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## “JUSTICE REFORM & EMANCIPATION”

OUR VISION: “Touching lives, Nurturing Disciples, Seeking Transformation through Christ.”

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### PRAY FOR:



Please continue to pray for Rev. Dr. Adlyn Whyte who is recovering from surgery.



Rt. Hon. Sir Dennis Byron

**S**ir Dennis Byron one of region’s most eminent jurists provided insight into the question of justice for people in the Caribbean, and in particular, Jamaicans, in the context of Emancipation.

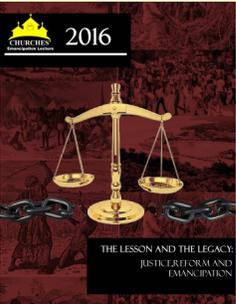
It was a comprehensive presentation which was listened to by a large audience at the Webster Memorial United Church as well as by listeners of Television Jamaica (TVJ) which broadcast the presentation live!



Sir Dennis’ presentation provided context to the recent *Shanique Myrie* case, as well as the recently concluded *Tivoli Gardens Enquiry*. He also referenced the *Brexit* vote in the United Kingdom and provided an update on regional progress in adoption of the CCJ.

Referring to the latter, Sir Dennis said that the CCJ has adjudicated on cases which have supported the vision for economic development within the region. There have been cases, he said, addressing the movement of goods and the application of common external tariffs. He also pointed out that the governance climate that exists in Jamaica today is different from that which existed under colonialism, as comparing the case of the Tivoli Enquiry, with

the Morant Bay Rebellion, attention was given (in the Tivoli enquiry), to the rights of the citizens of the country and the population expressed itself in strong terms. So, he opined, while the Commission’s report signified the end of a long and painful process, he also believed that it was the beginning of another process. Sir Dennis Byron has been President of the CCJ for almost five years. He was sworn in as the court’s second president in September 2011.



Copy of the entire speech is available in the booklet produced by the ecumenical committee which organized the event, including representatives from Webster Memorial United, Bethel Baptist, Boulevard Baptist, Hope United, Meadowbrook United, and the United Theological College of the West Indies.

## EVENTS

**O**n August 13, 2016, the Young Adults of the Western Regional Mission Council will be putting on an event called “**Cultural Explosion**” on the Savanna-la-mar United Church grounds starting at 10am.

The activities during the day will demonstrate our support of the following themes using cultural expressions: Evangelism, dealing with Persons with Disabilities and the use of creative talents in the church.

There will also be:

**1. Display Booths: \$3000.00 each**

**2. Fashion:** Design and model two church outfits. (One made from Bandana and the other black green and gold .

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WESTERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL YOUNG ADULTS  
PRESENTS  
**CULTURAL explosion**  
VENUE  
SAV-LA-MAR UNITED CHURCH  
DATE  
AUGUST 13, 2016 AT 10AM  
FEATURING  
CULTURE IN FOOD, FASHION AND MUSIC  
BOOTHS, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,  
CELEBRATION OF CULTURE  
(come celebrate "fi wi church, fi wi culture")  
prizes and surprises !!!  
TICKETS \$300

**3. Creative writing:** Enter a piece **Poetry/Song** in support of “living with and caring for persons with disability”.

There will be live entertainment; featuring ‘**Nana Moses**’, fun rides for the children, “**bend down market**” and a day filled with celebration of our culture in food, fashion and music.

The **Western Regional Mission Council** is inviting the entire United Church to come and celebrate “**fi wi church, fi wi culture!**”

**Suzette Edwards-Brissett**  
Chairperson  
Western Region Young Adults.

The United Church is seeking to fill the position of

## Director/Counsellor

For the Bethesda Counselling Centre - Cayman Islands

We invite highly motivated and qualified Candidates to tender their applications.

Applicants are invited to submit their resumes/CVs via email no later than

**Friday August 12, 2016**

Submit resume/CV to the Regional Deputy General Secretary, Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council

For a copy of the Job Description please send an email to [rdgs@cicucjci.com](mailto:rdgs@cicucjci.com)

