commitment will be fostered using available communication media to engage, encourage and challenge each individual to develop a personal, loving relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ the Saviour so that, filled with the Holy Spirit they may be enabled to live out their faith in community.

Introduction

Sunday School is operated during the 8.00am Service, except on 3rd Sundays when students are encouraged to attend the 8.00am Youth Service.

There is a Nursery for children under 3 years old.

Numbers were fairly consistent with a high of 100 consisting of 40 boys and 60 girls and a low of 56 (slightly better than 2008). Average attendance for boys = 36 and for girls = 42 with the overall average attendance being 78. At present there are 38 members of staff, including 3 trainees.

Superintendent – Joyce P. James

Nursery Supervisor – Joyce Brown

SS Supervisor – Fay Duncan

Assistant – Trevor Blake

Chief Librarian – Pauline Green

Secretary – Carole Willis

Treasurer – Hazel Thomas

Student Activities

Our team placed 2nd in the Area Council Bible Quiz in February and also received the Trophy for "The Most Disciplined Team". In the St. Andrew Deanery Sunday School Bible Reading Competition held in October we entered all 4 Categories and placed 1st in Category 1A, and 2nd in Category 3. Confirmation candidates were prayed for and presented with New Revised Standard Bibles before their Confirmation on May 31.

The students made Palm Crosses for the Church and its missions. In May, Sunday School Month, Prize Giving was held, and there was a display of work done by the students. **Sunday School Boy** of the year was shared by **Pierce Smith and Matthew Tomlinson** and **Sunday School Girl** of the year was **Dayna Nelson**. The **Eric Morrison Shield for Excellence**, in memory of our former verger, was shared by **Dayna Nelson and Don Romario Watson**. The **Ann Cooke Memorial Trophy** which is presented to a student or group of students that shows qualities of Integrity, Initiative and Industry, went to the **Abigail Smith**. A very special feature of this year's Prize Giving was that the prizes as well as trophies were presented at the 7.30am Youth Eucharist on May 17.

Diocesan Children's Sunday was celebrated on Sunday, May 3, at the 7.30am service. On Sunday, May 17, a number of our students attended the Annual Sunday School Festival and March of Witness at the Church of the Ascension.

On the second Saturday in July, we had our Sunday School Fun Day at the Church Hall.

In October the senior classes (JHA – HS) started rejoining the service at the Peace in order to participate in the Eucharistic Prayer. They then process with the rest of the Sunday School for Communion/Blessing and return to Sunday School for notices etc.

A play "The Christmas Star" was presented at the 8.00am Service on December 20. Following that we went to St. Thomas Mission and presented the play there as well.

Staff Activities

We started the year with a delightful Staff Christmas Social at the Rectory.

Staff skills continue to be upgraded with Retreats, Work Shops and Seminars.

The Department of Education and Youth of the Diocese held a Deanery workshop in February at the Church of the Ascension, Mona Heights on Christian Parenting led by Fr. Robert McLean, and

a Regional Sunday School Conference at St. Jude's Church, Stony Hill in May. We had representatives at both events.

Dr. Jean Lee led our Retreat in September, addressing the topic, "Managing Change – a Christian Perspective". This topic was selected because of the many changes being proposed that would affect the Sunday School.

Staff Movements

The following members of staff were commissioned at the Youth Service in May – Alicia Chambers, Nigel Elliott, Shamoy Lynn and Monique McIntosh.

Our Chief Steward Miss Janice Thomas went to Barbados to study Law. Kurt Strudwick also went overseas to study. Mrs. Barbara Harrison asked to be relieved of regular duties. Our Chief Librarian, Mrs. Pauline Green was very ill for many months (we are happy to report that she is much better). Thanks to Mrs. Gail Lue Lim who has kept the Library functioning.

Physical Structure and Equipment

We thank the "Friends of the Sunday Schools" for the many ways in which they have assisted us. This year that included the provision of 4 white boards and 40 Children's Prayer Books. Our PA system was stolen over the August break and the "Friends" have promised to assist us in purchasing new equipment if we can establish a secure area to store it.

Projection for 2010

To continue to encourage students to get more involved with the extracurricular activities of the Sunday School including Bible Reading, Plays, the Bible Quiz and the Sunday School Choir and to attend regularly.

Continued efforts to have more students use the Library more regularly.

Resources

We depend on the "Friends of the Sunday Schools" to continue supporting us as they have in the past with our recurrent expenditure and when they raise enough funds, to provide the capital equipment that we need.

With regard to greater involvement of the students, we have to depend heavily on parents' interest and encouragement as well as the students wanting to be involved.

FRIENDS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

1. Our achievements during 2009:

We successfully carried out three fundraising events. One fundraiser was the sale of Christmas cakes and puddings. The second, a concert entitled "Panorama of Music". The third source of funds for the Friends is a combination of our membership drive/coin collection/interest on deposits/contributions from Friends.

The Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday Schools is the primary financial supporter of the three Sunday Schools. Based on the funds raised and the dedicated efforts of the members of the Friends of the Sunday Schools we were able to provide the Sunday Schools with the following:

Purchase of 60 Children Liturgies for all three Sunday Schools.
We also financed a number of activities including:

Bible quiz, Prize giving, Annual Outing, stationery and supplies, staff retreat, performance outfits, purchased bibles, youth committee camp, among other efforts.

2. Our plans for 2010:

For 2010 we will do it all again, and with God's help we will be even more successful. This will include our annual **Christmas cake and pudding sale** for the last two months of the calendar year. Additionally, at our annual PTA Social on November 1, 2009, we received more names and contact information from the congregation where we hope to increase our membership. In January 2010 we will re-launch our in church **coin collection drive**. In May/June 2010 we will once again **host a concert** at the St. Andrew Parish Church Hall.

An important feature of our **quarterly general meetings** is that representatives of the three Sunday Schools (St. Andrew, St. Clements and St. Thomas) report on their requirements for support. Whether these requirements are material (teaching aids), financial (attending camps), or spiritual (prayers, visits to the Sunday Schools).

These reports combined with our financial capacity and determination to support the Sunday Schools will allow us to continue providing the children of the Sunday Schools with Christian, social, academic and emotional development.

