

WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE OF SDA

Calendar of Events -2017

JANUARY

- 01-31 **CELEBRATIONS** - Choice Emphasis
04-14 Lord Transform Me/Mission ACTS Ten (10) Days of Prayer
05 Pastors' Quarterly General Meeting
07 Lord Transform Me-Mission 'ACTS' Commitment/Personal Ministries/Baptism Day
07 WJC Heritage & Memorial Building Promotion
07 Year of the Worker Thanksgiving Service for all Conference Workers- Afternoon
07 Study of the Fundamental Beliefs Part 1
08 Youth Area Coordinators' & Federation Presidents' Meeting
09 Teachers' Certification Session Starts
10 **Executive Committee Meeting**
11 Pastors' Day of Prayer
12 Adventist Fraternity Leadership Meeting (Virtual)
14 **Convention – St. Elizabeth**
14 Youth Sabbath
14 Launch of “Experiencing the Transformation 2017”
15 **Officers' Council –Westmoreland**
17 **Pan Jamaica Ministerial Meeting**
21 **Convention – St. James/ Unassigned** (excepting for the Parish of St. James)
21 JAMU Stewardship Impact (West Jamaica Conference)
22 **Officers' Council –Hanover**
22- 27 Ministerial Family Week of Prayer
24 All-Island Principals' Meeting (Virtual)
28 **Convention - Westmoreland**/Religious Liberty Emphasis/Health Ministries Day
28 ACBALL Promotion and Collection
29 **Officers' Council - St. Elizabeth**
29 **Lord Transform Me - Mission 'ACTS'-TMI Proclaim and Reap First Wave**

FEBRUARY

- 01-28 **CELEBRATIONS – Exercise Emphasis**/Proclaim and Reap Emphasis Month
01 Launch of IAD Move to Live
04 Community Services Day/ *Reach the World*/ Literature Distribution Day
04 **Convention- Hanover**
04 WJC Heritage & Memorial Building Promotion/ LTM Mission ACTS Projects Collection
04-14 LTM Church Coordinators Training
05-11 Christian Home and Marriage Week
05 **Officers' Council- St. James**
11 Christian Marriage and Parenting Sabbath
12 Pass It On & Adventist Redemptive Mission for Youth (ARMY), Prayer
13 JAMU Mission Summit
13-17 Friendship Week in Schools
17-19 AY Officers' and Tertiary Students' Retreat
18 **Unassigned**
19 Health Association Meeting (St. Elizabeth)

- 22-25 Student Literature Evangelism Institute – NCU
- 23 Pastors' Training Seminar
- 25 **Lord Transform Me - Mission 'ACTS'-TMI Proclaim and Reap Second Wave Launch**
- 25 ACBALL Promotion and Collection
- 25 Church Elders' Appreciation Day/ Stewardship Day
- 25 JAMU Sabbath School Convention - Montego Bay
- 26 Health Association Meeting (Westmoreland)

MARCH

- 01-31 HYPE (Helping Young People Engage) Month
- 01-31 **CELEBRATIONS – Liquids (Water) Emphasis**
- 04 Personal Ministries Day / Literature Distribution Day/Women's Day of Prayer
- 04 WJC Heritage & Memorial Building Promotion
- 05 Health Association Meeting (Hanover)
- 08 Adventists Schools' Prayer Day
- 11 **Union-wide Transform & Reap Day- Elders' Participation in Baptism/ Proclaim and Reap Second Wave Intensive TMI**
- 11 Media Ministries Day
- 12 JAMU Leaders' Certification – Mental Wellness, Family, Children & Women Ministries
- 14 **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 14-18 Publishing Ministries Field School/ Institute
- 18 **Global Youth Day – "Living It" Community Impact**
- 18 Students' Covenant Day
- 18-25 Youth Week of Prayer
- 19 Health Association Meeting (St. James)
- 22-25 JAMU Literature Evangelists Retreat & Training
- 22-29 Family Ministries Caribbean Cruise
- 23 Inter- Schools' Sports Day
- 25 13th Sabbath Offering (Trans-European Division)
- 25 Community Guest Day/Visitor's Day
- 26 Lord Transform Me Mission ACTS Projects Day
- 27-28 Proclaim and Reap Best Practices Conference- Virtual (All Pastors)
- 29-30 Para Professional Counselling Training for Pastors

