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BARBADOS DISTRICT

YOUNG PEOPLE'S HOLINESS ASSOCIATION (YPHA)

REPORT TO THE UHCA BARBADOS DISTRICT'S 77TH ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION

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"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." — 1 Timothy 4:12 (NKJV)

Greetings to our District President and Executive Team, District Elders, Pastors, Departmental Leaders, and fellow labourers in Christ.

It is with sincere gratitude to Almighty God that I present the Annual Report of the Young People's Holiness Association (YPHA) for the reporting period June 2025 – May 2026.

Throughout this ministry year, we have witnessed the faithfulness of God as He continued to guide and sustain our department. Despite leadership transitions, competing responsibilities, and scheduling challenges, God enabled us to strengthen local youth ministries, develop leaders, expand our digital ministry, foster fellowship across the District, and create meaningful opportunities for worship, discipleship and service.

Our journey was not without its challenges. On September 14, 2025, we expressed our heartfelt appreciation to Deaconess Karen Christie-Burrowes as she concluded her tenure as Second Vice President after faithful and dedicated service to this department. During the first quarter of 2026, our First Vice President commenced maternity leave while our Secretary devoted significant attention to her academic studies. Consequently, the District YPHA operated with a reduced leadership team from January through April. Nevertheless, through God's grace, commitment and teamwork, the work of the ministry continued without interruption.

Special appreciation is also extended to Elder Sonia Boyce, Overseer of the District Sunday School Department, who has faithfully supported the work of the District YPHA, after the resignation of our Overseer Elder Anthony S. Forte. Her wisdom, encouragement, prayers and unwavering guidance continue to be a tremendous blessing to our team and youth ministry throughout the District.

The following report highlights the major activities, accomplishments and ministry initiatives undertaken during the reporting period.

➤ **Annual Convocation Sunday School & Youth Service**

As part of the 76th Annual Holy Convocation, held on August 04, 2025, the District YPHA partnered with the District Sunday School Department to coordinate the Youth Service Talent Showcase under the theme, "Forging Ahead Intentionally, with Creativity."

Young people from across the District participated through drama, song, dance, mime, spoken word and creative Bible presentations depicting Bible characters, Scriptures and Books of the Bible. The programme successfully showcased the gifts, creativity and spiritual development of our youth while encouraging greater participation from the local assemblies.

➤ **"Unleashed" Outdoor Worship Experience**

One of the department's most significant accomplishments was the hosting of "Unleashed: In Praise, Worship, Word and Evangelism" on October 12, 2025, at Farley Hill National Park, St. Peter. This inaugural outdoor quarterly service brought together members and visitors from across the Barbados District in an atmosphere of worship, fellowship and evangelism.

Ministry was provided by United Voices, Chosen Generation, NURI the Band, Minister Eugenia Lynch, Sister Chardillia Blake, UHCA Youth Ensemble, Brother Dwayne Archer, Minister Curtis Gittens, and the UHCA Youth Dancers. The service was presided by Minister Daniele Holder and Minister Curtis Gittens, while the Word was delivered by Minister Ricardo Robinson. An especially memorable moment during the service was the official welcome of newly baptized members following the previous day's baptismal service.

The event incurred expenses of approximately \$9,000, with \$2,200 received through donations and sponsorship. The District YPHA Team extends sincere appreciation to our sponsors, volunteers, supporting ministries and members of Corporate Barbados whose generosity contributed significantly to the success of this landmark event.

➤ **Sunday School, Youth & Missions Convention 2026**

During the 72nd Sunday School, Youth and Missions Convention, held under the theme "Until He Comes," the District YPHA coordinated the Monday evening worship service under the sub-theme, "Until He Comes... I Will Worship."

The evening focused intentionally on worship and the ministry of the Word. We were honoured to welcome Dr. Suzette Husbands of the Sanctuary Empowerment Centre (SEC) as guest speaker, while members of the Sanctuary Worship Team ministered through music. The presence of God was evident throughout the service as lives were encouraged, strengthened and challenged through authentic worship and biblical teaching.

