



CARIBBEAN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



## An Unforgettable Evening

Some 200 persons witnessed the 29<sup>th</sup> graduation exercise of the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology. The occasion also celebrated the installation of Dr. David Corbin as the fifth president of the thirty-one-year-old institution.

The twelve graduates came from 8 denominations, two islands of the Caribbean and represented five graduate programmes. Career backgrounds included banking, education, law, academia and Christian ministry.

Overseas guests included Guest Speaker, Dr. Gerry Seale from Barbados. Other guests from the United States timed their visit to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Board of Governors.

Retired Acting President Dr. John Keane was among those honored at the double ceremony. Counseling Psychology student Ade Brown received the inaugural President's Resilience Award. His battle with ADHD reflected toughness in fighting against the odds.

## A Caribbean Institution

Following the July graduation, members of the Board of Governors met. The occasion required a sharpening of vision and mission. For the Board, it became evident that the Caribbean is more than a location – it is a region and a people to which CGST is committed.

That commitment had to be seen in our programmes, partnerships and digital outreach. To strengthen and maintain our Caribbean image, it would therefore be necessary to improve our Distance Education platform.

The President was commissioned to do whatever it took to execute this mandate while rebuilding the brand of the institution. Since that meeting, work has begun to rebuild the school's website and produce a five-minute promotional video.

## Committed to Quality

We are just about ready to submit documents for another accreditation cycle to the University Council of Jamaica, the premier government quality control agency. This five-year process is expensive and necessary.

Dr. Corbin's determination to improve and maintain academic standards at the institution was strengthened with the recent appointment of a Consulting Provost. This move will ensure that high standards will become a way of life, and not merely a seasonal exercise.

## Bridge Building

The upcoming joint theological conference and digital dialogue with the Jamaica Theological Seminary are two of many growing opportunities to partner with colleagues in ministry. Pending are conversations with the Jamaica Evangelical Alliance and Back to the Bible Broadcast. These conversations and upcoming national speaking engagements are indicators that the honeymoon period is over for our new president.

## Fund-Raising Mission

On September 23, President Corbin is scheduled to leave Jamaica for the United States. His travels will begin in Denver and include St. Louis, Chicago, Indiana, Grand Rapids, Atlanta and Florida. He will be sharing his vision for CGST with the view that former and new donors will share financially.

Succinctly put, Dr. Corbin will be looking for 200 donors to commit to giving \$50.00 per month. These tax-exempt donations will greatly aid the \$50,000 monthly budget of the school. Pray for his safety as he travels by air and on many highways. Pray for God's favor. Pray that the mission would be very rewarding.

If you would like to be among our 200 donors, simply make your cheque payable to Overseas Council – CGST 3830 E Southport Road #B, Indianapolis, IN 46237.

## Personal Prayer Requests

- Physical, mental health and strength of character
- Our daughter leaves on a missions-trip to India in late September. While away, my wife Launa will baby-sit our four grand-children at their home in Florida.
- Divine enabling for upcoming engagements
- Increased enrollment at CGST
- Wisdom in identifying and maintaining priorities.

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