APRIL

- 01 Personal Ministries/ Prayer & Fasting/ Literature Distribution
- 01 WJC Heritage & Memorial Building Promotion/ World Mission Promotion
- 01 Lord Transform Me Convention/ LTM Mission ACTS Day of Prayer and Fasting
- 01-02 Adventist Professional & Business Leaders Convention and Expo
- 01-03 Adventist Community Services Seminar (North and West Jamaica Conferences)
- 01-30 **CELEBRATIONS – Environment Emphasis**
- 02 Elders and Leaders Training Seminar (St. Elizabeth)
- 06 Pastors' Quarterly Meeting
- 07-09 Sabbath School Officers' Certification and Training (Camp Verley)
- 08 **Unassigned**
- 09 Elders' and Leaders' Training Seminar (Westmoreland)

09 Education Sponsor Consultation
 11-16 IAD Camporee (Dominican Republic)
 13-17 Easter Camp
 15 Publishing Ministries Day/World Impact Day- Distribution of Missionary Books
 15 SSPM/Publishing/Community Services/ LTM- Mission ACTS Rally/ –Westmoreland
 15 National Leadership Conference for Special Needs (West Jamaica Conference)
 15-21 Literature Evangelism Rally Week
 15-21 Comprehensive Health Ministries Training (West Jamaica Conference)
 15-21 JAMU Special Needs Week
 20 Pan Jamaica Family Fun-day
 22 Education Day/Special Needs Day
 22 **Let's Talk- WJC Staff Connect and Share** (Elders, Leaders, Youth Leaders, LTM/Mission Coordinators, PM Directors, Community Services Leaders) – St. Elizabeth
 23 **Let's Talk- WJC Staff Connect and Share** (Elders, Leaders, Youth Leaders, LTM/Mission Coordinators, PM Directors, Community Services Leaders)Westmoreland
 23 Elders' and Leaders' Training Seminar (Hanover)
 23-29 Administrative Professional Week
 25 Leadership Seminar for Pastors
 26 Administrative Professional Day
 29 Health Ministries Day/Experiencing the Transformation Baptism Day
 29 ACBALL Promotion & Collection
 29 **Let's Talk- WJC Staff Connect and Share** (Elders, Leaders, Youth Leaders, LTM/Mission Coordinators, PM Directors, Community Services Leaders) – St. James

MAY

01-31 Child Month/ Drug Awareness Month
 01-31 **CELEBRATIONS –Belief Emphasis**
 03 Adventist Teachers' Appreciation Day
 06 **Let's Talk- WJC Staff Connect and Share** (Elders, Leaders, Youth Leaders, LTM/Mission Coordinators, PM Directors, Community Services Leaders) –Hanover
 06 Community Services Day/ New Believers' Day/ Day of the SDA Books
 06 *Reach the World: Using Communication Channels/ In the Community Disaster/Famine Relief*
 06 WJC Heritage/Memorial Building Promotion/ LTM Mission ACTS Projects Collection
 09 **Executive Committee Meeting**
 12 National Children's Day
 13 Children's & Adolescent Ministries Day/ Day of Prayer for Children at Risk
 14 Elders' and Leaders' Training Seminar (St. James)
 14 Launch of Student Volunteers (Students Working in Missions)
 15-19 Medical Missionary Training
 19-21 Children, Gems, Women & Deaconesses Leadership Retreat & Mentoring Certification Training
 19-21 JAMU All-Island Teachers' Convention
 20 Stewardship and Trust Services Day/ Drug Awareness Day
 25 Pastors' Training Seminar
 27 **Unassigned**
 27 ACBALL Promotion & Collection
 28 JAMU Children's Convention

JUNE

- 01 -30 Youth Training Month/ Pass It On Emphasis Month in all Churches
01 -30 Lord Transform Me- Mission 'ACTS'- Conserve and Disciple Emphasis Month
01-30 **CELEBRATIONS – Rest Emphasis**
03 Personal Ministries/New Believers' Day/ Literature Distribution Day
03 *“Living It” Community Impact- (Parish)*
03 WJC Heritage/Memorial Building Promotion
03 *Reach the World: Bible Study: Sabbath School and Correspondence Course*
10 AY Uniformed Group Convention& Investiture
11 Health Walk (St. Elizabeth)
16-18 Communication Retreat
17 Men's Convention
17 *Reach the World: Nurturing Other Members and Reclaiming*
18 Education Workshop
18 Lord Transform Me Mission ACTS Projects Day
19 Start of Students Working In Missions Season
24 13th Sabbath Offering (West-Central Africa Division)
24 Sabbath School Community Guest Day
24 Experiencing the Transformation Baptism Day
25 Health Walk (Westmoreland)
27 Bull Savannah Preparatory School Graduation
28 Savanna-la-mar High School Graduation
29 Jointwood Preparatory School Graduation
29 Savanna-la-mar Preparatory School Graduation
30 – July 2 JAMU Prayer Summit & Coordinators' Training