➤ **Youth Leadership Development**

Remaining aligned with the department's theme for 2026, “IGNITE: Lead, Serve, Transform”, the District YPHA hosted its inaugural Youth Leadership Summit on February 07, 2026, at the Mount Zion Holy Temple. Nineteen persons registered, with sixteen participants in attendance representing Mount Tabor, Gospel Lighthouse, Mount Ebel, Mount Zion, Mount Hermon, Evangel Tabernacle, and Power In the Blood Assembly.

Training sessions on the day included:

- Igniting You as a Youth Leader – Elder Fabian Bartlett (SEC)
- Budgeting in Ministry – Sister Liane Lavine (Mt. Zion UHC)
- Reaching Generation Z Effectively – Brother Jamarri Gaskin (Mt. Zion)

Participants received summit materials, lunch, certificates of participation and memorabilia. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many requesting that leadership development opportunities become quarterly events.

➤ **Fellowship Activities**

On April 04, 2026, the District YPHA partnered with the District Men's Fellowship to host the Morning Manna Breakfast Hike at Barclays Park, St. Andrew. Participants completed the 3.03-kilometre trail to the Keith Laurie Cross under the guidance of Mr. Tony Butts. The morning provided an opportunity for fellowship, exercise and appreciation of God's creation while strengthening relationships across generations. Despite rainy conditions, participants concluded the morning with breakfast and continued fellowship, making the event both enjoyable and spiritually refreshing.

➤ **District Connect: Local YPHA Support & Church Visits**

Strengthening local youth ministries remained one of the District Team's primary priorities during this reporting period.

District officers supported ministry initiatives at:

- Gospel Lighthouse on April 24 — “*What It Means to Be a Christian*”
- Mount Hermon on May 06 — “*Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames*” (Movie Night)
- Mount Zion on May 13 — “*How to Build an Altar*”, with Guest Speaker, Pastor Alicia Tutu
- Mount Ararat on May 22 — “*How To Pray*”
- Evangel Tabernacle on May 21 — “*Breaking Bread*” Bible Study (Esther 5)
- Mount Ebel on June 12 — Interactive Scripture Activities & Father’s Day Craft
- Word of Life on June 19 — “*Praise & Paint Session*” with Min, Sherridean Carmichael
- Mount Olive on June 30 — Night of Worship

The District YPHA Team also celebrates the successful relaunch of YPHA ministries at NewLife Community in August 2025, Gospel Lighthouse in October 2025, and Mount Ararat in May 2026. Another praise moment was the resumption of the YPHA services at the Mount Olive in February 2026. We also celebrate the Bible Way Church who has now officially selected a Youth President in Sister Krystle Odle, who is leading the way in the growth and structure of the YPHA Department.

Although planned visits to Bible Way and New Life Community were postponed due to unforeseen circumstances, they remain priorities for completion before the end of 2026.

➤ **Leadership Development & Digital Transformation**

One of the department's most significant administrative achievements this year was the complete redesign of the annual reporting process. The traditional Convention Report was transformed into an online **YPHA Assessment & Planning Report**, incorporating; SWOT Analysis, Ministry Reviews, Strategic Planning, Leadership Assessments, and Ministry Goals.

This digital approach provides a clearer understanding of the strengths, challenges and opportunities within each local assembly while enabling the District Team to offer more intentional support. The assessment also revealed that many local youth leaders dedicate considerable time to serving others while receiving limited opportunities for encouragement and personal development. Consequently, much of our programming during the first half of 2026 intentionally focused on equipping and strengthening our youth leaders.

➤ **Social Media Evangelism**

Digital ministry continued to experience significant growth throughout the reporting period. We currently have 130 followers on Instagram (30% increase from prior year), and 301 Followers on TikTok (x4 growth from prior year). Following the Youth Leadership Summit, youth leaders accepted the challenge to become more intentional in sharing their faith online through the “March Mondays” initiative. Throughout March, local YPHA leaders produced motivational reflections, testimonies and biblical encouragement which were shared across the District's social media platforms.

