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TO ALL PASTORS, ELDERS, TEACHERS, YOUTH LEADERS, COMMUNITY SERVICES LEADERS & NON SEVENTH- DAY ADVENTIST

Community Impact Consultation at the Andrew Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church, Thursday April 18, 2024

The Jamaica Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice and National Security will be conducting a Community Impact Consultation entitled Restoring Relationships through Restorative Justice on April 18, 2024 at the Andrews Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church beginning at 10am and concluding near 4pm.

This Community Impact Consultation will serve as an introduction and sensitization in Advancing Community Unity and Well-being through Restorative Justice Initiatives. This can repair harm and foster accountability while offering victims an active role in this process. By departing from punitive measures, it emphasizes reconciliation and community involvement. As such, it stands as a beacon of hope in our pursuit of stronger, more cohesive communities.

The Community Impact Consultation on Thursday April 18, 2023 will feature presentations from both ministries and the Jamaica Union. Following the seminars on the day Community Conversation Committees will be established. These committees should be comprising of representatives from diverse community sectors and led by influential community individuals and they will explore restorative justice approaches. The conducting of seminars on conflict resolution, team-building, entrepreneurship, accessing social assistance, and more are included in the proposed plans as we move ahead.

A Community Project Adoption initiative will be launched to foster deeper connections within neighborhoods. This will lead to local businesses and residents encouraging to "adopt" various entities within their community, such as streets, individuals, schools, or homes. Thereby, promoting education, cleanliness, personal development, and support for the marginalized.

For registration and further information please contact Mrs. Polly Wiggan on 876-999-9384 or Pastor Sheldon N. Schooler on 876-434-5203.

Let us work along with our communities as we aim to reduce crime, foster unity and transform lives across Jamaica through collaborative efforts and envision a brighter future for all.

Yours in the Master's Hand,

Sheldon Schooler
Pastor