JULY

- 01 Lord Transform Me/Mission ACTS Day of Prayer and Fasting – **Focus on Conservation**
01-31 Vacation Bible School Month
01-31 **CELEBRATIONS – Air Emphasis**
01 Personal Ministries Day/ Literature Distribution Day
01 WJC Heritage/Memorial Building Promotion
01 Lord Transform Me Mission 'ACTS' Congress
02 Health Walk (Hanover)
02 WJC Expo- St. Elizabeth
04 Darliston Preparatory School Graduation
06 Pastor's Quarterly General Meeting
07 Harrison Memorial Preparatory School Graduation
08 Women's Ministries Day/ Bible Bowl (Parish Finals)
08 Adventist Education Promotion Day
08 Day of the Deaf, West Jamaica Conference
8-16 IAD Pastors and Elders' Workshop
09 Harrison Memorial High School Graduation
09 WJC Expo - Westmoreland
09 Health Walk (St. James)
11 **Executive Committee Meeting**
13-16 Publishing Ministries Camp

- 15 *Reach the World: Media Ministry*
- 16 WJC Expo - Hanover
- 18-25 Junior Camp
- 22 **Unassigned**
- 22 SSPM, ACS & Special Needs Coordinators' Advisory
- 23 WJC Expo - St. James
- 25-Aug. 01 Senior Camp
- 28 – Aug. 6 AWESOME (Adventist Youth, World Evangelistic Sharing Outreach Mission Event
- 29 Health Ministries Day/ACBALL Promotion & Collection
- 30 Bible Evangelist Training (West Jamaica Conference)

AUGUST

- 01-31 **CELEBRATIONS – Temperance Emphasis**
- 05 Community Services Day/ Literature Distribution Day/ Global Mission Day
- 05 SSPM/Publishing/Community Services/ LTM- Mission ACTS Rally – St. James
- 05 WJC Heritage/Memorial Building Promotion/ LTM Mission ACTS Projects Collection
- 05 JAMU Day of Prayer for the Nation
- 09-12 Child Preachers & Lay Workers Training
- 11-13 Northern Caribbean University Graduation
- 12 Children's and Adolescents' Convention
- 12 *Reach the World: Church Planting*
- 15 All-Island Principals' & Chaplains' Meeting
- 19 Education Summit/ Stewardship Day/ Back to School Prayer Day
- 19 National Singles' Convention
- 24 Pastor's Training Seminar
- 26 enditnow Day
- 26 Experiencing the Transformation Baptism Day
- 26 Women's Convention
- 26 ACBALL Promotion & Collection
- 27 Health Association Meeting (St. Elizabeth)

SEPTEMBER

- 01-30 Youth in Leadership Month
- 01-30 Bible Study Registration through Online Platform
- 01-30 **CELEBRATIONS – Integrity Emphasis**
- 02 Personal Ministries Day/ Literature Distribution
- 02 WJC Heritage/Memorial Building Promotion
- 02 SSPM/Publishing/Community Services/ LTM- Mission ACTS Rally - St. Elizabeth
- 03 Health Association Meeting (Westmoreland)
- 03-09 Family Togetherness Week
- 09 Recognition Day for LTM based home
- 09 Mission Promotion Unusual Opportunity
- 10 Health Association Meeting (St. James)
- 12 **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 16 World Pathfinder Day
- 16-17 Launch of Inter-school Sports, academic and Bible Quest Competition
- 17 Constituency Meeting/Western Leadership Conference
- 23 **Unassigned**

- 24 Conference Family Fun Day
- 24 International Day for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Deaf
- 24-30 Health and Health Care Emphasis Week
- 30 Health Ministries Day/Ingathering Parish Launch
- 30 Sabbath school Community Guest Day
- 30 13th Sabbath Offering (Southern -Asia Division)

