



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
JAMAICA UNION CONFERENCE
AND
EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

SERVICE OF *Ordination*

Therefore, seeing we have this ministry,
as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2 Corinthians 4 :1



SABBATH
MAY 17 2025
Starting at 3:30pm

at the
KENCOT SDA CHURCH
10 - 12 Osbourne Road, Kingston 10

A Service of Ordination

In the

East Jamaica Conference

for

Pastor Desmond Clarke Jr.

Pastor Michael Junior

Pastor Rupaul Livingston

At the

Kencot Seventh-day Adventist Church

On

Sabbath, May 17, 2025

At 3:30 p.m.

Officiating Ministers:

Pastor Everett Brown -- President, Jamaica Union Conference

Pastor Levi Johnson – Secretary, Jamaica Union Conference

Pastor Adlai Blythe – Treasurer, Jamaica Union Conference

Pastor Joseph Smith - Ministerial Secretary, Jamaica Union Conference

Pastor Meric Walker - President, East Jamaica Conference

Pastor Melvin Francis - Executive Secretary, East Jamaica Conference

Pastor Carl Cunningham- Vice-President, East Jamaica Conference

Elder Michael Porteous - Treasurer, East Jamaica Conference

Pastor Alanzo Whyte -- Ministerial Secretary, East Jamaica Conference

Order of Service

Praise and Worship.....Praise Team

Processional.....Ministers, Ordinands and their Families
(*Congregation stands*)

Processional Hymn.....**I Am Thine Oh Lord**.....Hymn.306

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
and it told Thy love to me; But I long to rise in
the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord
To the cross where Thou hast died
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord
By the power of grace divine; May my soul look
up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.

Call to Worship.....Pastor Adlai Blythe
Treasurer, JAMU

Leader: Praise waiteth for Thee O God In Zion
and unto Thee shall vows be performed.

Congregation: O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee
shall all flesh come.

Leader: Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest
and causest to approach unto Thee that
he may dwell in Thy courts.

Congregation: We shall be satisfied with the goodness
of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.
cause His face to shine upon us.

Leader: God be merciful to us and bless us and cause His Face to shine upon us.

Congregation: That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.

Leader Let the people praise Thee O God, let all the people praise Thee.

All: God shall bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Hymn.....**O Zion Haste**.....#365

O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling;
To tell to all the world that God is light;
That He who made all nations is not willing;
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Chorus

Publish glad tidings, Tidings of peace
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation;
That God, in whom they live and move, is love
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,
And died on earth that man might live above.

Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious;
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious;
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay.

He comes again; O Zion, ere thou meet Him,
Make known to every heart His saving grace;
Let none whom He hath ransomed fail to greet Him;
Through thy neglect, unfit to see His face.

Scripture.....Elder Michael Porteous
Treasurer, EJC

Opening Prayer.....Pastor Carl Cunningham
Vice-President, EJC

Welcome.....Pastor Brian Shaw
Host, Pastor

Greetings & Introduction.....Pastor Melvin Francis
Executive Secretary, EJC

Presentation of Candidates.....Pastor Meric Walker
President, EJC

Song of MeditationNaar Elohim

Message.....Pastor Everett Brown
President, JAMU

Testimonies of the Ordinands.....Pastor Meric Walker
President, EJC

Act of Commitment

UNION PRESIDENT

We are gathered together in the name of God and in accordance with the decision of our Union to ordain as pastors, our brothers, Desmond Clarke, Michael Junior and Rupaul Livingston who have been approved for the Ministry of The Word and all the services of the Church.

My brothers, pastors are called to serve the people of God and to work with them in overseeing the church, promoting its mission, proclaiming the Gospel and working for justice, mercy and truth in the world. We believe that you have already considered these matters in the period of your preparation. We believe that you are determined to give yourselves to the ministry, and focus all your energies in this one direction. In order that we may know your minds and purpose and that you may be strengthened in your determination to fulfil your ministry, you must answer these questions in the hearing of this congregation.

Do you believe that God has called you to serve as pastors in His Church?

ORDINANDS

I believe with all my heart that God has called me.

UNION SECRETARY

Are you satisfied that the Bible is God's inspired Word and that it contains all that is necessary for eternal salvation?

ORDINANDS

I am satisfied and I do believe.

UNION PRESIDENT

Knowing and understanding all the doctrines espoused by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, are you in full agreement with them and are you comfortably teaching them?

ORDINANDS

I am, the Lord being my helper.

UNION SECRETARY

Are you devoting yourself daily in prayer, reading of the Scriptures and to such other studies that deepen your faith and increase your love in reverence and service to God?

ORDINANDS

I am, by the grace of God.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Are you a custodian of the truth given by the Almighty God, and are you being very careful in dispensing such truth, not teaching your personal opinions or setting up your personal views or private interpretations as the establish practice of the Church, while renouncing all heresies and falsehood?

ORDINANDS

I am, the Lord being my helper.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Do you understand the requirements, responsibilities and realities that are about to be placed upon you by being ordained and set apart as an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be assigned duties as your Church deem best? Are you ready and willing to accept such responsibilities to live, preach and teach with humility and Christ likeness?