3. Resources we will require to carry out these activities:

For us to achieve our goals we need the prayers and support of the congregation of St. Andrew Parish Church. Additionally we require the continued endorsement of the Rector of St. Andrew Parish Church. Finally and most importantly we need the continued blessings of God.

This will allow the Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday Schools to proclaim the Good News and inspire the parish family to unity with God and one another.

ST. ANDREW PARISH CHURCH YOUNG ADULTS 2009 – Report on Activities

OUR MISSION

To proclaim the Good News and inspire each other to unity with God and each other by: -

Supporting and encouraging each other in our walk with God

Strengthening the relationship with God and each other

Creating a resource pool of individuals to support the work of the Church

Fostering in members an enthusiasm to share the Gospel and serve the community.

Carrying forward and support the work of the church in outreach programmes

Creating an environment where we can engage freely in the exploration of our faith in a productive atmosphere.

Where possible, ministering to the whole need of people; physical, spiritual, social, emotional, and professional.

Consistent participation remained one of the main challenges faced in this year; however, some successes were achieved and we were able to fulfil elements of our mission. The challenge remains to extend our reach to more of the young adult population within the church. Monthly First Friday Meetings were introduced and continue. This has experienced a lull currently as participants began to have clashing engagements. There was the use of interim committees to plan the activities of the group in the 2007/8 period. The group focused on increasing our knowledge of our faith and outreach activities. Activities of the group for the year included the following:

Outreach:

- the monthly grocery basket to the children of Marcia has been continued and extended to her children following her death.

Members participated in:

- Youth Services
- Family Eucharist Readings
- Lay Readers Programme

Sports Ministry

- Members have initiated and conduct a netball programme that includes Young Adults, Girls Home and AYP members.

The focus of the Young Adult group of 2009 continued to be on developing the individual Christian confidence of group members and strengthening the relationships among them, so the group becomes a strong support system for its members and the church community. We will continue to use e-mail and contact listings to keep the group informed and connected as we work to achieve these goals.

Meeting Times

- Monthly Fellowship Lymes (First Fridays at 6pm)
- Seminars on various topics (as necessary)

CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE (CFFC)

Review of the year 2009 showed the following as being among the more significant things accomplished on the Church's programmes and activities promoted, planned, supported or monitored by the Christian Faith Formation Committee.

1. The **Alpha Course**, a basic Christian education programme, was again successfully conducted.

2. Fifteen persons from the Church graduated from the **Lay Readers Training Programme**. The 14 members who acceded to the Rector's recommendation have been licensed by the Bishop as **Parochial Lay Readers**. Two-monthly training sessions are held for continuing education and development of the group.
3. The Total Sunday School sessions, '**Living the Faith**', continued during the year on fifth Sundays. A common appeal was for greater frequency and more appropriate placement within the services.
4. Under the Discipleship & Stewardship programme, a three-day pre-Lenten '**Discipleship Mission**', leading into the Ash Wednesday meditations, was held with reasonably good attendance.
5. The annual Thursday evening **Lenten Devotions** focused on the theme 'To Know, to Live and to Share the Faith'. The services were led largely by members of the Church Committee.
6. A Youth Committee-sponsored panel discussion geared towards the young people, titled '**The Trendy Anglican**', presented the dynamic aspects of doctrine and church practice in the Anglican faith in the Diocese and Province.
7. A **Music Ministry Team** was formed, which has moved to review the current state and future prospects for that ministry in the Church, and to plan the development of this aspect of Church life. A Music Ministry Workshop and a recruitment initiative are planned for early in 2010 towards strengthening the choirs and the range and variety of musical offerings.
8. A **Young Adults Seminar** was held under the theme '**Lead and Learn – Getting ready for Mission**' as part of the preparation of young persons to take on greater leadership roles.
9. A **Mid-Year Congregational Meeting** was inaugurated, which focused on matters of spiritual life and faith in the Church. This was well attended and elicited keen participation in discussion on critical issues, many of which have been fed into the Church's strategic plan.
10. Under the lay leadership development programme two seminars were held for the management teams of the outreach projects and parish organisations. These have been followed up by the formation of a standing **Outreach Leadership Team** which is now planning medium term strategies for strengthening management and capacity of the projects.
11. The development of a **Membership Data Bank** continued, with data from some 600 membership forms being entered into the data base. This is still far from the total membership of the church, and a higher level of response is needed. However, the information so far garnered has been helpful in identifying skills, and in guiding the member contact initiative being undertaken by the Reception Committee.
12. The CFFC led the monitoring of the implementation of the **Strategic Operation Plan**, using the experience to help design the Annual Parish Planning Retreat for 2009, with the expectation that there will be more focused efforts from parishioners during the new year to achieve the objectives identified.

The CFFC is grateful to the committed persons who have assisted and supported its programme of work in 2009, wishing that many more will become engaged in 2010.

THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE

The Reception Committee was formed twenty-one years ago and continues to assist worshippers to prepare for a spiritually fulfilling worship.

We have three groups who work on a rotating basis by preparing the elements and offering bags and selecting persons to take these to the altar. The members are responsible for monitoring the entrances, welcoming visitors and ensuring that they are comfortably seated.

Worship material such as prayer books, hymn books and other relevant material for use during the service is provided by the Reception Committee. We prepare St. Nicholas Chapel for the administration of Holy Communion and guide the Priest to persons who are unable to go to the Altar or Chapel for communion. In addition we light the candles in the St. Nicholas chapel and count members who are taking the communion.

We guide and assist the Sunday School children and teachers to receive blessing and communion at the Altar and for a safe return to their classrooms.

We continue to provide name tags for fifth Sundays, give out visitor's cards on relevant information on the history of the Church. We also continue to inform the newly confirmed and new members of the history and ministry of the Church. In addition they are introduced to the work of the Parish organisations and outreach programmes.

The Anglican Consultative Meeting (ACC-14) was held in Kingston from May 1 – 13, 2009. The Opening Eucharist of the ACC on May 3, 2009 was hosted at the National Arena in Kingston by the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and the Province of the West Indies. Along with members from different churches, the majority of the members of the reception committee were at the Arena for rehearsal on the Saturday prior to the Service and again on the Sunday attending to the needs of the congregation. Many of the members were marshalls and had the responsibility of ensuring that the needs of the entire congregation were met. In addition to ushering, we assisted in taking up and counting of collection and guiding the ministers to the communion stations.