OCTOBER

- 01-31 **CELEBRATIONS – Optimism Emphasis**
- 01 Workers’ Meeting
- 05 Pastor’s Quarterly General Meeting
- 07 Personal Ministries Day/ Conservation Emphasis/ Literature Distribution Day
- 07 Ingathering Church Launch
- 07 Lord Transform Me/Mission ACTS Prayer and Fasting- Protection Against Disaster
- 07 WJC Heritage/Memorial Building Promotion
- 07 JAMU Bible Boom Finals
- 07 **Let’s Talk- WJC Staff Connect and Share** (Elders, Leaders, Youth Leaders, LTM/Mission Coordinators, PM Directors, Community Services Leaders) – St James
- 08 **Let’s Talk- WJC Staff Connect and Share** (Elders, Leaders, Youth Leaders, LTM/Mission Coordinators, PM Directors, Community Services Leaders)Westmoreland
- 08 Health Association Meeting (Hanover)
- 08 Move to Live
- 12 Workers Picnic
- 13-16 Music Festival
- 14 Youth Emphasis Day/Communication Day/Spirit of Prophecy Day
- 14 **Let’s Talk- WJC Staff Connect and Share** (Elders, Leaders, Youth Leaders, LTM/Mission Coordinators, PM Directors, Community Services Leaders)– St. Elizabeth
- 15 **Let’s Talk- WJC Staff Connect and Share** (Elders, Leaders, Youth Leaders, LTM/Mission Coordinators, PM Directors, Community Services Leaders) – Hanover
- 15-17 JAMU Ministerial Family Retreat
- 21 Stewardship & Pastors Appreciation Day
- 21 JAMU Spirit of Prophecy Convention
- 22 Communication Awards and Appreciation Dinner
- 22 JAMU Projects’ Day
- 27-29 Women/ Children and Adolescents/ Deaconesses Retreat
- 27-29 Tertiary Students’ Retreat
- 28 **Unassigned**
- 28 ACBALL Promotion & Collection
- 28 Experiencing the Transformation Baptism Day
- 28 JAMU Adventist Heritage Quiz Finals
- 29 Elders and Leaders Training Seminar (St. Elizabeth)

NOVEMBER

- 01-30 Youth in Leadership Month/Conserve and Disciples Emphasis Month
- 1-30 **CELEBRATIONS – Nutrition Emphasis**
- 04-18 Week of Prayer/ Lord Transform Me-Mission Acts Lay Workers' Reaping Campaigns
- 04-11 Children and Adolescents Week of Prayer
- 04 Personal Ministries Day/ Literature Distribution Day

04	WJC Heritage/Memorial Building Promotion
05	Elders' and Leaders' Training Seminar (Westmoreland)
05	Inter-School Jamboree
14	Executive Committee Meeting
19	Elders' and Leaders' Training Seminar (Hanover)
23	Pastors' Training Seminar
25	Bone of My Bone
25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
25	ACBALL Promotion & Collection
26	Elders' and Leaders' Training Seminar (St. James)
26	Year of the Adventist Worker Awards and Recognition Ceremony

DECEMBER

01-31	Lord Transform Me-Mission ACTS Recognition and Appreciation
1-31	CELEBRATIONS – Social Support Emphasis
02	Personal Ministries Day/ Literature Distribution Day
02	WJC Heritage/Memorial Building Promotion
02	SSPM/Publishing/Community Services/ LTM- Mission ACTS Rally – Hanover
07	All-Island Principals' Meeting (Virtual)
09	Unassigned
10	Lord Transform Me Mission ACTS Projects Day
12	Executive Committee Meeting
16	Stewardship Day
17	Youth Rally
24	Unassigned
24	ACBALL Promotion & Collection
27-30	Camp Meeting
30	13 th Sabbath Offering (Euro –Asia Division)
30	Sabbath School Community Relations Day

Key (Acronyms')

ACBALL – Advancing Church Building and Loan Liquidation
 ACS- Adventist Community Services
 ACTS - Adventist Christians Transforming Society
 ASI – Adventist Lay-Services Industries
 IAD – Inter-American Division
 JAMU – Jamaica Union Conference
 LTM - Lord Transform Me
 NCU- Northern Caribbean University
 SSPM – Sabbath School and Personal Ministries
 TMI - Total Membership Involvement
 WJC – West Jamaica Conference

NB - Unassigned Sabbaths - *These Sabbaths are not assigned by Headquarters so as to Facilitate the local church or district programmes.*