



UNITED HOLY CHURCH OF AMERICA,
BARBADOS DISTRICT YPHA
DEPARTMENT

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DISTRICT YOUNG PEOPLE'S HOLY ASSOCIATION (YPHA) DEPARTMENT
REPORT TO THE UHCA BARBADOS DISTRICT'S 76TH HOLY CONVOCATION.

Introduction

"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)

The District YPHA Department continues to stand on the truth of this scripture, empowering young people to rise as leaders, influencers, and ambassadors for Christ in both word and action. This report reflects the intentional efforts made over the past season to build stronger youth engagement, encourage leadership, foster unity among churches, and create platforms for growth.

Through innovative outreach like our fundraising bus ride, the launch of engaging digital platforms, personal visits to churches, and leadership transitions, we have witnessed the Spirit of God stirring a renewed sense of purpose among our youth. This report outlines those activities, celebrates our progress, and presents future initiatives that aim to continue shaping our youth into examples for this generation.

1. Fundraising Family & Friends Bus Ride

On 22nd February 2025, the District YPHA Department hosted a fundraising family and friends bus ride in an effort to commence the building of community. The event was both a financial and social success, allowing youth from various churches to connect in fellowship while raising funds for upcoming projects.

- **Total raised: \$940.00**



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- **Participation:** Approximately 75 persons in total, with 20 youth. Power In The Blood (PITB) Limitless Youth also took this opportunity to network with us on the day; and we started the conversation on working together on future initiatives and planning for effective witness in this current landscape.
 - Highlights of the day included games, group scavenger hunt, and praise sessions on board.



This event boosted morale and unity across the district and demonstrated the power of collective support.

2. Community Talks Initiative

One of the primary initiatives of the current YPHA District team is to tackle the unanswered questions and untouched topics for our youth, while providing a safe space for them to discuss, learn and heal, if some trauma exists. Hence, the concept *“Come Lewwe Talk”* was birthed and a subset of our youth were asked to provide their topics for discussion. We then hosted the first session of this initiative with a panel discussion on 25th April 2025 on the topic “Overcoming Church Hurt”. The panel for that talk included Bishop Mark S. Harewood, Dr. Suzette Husbands, Sister Kameisha Kirton, Brother Jamarri Gaskin, and Brother Antwone Holder. The moderator was Minister Marva McClean, and those persons who joined the session were able to share, hear and understand the concept of church hurt, and charting a path to healing. On this night the Sanctuary Empowerment Centre (SEC) Young Adults Ministry joined the conversation as well, and this too has led to some networking and growth opportunities for the Barbados District and SEC to work together in the future as we all collaborate to strengthen the youth of God’s Kingdom.

3. District Connect: Church Visits

In our continued effort to remain connected and supportive, the District YPHA Team started their visits to the District assemblies. These visits served multiple purposes:

- Encouraged local youth groups,
- Facilitated one-on-one discussions with youth leaders, and
- Offered prayer, support, and collaborative planning.



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On 9th April 2025 we visited the Mt. Zion church for their YPHA Weeknight service. The theme was a continuation of “Rebuilding the Walls”, love for one another, love for service and love for your 1st love were the topics recapped and covered on the night. Minister Tricia Sealy and Pastor Curtis Gittens shared the program and presided over the session, respectively on the night. On 11th April we visited Mt. Ebel for their Youth Night session, which was Bible Study. They focused on the parable of the sower and through interaction and games learned the parable through crossword puzzles and scrambled words. On 8th May, Evangel Tabernacle YPHA Service was the place to be for the discussion on “Dating Christian: Part 1”. This session was conducted as a panel discussion with invited guests Rev. Allan Howard, and his wife Jacinth Howard, Minister Ricardo Robinson and Brother Tauron Gibson as panelists. The panel walked through the questions posed and shared personal experiences as well to cement their perspectives to ensure all things are done in holiness and purity. The final visit for this reporting period was on 25th July with the Word of Life 3L Club at the Rices Community Centre, where they incorporated scripture with cooking and made meat rolls with Chef Mia. Feedback from these visits showed a strong desire for more inter-church events and leadership development opportunities.