Our Social Media Youth Arm also successfully completed Worship & Witness: My Story, His Glory Wednesdays on September 18, 2025, producing ten testimony videos shared through Instagram and TikTok. These videos encouraged believers through scripture, testimony and practical Christian living.

Under the leadership of Sister Chardillia Blake and Brother Shaquille Sealy, the Social Media Team also launched the District's newest YouTube series, Soul Talk: Season 1. While this was initially conceptualised to be an interactive Instagram podcast, we had to pivot in the direction of recordings due to not having sufficient Instagram followers to go live.

Season One featured conversations with:

- Elder Daemarkis Faison-Love, interviewed by Sis. Chardillia and Brother Shaquille on “Best Practices from the Bible”
- Elder Bruce Lynch, interviewed by Brother Antwone Holder and Sis. Tedra Gibson on “Balancing Your Spiritual Journey”
- Minister Ricardo Robinson, interviewed by Sister Angel Todd on “The Importance of Prayer”

With Season 1 completed and uploaded to the District’s YouTube page, preparations have already commenced for Season Two.

➤ **Youth Leader Check-In**

On May 16, 2026, the District YPHA hosted a Youth Leaders' Meet-Up at the National Botanical Gardens. Although attendance was smaller than anticipated due to GospelFest preparations and other ministry commitments, the gathering became a meaningful opportunity for transparency, encouragement and mutual support among youth leaders. The concept of the

Youth Check-In, proposed by Sister Krysalin Boyce, demonstrated tremendous value and will continue to be developed during the upcoming ministry year.

➤ **Collaboration with Other Ministries & Churches**

The District Youth Dancers once again represented the Barbados District during the ENOCH Pentecost Rally at Kensington Oval, on May 24, 2026.

The District YPHA Team was also engaged in discussions surrounding collaboration with GospelFest through the Salt & Light Initiative, held on April 18, 2026. Although scheduling conflicts prevented participation this year, the conversations shared reinforced the importance of youth involvement in Kingdom ministry.

Looking Forward Intentionally

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 ministry year, the District YPHA Team anticipates the following initiatives:

a. UHCA General Youth Convention 2027

Participation in the United Holy Church of America General Youth Convention under the theme, "Ready. Set. Go." (*Philippians 3:14*) scheduled for August 02-05, 2027, at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort, South Carolina.

b. District Fundraising Bus Ride

Hosting another District Bus Ride to assist with fundraising and strengthen fellowship among our youth and supporters.

c. Joint Christmas Activity

Partnering with the District Sunday School Department for a Christmas outreach and fellowship initiative.

d. "Come Lewwe Talk"

Expanding opportunities for youth dialogue through relevant biblical discussions addressing issues impacting today's generation.

e. One-Day Youth Retreat/ Weekend Camp

Planning would have commenced in May 2026, alongside the District Sunday School Department for a collaborative One-Day Youth Retreat. While discussions remain ongoing

regarding venue and budgeting, the District Youth team remains optimistic that this initiative will become a reality during the current term.

Conclusion

As we reflect upon this ministry year, we give all glory and honour to God for His sustaining grace and faithfulness.

Despite leadership transitions, limited resources and scheduling challenges, the Young People's Holiness Association continued to move forward with purpose and vision. We strengthened local youth ministries, invested intentionally in leadership development, expanded our digital evangelism, increased opportunities for fellowship and worship, and laid a stronger strategic foundation for future ministry.

While there remains much work to accomplish, we are encouraged by the dedication of our Executive, pastors, local youth leaders, volunteers, parents, sponsors and every young person who has faithfully served throughout this reporting period.

On behalf of the District YPHA Executive, I express heartfelt appreciation to our District Bishop, Executive Board, pastors, departmental leaders, local youth leaders and supporters for your continued confidence, encouragement and prayers.

As we continue to Lead, Serve and Transform, may we remain steadfast in the charge of 1 Timothy 4:12, striving always to be examples to believers in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity.

Humbly Submitted,

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