The Reception Committee has been charged with the responsibility of assisting with the updating of the church membership register. Members have been going to the church on Saturdays to verify the information of persons on the current list. We have purged the register of the names of the deceased and are continuing to garner relevant data.

HOME FOR GIRLS ANNUAL REPORT 2009

INTRODUCTION

In a year that was extraordinarily and socially challenging for our nation Jamaica, The St. Andrew Parish Church Home for Girls (SAPCHG) with continued blessings, successfully navigated the difficulties and made significant strides in achieving some of the goals established during its October 2008 Strategic Planning Retreat which laid the plan for period 2009 - 2014. This strategic plan is aligned to the central Church Plan and is infused by the commitment of the Management Committee of the home and all other stakeholders who assist with this outreach programme of the Church. This strategic plan is underpinned by the Vision, Mission and the Core Values of the SAPCHG.

Our Vision

“A place where residents will become self-sufficient, independent citizens making their own unique contribution to society”.

Our Mission

“To provide a nurturing environment through Christian-based programmes that will facilitate the spiritual, educational and social development of the residents of the home so that they can become functional and productive members of society”.

Our Core Values

- We believe that every child is unique and special and has worth
- We believe that every child has the capacity to develop to her full potential and should be given every opportunity to achieve this
- We believe we must develop good character and
- To encourage girls to establish goals and objectives that can be achieved through hard work and discipline
- We believe that every child should be encouraged to develop spiritually in the Christian faith
- We believe that high standards of behaviour appropriate to becoming good citizens be instilled in the girls of the home
- We believe that members of the Church should assist the committee in achieving the mission of the home.

Highlights of the period listed hereunder:

1. RESIDENTS

The current complement is 15.

We experienced the usual cycles of pride and challenges with the residents. The positive experience prepared us to deal with the challenging times. Very interesting experiences, included accompanying wards to Court to ensure return to our Home rather than being sent to a ‘Place of Safety’

- Interpersonal relationships between the girls remain challenging and is sometimes **hostile**
- At times, the conduct is debilitating
- One girl absconded after committing a serious breach. The necessary protocol was followed

Spiritual Nurturing and Integration

While there is improvement much more needs to be done. However, the integration of the residents in Church activities is encouraging and included the following:

- Allelula Choir
- Many prizes for Sunday School

- Scripture reading
- Sponsored residential camp- Hampton High School
- Moreton Park- Labour Day Activities and Christmas concert

Education

There was continued effort to provide the remedial support for most Residents. However, it is a challenging area:

- Some residents above average and are doing well
- Others remain at non-mastery level
- Remedial programme continues
- Placement includes St. Hugh's High, Holy Childhood, Norman Manley High, Tarrant High, Swallowfield High and St. Andrew High School.

Some residents were disappointed at their examination results, but there is a commitment to work harder. All the residents have been settled in schools and seem very eager. One resident with ambition to become an attorney was not able to matriculate to the chosen institution. However, with much effort and support from the **Douglas Fflokcs Scholarship fund** she is now attending a para-legal school, which could be the first step in achieving her dreams.

a. Remedial Reading – Computer Assisted Learning

The Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ) is facilitating this project at a cost of \$1.5 million. The programme is currently being implemented. All have been assessed using the appropriate diagnostic test, which have placed them in appropriate groups with the relevant intervention. This programme has been going well.

- The Learning Centre is now equipped with 5 new computers, printer with copier, fax and scanner.

Personal and Social Development

These programmes have significantly reduced the social deficits that affected the girls. It is now evident that self-esteem is being heightened which indicates that they believe that they 'CAN DO IT'. There is much support from several agencies through individual intervention and group workshops. They have benefited from:

- Many self development workshops organized by the Church's Outreach Programme
- Behaviour Management Intervention Programme carried out by personnel from the University of the West Indies
- The established linkages with several agencies providing therapeutic support – support continues to be beneficial to those residents needing that kind of intervention
- A Seminar on "Beautiful Me" organized by Valrie Magnus highlighting the importance of good grooming Self Department and Development of Self was enjoyed by all. It was on all day seminar which included live demonstrations with lunch provided
- Mentoring programme was reactivated and currently has five (5) members

Additional Activities 2009

Summer

- The girls had a fun filled summer; there were many sponsors for day trips, Day Camp/Residential Camps. One resident copped the prize as the most outstanding camper of the YMCA.

Christmas

- The year ended with a Christmas party where the residents entertained supporters and friends with their creative talents, organized by our own event planner, Valerie Magnus.

2. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee continues to be diligent in exercising its responsibilities and leadership of the Home.

- The Committee dealt only with urgent matters within its capabilities
- Continued to recognize the ‘rolling agenda’ of outstanding matters.
- Fundraising
 - The annual benefit performance of NDTC was held. Returns were not as anticipated
 - Committee members, in addition to time, continue to give financial support to the programmes of the Home

The Management Committee comprises:

Grace Duncan, Chairperson	Owen Street, Treasurer	Louise Wilson, Hon. Secretary	Joyce Brown, Education Co-ordinator
Robert McCook	Valerie Magnus, Fundraising Co-ordinator	Kirby Clarke, Mentoring	Shirley Lee
Gay Mitchell	Phyll Williams	Norman Davis	Fabian Young
Katherine Williamson			

3. PARTNERSHIP WITH CHILD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CDA)

- The licensing requirement of the Home by CDA is 90% complete. The other areas remain to be attended to, including kitchen and bathrooms.
- The Chairman and Superintendent attended an all island meeting called by the **Prime Minister**, to discuss the status and challenges of residential institutions. This was an engaging exercise.

4. PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Several areas received attention during the year and these helped to improve the overall condition of the home.

- The Jamaica Diaspora U.K. funded the repairs to the roof and dormitories. **This resulted in each dorm now having its own privacy**, thereby improving the morale of the residents.
- The Church provided a grant of \$330,000.00, which assisted in the interim repairs to the flooding challenges.

5. LANDSCAPING

- The grounds are now landscaped
- A lawn was established with outdoor benches
- The vegetable garden produce included cauliflower, cabbage, corn etc.
- The girls were on integral part of this and continue to be involved through a monthly incentive which was introduced to maintain the garden.