4. Social Media Ministry Launch – Instagram & TikTok

In April, we advertised for social media managers to take on a new project, and today we thank God for those persons who stepped forward and grabbed the vision and ran with it. To improve our digital presence, focus on e-evangelism and reach younger audiences, we officially launched our:

- **Instagram page** (@uhca_youth.bb)
- **TikTok account** (@uhcayouth. barbados)



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The vision, mission and goals of this new ministry are shared below.

Vision Statement

To empower a generation of digitally engaged youth to boldly shine God's light online, creating content that inspires faith, fosters community, and transforms lives through the love of Christ.

Mission Statement

To equip and activate youth to use social media as a tool for ministry—spreading the Gospel, sharing their testimonies, promoting positive values, and building an authentic digital community rooted in faith, creativity, and purpose.

Goals

- Create consistent, Christ-centered content that reflects youth culture and biblical truth.
- Train youth in digital tools, media ethics, and content creation.
- Build online spaces that offer encouragement, hope, and connection.
- Engage with current trends in a way that honors God and influences peers positively.
- Partner with youth ministries, churches, and influencers for greater outreach.

These platforms are already gaining traction with weekly motivational reels for the month of July (*Wednesday's Worship & Witness: My Story, His Glory*), scripture challenges (*June's Trivia Tuesdays*), and event highlights such as Mother's Day and Father's Day appreciations.

5. Leadership Transitions

We experienced changes in youth leadership at the following churches:

- **Word of Life** – New Youth Leader: Minister Fernlyn Crichlow
- **Mount Zion** – New Youth Leader: Brother Shane Raphael, accompanied by Min. Tricia Sealy & Pastor Curtis Gittens
- **Evangel Tabernacle** – New Youth Leader: Minister Sherilyn Cordice



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- **Mount Ebel** – New Youth Leader: Sis. Natasha Murrell
 - **Mount Olive** – New Youth Leader: Sis. Gina Jordan

We got the opportunity to work closely with Word of Life to ensure a smooth handover, offering mentorship, and onboarding resources.

6. UHCA General Souvenir Nominee

This year we were invited to join the United Holy Church of America BCS and YPHA General Youth Convention for their General Souvenir 2025. The General Souvenir is a journal which highlights the accomplishments of our youth and encourages them to continue their work in God's vineyard. We were happy this year to recommend Sister Janae Edwards as the Barbados District Souvenir Highlight and pray that this inclusion of the Barbados District's Youth at the International level will allow for more reach, encouragement, and growth opportunities for our young people.

Looking Forward Intentionally



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The following key initiatives are planned for the upcoming year 2025-2026

a. Community Talks Initiative

“Come Lewwe Talk” will continue with its next session on relationships and sex, scheduled for 15th August at Mt. Olive Holy Temple at a time to be announced soon. This session will be hosted by the 2nd Vice President, Deaconess Karen Christie-Burrowes; and facilitated by Ammar Empowerment. Following this, the next talk is scheduled for the month of November, and this will focus on financial planning as the Christmas season approaches. As new topics are received, these community talks will continue.

b. Minister’s Leadership Forum: "Leading the Next Generation: Forging Ahead with Vision and Impact”

The YPHA has reached out to the District Sunday School Department to partner on this leadership forum initiative, which will be a gathering of all local youth leaders for training, networking, and strategic planning. Topics will include:

- The Why Behind the Work,
- Forging Ahead as Faith-Filled Leaders,
- Handling Burnout and Rekindling Joy in Ministry, and more.