ORDINANDS

I am, the Lord being my helper.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Will you accept the guidance and discipline of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and submit yourself as sons in the gospel to those who are appointed to have authority over you?

ORDINANDS

I will.

UNION MINISTERIAL SECRETARY

Will you sustain and uphold your fellow Pastors and take counsel with them, will you guide and strengthen the Elders and Officers who minister in the Church?

ORDINANDS

I will, the Lord being my helper.

UNION MINISTERIAL SECRETARY

Will you, for Christ's sake be merciful and caring toward the young; visit and care for the shut-ins, the sick, the discouraged, the disconsolate, and bereaved persons who are under your charge?

ORDINANDS

By the help of God, I will.

UNION PRESIDENT

Understanding that the conversion of sinners and their sanctification through the truth is the strongest proof a minister can have of his calling, knowing that Jesus calls us to seek the lost and strengthen the redeemed, will you in sincerity earnestly submit to God, seeking a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit that you may be effective in the fulfillment of the mission of the Church?

ORDINANDS

It is my desire so to do, and to be, the Lord being my helper.

UNION PRESIDENT

It is your duty to watch over, and pray for all those committed to your care, and to teach them, preaching in the name of God, and interpreting the Scriptures: to govern the church after the example of Jesus Christ our Lord, and as outlined in the Holy Scripture; to know your people and to be known of them; to guide those who serve with you and enable them to fulfill their ministry and to be in all things a faithful pastor and whole some example for the flock of Christ, and all people everywhere, "for hereunto were you called." Receive the Word of God.

(Conference President will give the Pastors copies of the Holy Scriptures).

May Almighty God who gives you the will to do all these, grant you Grace and power to perform them, that He may complete the good work He has begun in you and keep you faithful unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ..

(The Union President addresses the congregation as they stand)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, you have heard the solemn pledge of our brothers, approved for ordination. On behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church, please signify your approval: Is it the will of the people that these brothers be ordained as Pastors in this Church?

CONGREGATION

Yes, we consent and commend them to the care and protection of the Holy Spirit.

UNION PRESIDENT

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit abide with you. Amen.

(The Ordinands are escorted to the platform while the congregation sings)

Breathe on me Breath of God

Breathe on me Breath of God, fill me with life a new,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will do and to endure.

Breathe on me Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me breath of God, so shall I constant be,
And live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

Prayer of Consecration.....Pastor Levi Johnson
Executive Secretary, JAMU

Welcome to the Ministry.....Pastor Meric Walker
President, EJC

Charge.....Pastor Joseph Smith
Ministerial Secretary, JAMU

Presentation of Certificates.....Pastor Everett Brown
President, JAMU

Greetings.....Ordained Ministers

(Led by the Union and Conference Presidents)

Special Greetings.....Presidents of Conferences
Greetings to newly Ordained Ministers' Wives.....Sis. Lana Brown
Closing Hymn.....**O Let Me Walk With Thee**.....Hymn 554

(1)

O let me walk with Thee, my God,
As Enoch walked in days of old;
Place Thou my trembling hand in Thine,
And sweet communion with me hold;
E'en though the path I may not see,
Yet, Jesus, let me walk with Thee.

(2)

I cannot, dare not, walk alone;
The tempest rages in the sky,
A thousand snares beset my feet,
A thousand foes are lurking nigh,
Still Thou the raging of the sea,
O Master! Let me walk with Thee.

(3)

If I may rest my hand in Thine,
I'll count the joys of earth but loss,
And firmly, bravely journey on;
I'll bear the banner of the cross
Till Zion's glorious gates I see;
Yes, Saviour, let me walk with Thee.

Benediction.....Pastor Desmond Clarke Jr..
Recessional.....**Go Preach My Gospel**.....Hymn 378

“Go preach My gospel,” saith the Lord;
“Bid the whole world My grace receive;
He shall be saved who trusts My word,
And they condemned who disbelieve.

I'll make your great commission known,
And ye shall prove My gospel true
By all the works that I have done
By all the wonders ye shall do.

“Teach all the nations My commands,
I'm with you till the world shall end;
All power is vested in My hands'
I can destroy, and I defend.”

He spake, and light shine 'round His head;
On a bright cloud to heaven He rode;
They to the farthest nations spread
The grace of their ascended Lord.

(The congregation will greet the newly ordained Pastors at the receiving line which will be formed on the outside).



Pastor Desmond Clarke Jr.

Pastor Desmond Washington Clarke Jr., born on November 10, 1983, in Kingston, Jamaica, was raised in Hermitage, St. Andrew, by unrelentingly hardworking parents. He began his education at Mona Heights Primary and later attended Excelsior High School, where he held several leadership roles.

Initially pursuing Computer Science at the Excelsior Community College, his life took a spiritual turn following his baptism at the Kencot Seventh-day Adventist Church in 2005. Encouraged by leaders and members who recognized his potential before he did; he eventually accepted the call to ministry and embarked on a life-changing faith journey at the Northern Caribbean University in August 2012. There, he pursued a Bachelor of Arts in Religion with a minor in Psychology, a field he remains passionate about.