- All these improvements added greatly to the ambience of the area and created a homely atmosphere.

6. ISSUES AND CHALLENGES FOR 2010

- Structured programme for spiritual growth of the Residents
- The need for a Transition Programme to reflect a care plan for each resident and more importantly to establish a family link in order to plan for a smooth transition from the Home
- Expansion and improvement of the Remedial Education Programmes
- Expansion and improvement of the Personal and Social Development programme for each resident to include character building and preparation for social integration
- Urgent need to address physical infrastructure including:
 - The drainage problem
 - Kitchen
 - Sanitation
 - Myriad infrastructural weaknesses not attended to over the years
- To establish and furnish the ‘reward room’ aimed at reinforcing good behaviour
- A sustained fundraising effort
- Establishment of a skills training programme to include baking, and other skills aimed at creating more opportunities for the Residents to be fully independent when they leave
- Re-establishment of structured programmes aimed at teaching values and attitudes, care and protection of property and appreciation of the opportunities being presented to make a difference in their lives
- Recruit and train additional 10 Mentors

The above list is daunting, but to finance the activities it is intended to pursue all possible sources for grants, direct purchases and services.

CONCLUSION

We are extremely encouraged by the tremendous support received, financially as well as in kind, whether it be technical expertise, social intervention or just peoples’ time and care which they have shared generously. We are also heartened by the continued support from the Jamaican Diaspora, U.K.

For going beyond the call of duty, as members of the Management Committee, in mobilizing resources to improve the Home, we say very special thanks to **Robert** for sponsoring several initiatives including the Christmas party and well-needed furniture for the living and dining room areas. To **Joyce Brown**, who continues to knock on every school door to ensure school placement for the residents and continues to track their school progress, we say many thanks!

Special thanks also to:

- Mr. Strudwick who continues to be our constant maintenance consultant
- Christian Faith Formation Committee for organizing seminars on personal development
- Dr. Nigel and the Youth Committee for always including us
- The Mothers Union
- Many individuals for financial assistance and direct purchases
- Our Mentors

- Sandals Foundation (fridge)
- The many other Clubs, companies and other stakeholders who continue to support us throughout the year
- Ms. Gilfillian, Superintendent of the Home
- As well as the hardworking and committed support staff of the Home

To **Father Kitson**, we say many thanks for your intervention on a needs basis, and most importantly, for personally re-assuring the residents recently that indeed you are their “father”.

This year would not have been possible without the combined effort, faith, energy and support of all our supporters. In 2010, we intend to host an Open Day which will enable Church Members to be more aware of the caring, nurturing environment of the Home as well as the needs.

As Chair, I wish to say heartfelt thanks to the Management Committee Members for their diligent effort over the year. I know we all stand ready for 2010 to lay the next phase of the foundation of the 2009 – 2014 Strategic Plan for this critical outreach programme of the St. Andrew Parish Church.

As always with God’s blessings, assistance of the Church and our many supporters, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of these girls.

THE SAINT ANDREW SETTLEMENT MAJESTY GARDENS
Report for the year 2009

Members of the Managing Committee

Rev. Major Sirrano Kitson	Rector
Douglas Folkes	Chairman
Greta Bogues	Vice Chairman
Elesia Blackburn	Secretary
Desland McKenzie	Treasurer
Beverly E. Lawrence	Chairman, Majesty Gardens Basic School
Wayne Bernard	Majesty Gardens Community Based Organization
John Levy	
Marie Thompson	
Janet Shaw	
Peter Morais	
William Reeson	
Phillip Clarke	
Rev. Monique Campbell	Curate
Joscelyn A. Chambers	Executive Director

Introduction

We are pleased to present this report on the work of the St. Andrew Settlement for the year ending December 31st 2009. The Settlement continues to provide social services to the community of Majesty Gardens and surrounding areas.

Administration

The Settlement continues to face financial challenges in maintaining its operations especially in this recession and the economic climate in which we have to operate. Our staff compliment remains at

fourteen, and in spite of the many challenges we were able to maintain our services to the community. Funding was received from The People’s Republic of China to do much needed repairs to the complex, with emphasis on the Basic School.

Governance – Managing Committee

During the period under review the managing committee held eleven monthly meetings which primarily addressed the management and activities of the St. Andrew Settlement. We were strengthened by three new committee members, Desland McKenzie- Treasurer, William Reeson and Phillip Clarke. At these meetings reports were presented by the Executive Director, the Treasurer and Chairpersons of the sub-committees.

St. Thomas’ Mission House

Weekly church services and Sunday school continued, with Eucharist being celebrated twice per month. Bible studies are conducted by Rev. Monique Campbell on Monday nights. The Sunday school has experienced much growth since it has begun its morning Sunday school. This is coordinated by Mr. Heron Wright and his faithful band of teachers. Nine children were baptized during the period.

Medical Clinic

The clinic was refurbished internally by a grant from the People’s Republic of China. Ministry of Health continues to provide assistance with pharmaceuticals, a mid wife, a community health worker and a registration clerk. The rest of the staff includes a practical nurse and an ancillary worker paid by the Settlement. We remain grateful to our volunteer doctors from the St. Andrew Parish Church, Dr. Lucien Jones, Dr. John Soas, Dr. Jacinth Wright and Dr. Paul Wright, for their weekly visits to the clinic.

The following clinics were held during the year:

Family Planning	855	increased by	25 %	over 2008
Post Natal	74	decreased by	31 %	“
Anti Natal	322	increased by	9 %	“
Child Health Clinic	613	decreased by	6%	“
Doctor’s visit	1200	increased by	25%	“
Dressing	263	decreased by	11%	“
Community Visits		increased		

The clinic has shown an increase in attendance over 2008. There was an increase in the doctor’s visit despite the offer by the government of free health care which saw many persons having to wait long at the hospitals. Supplies of pharmaceuticals were increased in the latter part of the year and several seminars were held with the patients at the clinic while they waited to see the doctor.