The forum will have a prayer session component, as well as a follow up leadership round table to evaluate and regroup. Planning for this forum has started, however no further details can be given at this time as it still requires full agreement by all stakeholders.

c. District Youth Quarterly 2025



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The YPHA is working with the District Sunday School Department to execute an outdoor youth quarterly session in October 2025. The proposed Outdoor Youth Quarterly Service and Family Day is designed to foster fellowship, worship, and community within the Barbados District. This event will provide an opportunity for spiritual growth in a relaxed outdoor setting, combining vibrant worship with fun activities that strengthen family bonds and church community ties. We are currently at the logistical stages in the planning and look forward to sharing the final details of this outdoor session soon.

d. District Connect: Church Visits

Church visits will continue as we touch base with those assemblies not visited yet and stay connected to those already visited. Not only will the committee like to visit the weeknight sessions but also share in some of the Youth Sunday services and give our support where needed.

Based on the absence or lack of reports received at January's Youth & Mission conventions, we also plan to digitize and reformulate the YPHA Department reports to clearly highlight the SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis of each assembly. This will allow for the District Committee to prayerfully and strategically be able to help each church according to their specific needs.

e. Dance Ministry Showcase 2026

The UHCA Barbados District Youth Dance Ministry has made the moves to not just be focused as a youth ministry but include members of all ages as they envision growth in ministry and collaboration with other churches and dance schools. On 21 June, the ministry hosted their first open day and gained 5 new youth and one adult. As the team prayerfully anticipates further growth with new faces of all ages, they endeavor to take the stage with fellow dancers in 2026 in a fundraising dance showcase to raise funds for a wider closet of dance garbs and some



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professional training sessions. One accomplishment for the District dancers this year was joining with fellow E.N.O.C.H. dancers from sister churches for the Pentecost Rally. UHCA Barbados District stood tall in the planning sessions choreographing pieces, leading the sessions and assisting with the administrative duties.

e. Social Media Ministry Growth

With this ministry being new, we have been able to strike a balance and stabilize our Instagram platform, however there is a need to maintain the balance on TikTok. Therefore, the Social Media Managers are currently in the “think tank” strategically planning next steps for the sustainability and growth of these platforms, with the ideas for growing e-evangelism. The *Wednesday’s Worship & Witness: My Story, His Glory* initiative is expected to continue through the month of August, with the introduction of youth-led and inspired Instagram lives with leaders like Elder Daemarkis Faison-Love, Elder Bruce Lynch and more on topics such as prayer, balancing life and ministry, etc. Commencing once a month in August 2025.

e. Fellowship & Growth Initiatives

Other ideas for execution and planning include a Youth Summer Retreat, where the youth spend the weekend together on a camp site, with check in on Friday night and check out on Sunday afternoon. A joint District Youth Service/ Revival; a Saturday evening District Youth connect at a picnic spot with games and activities; fundraising planning for General Youth Convention 2027 as we aspire to send a contingent or representatives from the Barbados District. We also hope to join forces with the District Sunday School Department to host a Christmas production; and an Evangelism Walk(s) in the surrounding communities of Glad Tidings and Mount Tabor to assist with the rebuild of their Youth and Sunday School departments.

f. Fundraising Friends & Family Bus Ride 2026



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We anticipate filling 4 or more buses for our next fundraising bus ride, which is currently scheduled for 7th March 2026. Further details will be given at our October Quarterly for early planning for the attendees, and tickets available at next year's Youth & Missions Convention 2026.

Special mention must be made of the YPHA-Youth Subcommittee, which consists of youth of our district with different giftings, and YPHA leaders at the local and District level. This team has caught every idea and vision shared and added, executed, and adapted it for success in God's Kingdom. This team is also expected to grow within the next reporting period.

Conclusion

The last year has marked significant progress in engagement, visibility, and collaboration. The bus ride and digital launch brought energy; the church visits strengthened our bonds; and leadership transitions opened doors for new growth. We look forward to building on this momentum with our upcoming initiatives, trusting God for greater impact and deeper connections across the United Holy Church of America, Barbados District.

Respectfully Submitted,

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