During his time at NCU he served in numerous leadership capacities to include Treasurer of the United Student Movement, Graduating Class President, and a three term President of the East Jamaica Conference Club. He has described his years at NCU as both his greatest test and testimony.

Pastor Clarke began full-time ministry in 2018 with the North Jamaica Conference, later becoming the first District Pastor of the St. D'acre District of Churches. In 2022, he returned to the East Jamaica Conference, where he currently pastors the Harbour View District of Churches having previously served the Woodford district of churches and chairman of the board of Woodford Preparatory School. He has led over 160 souls to Christ and also currently serves as Youth Ministries Sponsor for Zone 1 and Treasurer of the East Jamaica Conference Ministerial Fraternity.

A passionate youth leader, community advocate, and track and field enthusiast, Pastor Clarke is devoted to God's mission. He is married to Myra Clarke, a Pension Officer and together they are blessed with twins; Mikha'el and Mikha'elia.

He lives by the mantra: **"Yet Wiser, Yet Stronger, Yet Higher by God's Grace!"**



THE *Clarke's*
FAMILY



Pastor Michael Junior

Pastor Michael Wayne Junior (Jr) hails from Kingston, Jamaica and is the only child for his mother. He was blessed at the Meadowvale Seventh-Day Adventist Church where he later became a baptized member on December 10, 2000. A few years after becoming a member, Pastor Junior demonstrated "Total Membership Involvement" when he accepted the office of Assistant

Secretary, before moving on to Assistant A.Y. Leader.. He was an active member of the Meadowvale drama group and cast of the "Pentecost and More" drama in 2008.

Pastor Junior is a graduate of Northern Caribbean University (NCU) where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Theology. After graduating from NCU, he served as a Bible Worker at the Shortwood S.D.A Church before transitioning into his internship on September 01, 2018, serving at the August Town District, Hagley Park District and North Street District of Churches respectively. He also serves the East Jamaica Conference Ministerial Fraternity as Sports Director..

"And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." - Genesis 2:18. Thus, while interning at the Hagley Park District of Churches, Pastor Junior was blessed with the fair maiden, the gorgeous Tjaden Henry as his bride. They exchanged nuptials on December 22, 2019. Tjaden is currently a student at Northern Caribbean University.

Their first district was the Seaforth District of Churches in the parish of St. Thomas. With the widest terrain in Zone 4, consisting of 5 churches and some of the worst roads to navigate, Pastor Junior was undaunted. With his beautiful and supportive wife by his side, he diligently carried out his duties, demonstrating a passion for ministry, a zeal for evangelism and a genuine love for people.

In July 2023, Pastor Junior was reassigned to the August Town District of Churches. Pastor Junior loves evangelism and to date has seen 215 precious souls being won for the Kingdom of God.

His favorite Bible text is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." His philosophy is "If you can perceive it, you can achieve it, if you are determined, never give up!"



THE *Junior's*
FAMILY



Pastor Rupaul Livingston

Pastor Rupaul Livingston is an erudite graduate of Northern Caribbean University, having culminated his studies in 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, augmented by a Minor in Greek Exegesis, and an Associate Degree in Natural Science. He is also a venerable alumnus of Morant Bay High School.

During his academic sojourn, he acquainted himself with distinction in myriad student leadership roles, most notably as Executive Secretary for the Ministerial Association and President of the East Jamaica Conference Club.

Subsequent to his matriculation from N.C.U., Pastor Rupaul Livingston has resolutely pursued his ecclesiastical vocation, undaunted by formidable adversities. In the latter months of 2020, he was providentially impelled to volunteer under the tutelage of Pastor Melvin Francis at the Morant Bay District of Churches. This fortuitous resolve precipitated a transformative mentorship, with Pastor Francis emerging as an instrumental luminary in his spiritual and professional maturation.

Pastor Livingston, continued displaying his commitment to the call through Bible Counseling in numerous evangelistic series, alongside other senior Pastors.

In January 2022, Pastor Rupaul Livingston was inaugurated as an Intern Pastor at the Meadowvale SDA Church, serving in concert with Pastor Melvin Francis. A mere six months hence, in August 2022, he was vested with the pastoral stewardship of the Woodbourne District of Churches, encompassing the Woodbourne, Albion, Somerset, and Ramble Seventh Day Adventist Churches. Across a span of two years and four months, his ministry in this district bore prodigious fruit, with divine guidance ushering over 140 souls into the fold of faith.

A year into his tenure in St. Thomas, Pastor Livingston was graced with the greatest gift on December 10, 2023 when he was espoused to his cherished consort, Sister Agel Powell-Livingston, a Registered Nurse. They currently serve the Hope District of Churches since January 1, 2025.

Pastor Rupaul Livingston propounds a plethora of philosophical tenets, yet he steadfastly subscribes to a singular maxim, echoing the Apostle Paul's declaration in **Galatians 2:20**, *"I am crucified with Christ: never the less I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."*



THE
Livingston's
FAMILY