Majesty Gardens Basic School

The school has on roll 90 students, 48 boys and 42 girls with an average daily attendance of 80 students. The staff consists of the principal, four teachers, one cook and one ancillary worker. The principal recently graduated from Shortwood Teacher’s College and is paid by the Ministry of Education. The other four teachers are registered in Teacher’s College to pursue higher studies in Early Childhood Education. The collection of school fees remains very challenging and we have

been seeking sponsorship for needy children. Parents continue to pay short on the fees especially during a short week that is, a week where a holiday will fall. PTA meetings are held once a month but the attendance is usually very poor. The education officer works closely with the school and coordinates monthly workshops.

Senior Daycare Centre

The year started with 55 seniors on roll with a daily attendance of 25. During the year three members passed away and there 17 shut- ins whom we visit regularly. The year had many challenges but despite all of these, we were able to accomplish most of what was planned. Some of our seniors lost family members and some were affected by the numerous fires in the community caused by illegal connections to electricity. We continue to give them our support and financial aid where possible. This year our breakfast program was boosted by Junior Chamber International – Kingston, who donated one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) over 10 months in kind. We continue to receive lunch from the National Council for Senior Citizens and food packages are given on holidays. Persons were enrolled in the PATH, NHF, JADEP and Poor Relief Programs. Seniors also attended workshops in media training and disaster preparation; seminars were also conducted by Help Age International. The seniors participated in art and craft competition held by the National Council and received certificates and awards. During the year treats were conducted by the Kiwanis Clubs, the Rotary Clubs and Grace Kennedy and Staff Foundation.

The Library

The Majesty Gardens Branch Library is affiliated to the Kingston and St. Andrew Parish Library which provides service to the community and its environs. The library acquired two computers and printers as well as internet services which increased the usage of the library. We registered an average of 275 youngsters per quarter using the computers. Over one thousand reference books were consulted during the year and 374 books were loan to readers, mostly juniors. The main problems continue to be delinquent readers and the collection of overdue books. The library also conducts sewing and art and craft sessions for the children. Because of the demand for the use of the computers the librarian instituted a program where the children and young adult must read a chapter of a book and relate in their own words what they have read before being able to use the computer. For the most part, the use of the computer includes internet services, facebook, games, YouTube and twitter.

Youth Development

The Majesty Magic program continues on Mondays with over 60 children, assistance from mentors comes from the St. Andrew Parish Church. The children also participate in the Diocesan Summer Camp and Youth Rally. Capital and Credit Merchant Bank continues to sponsor five children in high school and one at University. Grace Kennedy and Staff Foundation still sponsors the after school homework classes.

Fundraising

Our main fund raiser, the Easter Bun project did not realize the expected profit this year. This affected our cash flow and we received a loan from the St. Andrew Parish Church to assist with our expenses. Our budget for 2010 is 4.3 million.

Majesty Gardens Community

During the year the community was once again divided with gang warfare between “up the road” and “down the road”. This affected our operations at the Settlement as parents were afraid to send

their children to school, thus there was a decrease in the attendance. Our seniors are affected by the violence and some have lost relatives, a few others were even burnt out during the violence. The use of our community centre has increased with it being used for funerals and workshops conducted by Ministry of Health, the Social Development Commission (SDC), the Peace Management Initiative (PMI) and the Basketball Team.

Despite the violence in the community the Majesty Gardens Basketball Team came 2nd in the island in the division one Basketball Tournament.

Conclusion

In reporting our work we do so with a sense of gratitude to the Almighty for guiding us safely through yet another year, and we take this opportunity to record our sincere thanks to the St. Andrew Parish Church and the Diocese for the support they gave us during 2009. Much gratitude is extended to the Settlement's staff and volunteers for their loyalty and dedication, as well as to the business places, service clubs and individuals who have acknowledged the valuable and positive contribution of the Settlement and have given contribution and donations to the people of Majesty Gardens. May the Lord continue to give us courage, strength and Faith to carry out His work as we minister to the less fortunate knowing that service to humanity is the best work of life.



**ST ANDREW PARISH CHURCH
MORETON PARK COTTAGES COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT – 2009**

The Moreton Park Cottages Committee, under the chairmanship of Yvonne Hall, continued the proactive management of the homes to enhance the effectiveness of the operations. In particular, the Committee was able to let all available rooms, undertake critical capital works and initiate the social activity programme with the tenants.

TENANT AFFAIRS - Two new tenants rounded out the complement of residents, making a 'full house'. A day at the Rockfort Mineral Baths for breakfast and therapy was organised for the residents in collaboration with the Lions Club of New Kingston and the Red Cross. Residents also benefitted from a presentation on 'Safety and Security' by a supervisor from Allied Protection Ltd, as well as from the provision of two used computers to enable the start of computer instruction. Unfortunately, a request to FLOW for complimentary cable and internet services to the Homes has not been responded to. An enjoyable Annual Christmas Social was held as planned.

The Committee held scheduled quarterly meetings with the tenants to maintain open communications and address issues of concern

MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS -The Committee was pleased to have accomplished the long-required construction of a northern boundary fence to ensure the security of the residents, at a cost of **\$253,000**, as well as completion of sewage works for **\$85,000**. The fence was a major priority need.

The homes were beneficiaries of the efforts of a team of Michigan State University spring-breakers, on a visit organised by Patrice Whitely, as they repainted the dining, kitchen and bathroom areas of two cottages. Their contribution was very greatly appreciated. Repairs were carried out to the electrical system in Cottage 5 and to cupboards and counter top in Cottage 3.

A highlight of the year was the Labour Day beautification project which saw gratifying support from our young persons – Young Adults, Youth Fellowship, Girls Home, Little Brothers – as well as from the Church Committee and other members of the Church. The project entailed clearing the grounds, pruning of shrubs and trees, and the planting of flowers and ornamentals. Both residents and the young persons enjoyed the interaction and look forward to more.

FUNDRAISING - Two fundraising events were planned and executed during the year, with fairly good results overall. A benefit performance of the play 'Dream Merchant' and a fish fry helped to boost the modest capital fund for roof repairs to be carried out in 2010.

FINANCES - The tenants maintained a commendable record in meeting their rental obligations in a timely manner.

The financial outturn for the year 2009 showed expenditure of \$943,000 on the operations of and improvement to the homes. Budgeted expenditure for 2010 is \$999,000 for operations and \$1.1m for capital works.

***MPCC 2009 Committee:** Yvonne Hall & George Briggs, Co-Chairpersons; Fabia Davis, Treasurer; Blossom Griffiths, Secretary; Orlando Strudwick, Property Manager; Karen Adair, Asquith Brown, Rosemarie Evelyn, Terry-Anne Wilson, Paulette Wright (on sabbatical).*

ST. CLEMENT'S REPORT 2009

The Annual Report of the St. Clement's Mission is intended not only to provide information on what has been done in 2009 and what is planned for the year 2010, but also to provide a stimulant for the Committee named to carry out the mandate given by the Parish Church, that is "to build a church in Kencot commencing with re-activating Sunday School for the children in the community".

Our experience is that the residents visit the Mission occasionally but very few are committed to becoming regular members of the congregation.

Looking back at Annual Reports over the years it is abundantly clear that the challenges of serving at St. Clement's have multiplied, however as this is a worldwide trend consequently we will not be weary in well doing.

The Meetings and Workshops of the Christian Faith Formation Committee and correspondence and documents provided, have been very beneficial as they have facilitated dialogue and involvement with the other groups which are also striving to meet their objectives. For this, that must be commended.

ACHIEVEMENTS 2009

MISSION

Sunday Service – Sunday Service was changed from 10: 00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. but continued with the accustomed fluctuation in attendance by the residents of Kencot. Visitors from other Anglican Churches attended on occasions and this has been a source of encouragement.

A significant advancement in our worship is that there is Sung Eucharist once per month and at the special celebrations for Harvest Festival, Patronal Festival and Christmas. The persons responsible for our Music Ministry must be congratulated.

Regarding this limited attendance at Sunday Services our observation:

- a. A number of the worshippers are employed in the Hospitality Industry and Sunday is peak period in the Hotels. Ironically, our work at the Development Centre created this situation.
- b. Some of the community women do as a livelihood, Domestic Work on Sundays and in many instances while they are away the older children take care of the infants.
- c. The younger people in the community have been taken advantage of the opportunity to attend Sunday Classes and some are involved in sports on Sundays, mainly Football, Cricket and Rugby.

Crusade - Plans for a Crusade were postponed until early 2010 because the time for preparation was inadequate.

Sunday School –Sunday School continued with a slight increase in numbers but efforts were made to increase the attractiveness of that service by inclusion of more Creative activity as recommended by the Youth and Education Department. Some of this was made possible by assistance from Friends of the Sunday School. Nineteen (19) Sunday School children participated in the Deanery Sunday School Bazaar held on November 14, 2009 at St. Margaret’s Church, Liguanea and their responsibility for fun and Games was a major success.

Bible Study – Bible Study took place on Tuesdays as scheduled, attended by a small but committed group.

THE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- **Home Work Assistance** was structured as a Social Development Project for school children in the Community. It was our main outreach project for the year. The numbers averaged 25 with 40 students registered. The Supervisors were adequately qualified to provide assistance to the students. The schedule is four days per week Monday to Thursday, 4.00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A cooked meal was provided on all four (4) evenings of each week and a special session included for discipline, harmonious interaction and courtesy. This was considered to be an important and essential element of the Project because of the environment, home life and behavioural patterns to which the children are exposed.

- **Youth Leadership Group** – During August there was a two weeks Training Course of

twenty – two sessions. The participants were trained in both the theory and practice of Leadership by competent and experienced leaders. On completion the participants formed a Youth Group which met regularly on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. this was intended to re-enforce the training they had received. Altogether this training was important for their self-esteem, outlook and attitude.

• **Partnership with HEART Trust/ N.T.A.** - was pursued but the outcome remained unpredictable. The contribution from the Church has enabled the Centre to be better equipped to continue its Hospitality Skills Training at a higher level. Also it facilitated the preparation of the cooked meal for the Home Work Class.

Logistics The Development Centre was broken into in July and although there was no loss of money or valuables there was extensive damage to the filing cabinets and the windows. With financial assistance from the Environmental Foundation of Jamaica the Centre is now fully grilled (all windows and doors) and a section of the porch has been enclosed and is being used as a Training Area enabling an increase in our capacity.

• **Fundraising** – The following Fundraising Projects were undertaken:

February	A Take – away Lunch
May	Mother’s Day Brunch
October	Take –away lunch
December	Christmas Supper Sale

The above Fundraising activities did not fully meet our projected Income but went a far way in assisting us to continue the Outreach aspects of the Mission. Also, project sponsorship provided by individuals in the Parish Church congregation filled a great need and is greatly appreciated.

PROPOSALS FOR 2010

SPIRITUALITY

Sunday Services will continue on the existing schedule while we explore the possibility of one Sunday Evening Family Service each month. The customary Celebrations will take place and Services will be held on Holy Days as directed by the Clergy.

Sunday School will commence at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday except those at which the Rector/Curate is present and on the occasion of Special Services.

Bible study will continue on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

The **Crusade** which is being planned and the introduction of House Visits will take place, based on our decision to go out into the community to minister to the people.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The following two courses will be held this year:

- Skills Training** (a) Child **Care for Private Homes** – February to April (12 weeks)
(b) **Hospitality Course** (Dining Room and Restaurant Service)
April to July (Approximately 16 weeks)

Homework Assistance Classes - January –April (Easter)
April –July (Summer Vacation)
September – December

There will be a change in the Staff structure in response to the growth in attendance and the greater need for focusing on conduct and discipline of the students. This proposal includes:

A Co-ordinator (paid allowance), two (2) Supervisors for lessons and discipline (Volunteers), Part-time Security Staff (paid allowance) and a Part –time Cook (paid allowance). The intention is to ensure that the project cost does not exceed our budget proposal.

Summer Camp – age range 6-17 year old August (2 Weeks) including Leadership Workshop for Students 15-17 years old and Field Trip to a historic site. Sponsorship is being sort for this project .

Music Workshops: 3-4 Weeks Sessions

February – March (4 weeks)
June – July
October – November

Instruments are already in place but the search is on for volunteers.

CONCLUSION

This opportunity is taken to place on record that the combined and individual tasks of the Committee Members and Staff made the achievements of 2009 possible and for this I am grateful. Also, the Committee is grateful for the contributions and support received from the Lay Readers who provided spiritual guidance and members of the congregation of the Parish Church who helped in a number of ways (Three chairs for Ena Dallen our Cantor).

The St. Clement’s Development Centre is in dire and urgent need of Sponsors for the Human Resource Development Programme but despite the economic depression, and the fact that the disaster in Haiti is centerstage and demands assistance, we anticipate that response to the need of the St. Clement’s Mission will be positive. We believe that **“IN TIMES OF TROUBLE IN TIMES OF NEED WHO CAN WE CALL UPON, OUR GOOD GOD INDEED”**.

Members of the Committee:

Frank James (Treasurer)
Mickelle Hughes (Secretary)
Aldith Bernard
Kirby Clarke

Trevor Blake
Joan Gunter
Patrick Evelyn
Nicholas Johnson
Kevin Graham
Marilyn Lawrence Wright
Godfrey Perkins
Mabel Pink
Jennifer Stewart
Paulette Wright

St. Andrew Care Centre Report for January-December 2009

1. Overview

The St. Andrew Care Centre is an outreach project of the St. Andrew Parish Church and a component of the Possibility Programme which was coordinated through the Project Management Unit in the Office of the Prime Minister.

Ministry of Youth, Culture & Sport is now overseeing this aspect of the programme. The Possibility Programme since 2001 has been addressing the needs of boys and youths in a three (3) part facility.

- ◆ The St. Andrew Care Centre, which is located at 2 Ambrook Lane, off Hagley Park Road, is responsible for the intake by assessing each client that comes to the centre. They are either offered a place at the Care Centre, the skill centre, the hostel or referred to other relevant agencies which can better address their needs.
- ◆ Skills Training Centre offers remedial education, the skill of leather craft and job placement. This Centre is located at 4 Hope Road, Kingston 6.
- ◆ Behaviour Modification Camps, offers disciplined and structured interaction counseling. The Behaviour Camps are usually hosted on sites outside the City.

In 2006 a fourth component of the programme was added. A Hostel was built by the Rotary Club of St. Andrew on land situated at Goodwin Park Road, off South Camp Road, which provides accommodation for boys between the ages of twelve (12) to age eighteen (18) and are enrolled in a programme. The Hostel is able to accommodate thirty-two (32) boys. The Possibility programme funds the staffing and operations of the Hostel.

2. PROJECT MISSION

The mission of the St. Andrew Care Centre is to rehabilitate and prepare annually an estimated fifty (50) “street and at-risk” boys with the intention of integrating them back into the society, of which they can become productive citizens. The Care Centre seeks to assess each child or youth to determine individual needs and make referrals to a relevant partner agency. Children who are not in the school system are being brought into the educational system. Remedial classes are provided at the Centre which assess the children in bringing them to a higher level academically. When this becomes successful, they are enrolled into the regular school system. The programme is partnered by HEART Trust/NTA, YMCA, LEAP, Amy Bailey, and Operations Friendship. The Care Centre addresses the needs of boys in the 8-18 age groups.

3. GOVERNANCE

The St. Andrew Care Centre is governed by a Board which oversees its operations. The current Board members of the St. Andrew Care Centre are as follows:

Mr. Milverton Reynolds	Chairman
Rev. Major Sirrano kitson	Rector, St. Andrew Parish Church
Mr. Hugh Gayle	Treasurer
Mr. Hugh Williams	Little Brothers of St. Andrew
Mr. Robert Gibbs	Possibility Programme
Mr. Brian Goldson Jr.	St. Andrew Parish Church Committee
Mr. Karl Lewin	Care Centre Fundraising Committee
Mrs. Dorethea Williams	Psychologist
Mr. Deslande Mckenzie	Youth Rep. St. Andrew Parish Church

Ms. Milinda Thompson, is the recording secretary. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesdays of each month.

The professional and other staff involved in managing the Centre and carrying out the programme, at year end 2009 were:

Miss Donna Huie	Administrator
Mrs. Doreen Lynch	Social Worker
Ms. Leonie Sullivan	Remedial Teacher
Mr. Clifton Austin	Orderly
Mr. Carl Duncan	Orderly
Mr. Delroy Williams	Security

Volunteers and other professional of other organization assisted in various aspects of the programme.

4. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Since December 2001, the Care Centre has registered 464 street and at-risk boys. In 2009, 44 boys were registered. They were accounted for as follows:

Skills Training Centre	16
YMCA	1
Care Centre	21
Hostel	6

Clients/boys were also referred to other institution. They are as follows:

Melrose Primary & Junior High School	1
Operation Friendship	8
CDA	1

Little Brothers of St. Andrew continue its outreach to street and community youths through the Saturday programme at the Care Centre.

A holistic approach was used to address the needs of the boys at the Centre. Their spiritual needs were met through daily devotional exercises. Their physical needs were met by the provision of two (2) cooked meals per day, breakfast and lunch. They were also assisted with clothing and other personal effects. Medical care was provided through the development of a special arrangement with the Maxfield Park and Hagley Park Health Centres. Their psychosocial needs were also met through our counseling programme, motivational speeches, sports, field trips and other life skills programme. Their academic skills were also developed through the remedial education programme at the Centre, where they are being taught Remedial Mathematics, Reading, English, Social Studies, Integrated Science and Information Technology. The boys were also exposed to computer classes at the Jamaica Sustainable Development Network (JSDN) and Photo Journalism which was conducted by Kira Cares.

Contact with Parents/Caregiver

Efforts were made to reunite clients to responsible family members. We were successful in getting a boy to reunite with his father in Westmoreland. Efforts were made to reunite another boy with his mother in St. Ann. However this was futile as sufficient information about the mother's location was not forthcoming.

We have also had our share of sadness as one of the boys lost his mother after a prolonged illness. Financial assistance is being offered by a member of the Episcopal Chaplaincy at the Virginia States University via the teacher of the Care Centre. Another student lost his life violently at the hands of one of his own peers.

HIGHLIGHTS OF "2009"

Parent Forum

Two Parent Forums were held. Strong emphasis was placed on empowering the families to better able to educate the boys we serve. The first was held in the month of May under the theme: **"Preserve our Environment, Protect our Children"**. The second was held in November under the theme: **"Parenting the Right Way, Read with your child Everyday"**. At these forums several social agencies were invited to share information about the services they provide that can better equip the participants in giving care for their children. Agencies such as Victim Support Unit, Community Relations Branch (a division of The Jamaica Constabulary Force), PATH (Programme for Advancement through Health and Education), Jamaica Fire Brigade, Lions Club of St. Andrew, and many others. Experts with the experience in their fields were selected to be the guest speakers. Mr. D. Daley, Guidance Councilor of the Holy Trinity High School, Mrs. Patricia Steele, Probation Officer, and Dr. Patricia Taylor-Bryan were a few of the speakers. Parents and students were given the opportunity to get their eyes tested for free from the Lions Club, and several individual counseling sessions were also given to parents and guardians of boys.

Grade Nine Achievement Examination (GNAP)

In this year five (5) students sat the GNAP examination. Three (3) were placed at Kingston High, one (1) at Kingston Technical and the other at Sydney Pagan Agricultural School. One (1) student moved on to the Cockburn Gardens Primary and Junior High School, one to YMCA and two (2) were transferred to the Skills Training Centre. Eight (8) boys are now registered to sit the 2010 exam.

Boys Brigade

The boys were introduced to this programme under the guidance of the Director, Mr. Easton Daley, who thought them how to be assertive and disciplined.

Savings

Although this was implemented in 2008 more students are now members and are very much enthused about it.

Sports day

The boys participated in cricket, football, bun eating and soda drinking competition. They also participated in 100m and 400m races. It was a very eventful day. The 1st and 2nd place winners were awarded with medals courtesy of Mr. Courtney Dennis, of Ambrook Lane.

Spring Breakers

Spring Breakers from the Episcopal Chaplaincy of the Michigan and Virginia States Universities, visited the Centre for four (4) days. They assisted the teacher in Art & Craft, Music, and Physical Education. The boys and the staff members were very appreciative of the visit. They also promised to keep in touch with the boys and assist whenever necessary.

Educational Tours

Two educational tours were scheduled as customary. However, the Spring Breakers took them on one educational tour at the Hope Gardens.

Photojournalism Pilot Project

This was introduced to the children by Kira Cares, a nonprofit international based organization aimed at empowering the children confined to the limitation of poverty and abuse on the island of Jamaica. "Through the Eyes of a Child" was the name of this project. A professional photographer came in and taught the children how to appreciate and be aware of the art of photography. This project was done during the summer break so both males and females from different levels of society were able to participate. Each child was given a digital camera and journal to document his/her daily life experience (with the consent of their parent/guardian). These photos will then be used to create photo books and postcards, which will be sold and the proceeds were used to defray educational expenses for the children and support future program effort.

Heritage Day

Heritage Day was held for the 1st time and both students from the Care Centre and the Skills Training Centre participated in cultural events and various Jamaican foods. The event was a success.

Treats

During the Easter the boys were treated to bun and cheese by the Baptist Women's Federation. The staff was also treated by Rev. Major Kitson of the St. Andrew Parish Church.

In December the boys attended a treat courtesy of the Office of the Prime Minister at Vale Royal. The Possibility Programme also has the Possibility Luncheon at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, and they were also treated by the Baptist Women Federation. Staff members were treated to a luncheon by the Rev. Major Kitson.

Staff Development

Social - Due to the stressful nature of the job. The members of staff held a luncheon away from the office, courtesy of the Chairman, Mr. Milverton Reynolds. It was a fulfilling day.

Education – Members of staff have taken the initiative to upgrade themselves. The Social Worker, Mrs. Doreen Lunch, participated in a two (2) months training course with a focus on “Childs Rights and Responsibility”. This was done at the University of the West Indies. She is now doing a two (2) years course in Public Speaking at the Shortwood Evening Institute. The Remedial Teacher has completed her diploma in Teaching at the Mico University, and is now doing her degree in the same discipline. The Administrator did a ten (10) weeks Supervisory Management Course at the UWI School of Continuing Studies.

COST OF OPERATION

During the period January to December 2009, the Care Centre had a Budget of \$9,292,855.00. The principal items of Expenditure were:

Salaries	\$5,099,680.00
Utilities (light/water/telephone)	\$350,000.00
Security	\$684,000.00.
Canteen	\$112,000.00

The amount budgeted for Canteen was surpassed by \$107,606.72 as this was due to the significant reduction of donations from the major sponsors, Food for the Poor who used to provide the Centre with rice, peas, bean and oil. Yummy Bakery usually provides the Centre with bread and other baking products. These food items now have to be purchased.

The identified sources of funding for the year's budget were the Possibility Programme in the amount of \$1,596,925.11 and the St. Andrew Care Centre Fund Raising Committee (through its Golf Tournament held on August 2, 2009), handed over proceeds of \$2,343,500.00.

DONATIONS

Donations were received from the following:

Caribbean Broilers

Various parts of the chicken

Baptist Women Federation	Bread, corned beef and biscuit and cash of \$2,000.00 to purchase rice
St. Andrew Parish Church	Oil, rice, macaroni, coins
St. Andrew Girls home	Bulla, bun, cheese bread, nutria milk, bag juice, cornmeal, bag of peas, pak choi, and callaloo.
Grace Bakery	Spice Buns
Davon Factory	Khakis suits, and other clothing.
Leder Mode	One (1) dozen draw string bags
Mr. George Lindsay	Banana, Ackee, Pac Choi and Callaloo.
Mrs. C. Taylor-Bryan	Clothing, cake and cash of \$5,000 to assist students with back to school.
Ms. E. Barclay (CVSS)	Clothing
Central Information Technology Office (CITO)	Two (2) computers for the classroom.
Golf Tournament	Leftovers such as bottled water, juices, tin sausages, and instant porridges.
Food for the Poor	Books and a projector for the classroom
Faith Cathedral Del. Centre	\$5,000 to assist with transportation for educational tour.
Mrs. Valerie Nam	\$10,000.00
Mr. John Jackson & Friends	\$149,430.00
United Way	\$20,000.00
DBJ (Mr. M. Reynolds)	\$172,900.00
Rev. Laura Locke	US\$500 (\$43,030.00)

The St. Andrew Care Centre is grateful to all these sponsors, volunteers, funding agencies, and members of the Church, who have been assisting the Centre's programme. We ask for your continued support.