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# THE MODERATOR SPEAKS

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## THE 65TH MEETING OF SYNOD



The Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago, having been established in the year 1868, celebrates 157 years of Christian mission and witness this year, 2025. However, from April 24th - 26th, we mark our 65th year as a Synod. The Synod meeting is a sacred gathering of representatives from every Pastoral Region, allowing us the opportunity to present various reports. These reports serve as a reflection of our stewardship of time, treasures, and talents, emphasizing our collective responsibility and accountability as members of the Body of Christ, God's church in the world.

### A Call to Faithful Stewardship

In preparation for our 65th Annual General Meeting of Synod, as in previous years, all Local Boards, Sessions, Presbyteries, Standing Boards, and Committees will be called upon to give an account of the work undertaken during the year in review - 2024. This process of governance, adopted by the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago, grants our membership the opportunity to reflect on their service and witness, conduct a critical analysis, and make projections for the future.

We are guided by the wisdom of Proverbs 29:18, which states, *"Where there is no vision, the people perish"*. As followers of Christ, we must be intentional in our planning, guided by divine wisdom and the Holy Spirit. Our actions today will shape the church of tomorrow, and as such, we are called to be diligent in our commitment to the mission of Christ.

### A Renewed Passion for Mission

Although we have much to be thankful for, we must not grow complacent. The clarion call must be echoed that for the church to continue its mission, its leaders and laypersons must possess a deep love for God and His divine work. Romans 12:11 reminds us, *"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord"*. The church is not merely an institution but a living body of believers entrusted with the task of spreading the Gospel.

As we meet in Synod, let us renew our commitment to evangelism and discipleship, fostering a missionary zeal that seeks to lead others to the grace and mercy of God. Matthew 28:19-20, known as the Great Commission, commands us: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"*. This sacred mandate is the cornerstone of our mission, compelling us to reflect Christ's love in every aspect of our lives.

### Faithful Witness in a Changing World

Even though the culture of the world is rapidly evolving to accommodate secular values, God's purpose for His Church remains unchanged. Hebrews 13:8 affirms, *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"*. While societal norms fluctuate, the Word of God stands firm as the foundation upon which we build our faith.

As families who bear the banner of Christ, we must be intentional about being effective witnesses in our homes, our communities, and our nation. Proverbs 22:6 instructs, *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it"*. The family is the first church, where faith is nurtured, and values are instilled. When families are strong in faith, the church thrives.

### Guarding the Church with Love and Unity

As people called, equipped, and set apart by God for His holy purpose, the responsibility is ours to safeguard the integrity of God's Church. This requires not only upholding biblical truth but also fostering unity within the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:3 urges us to *"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace"*. Divisions and discord hinder the mission of the Church; therefore, we must put aside differences and focus on what enriches our spiritual journey.

The Apostle Paul, in 1 Corinthians 1:10, exhorts us: *"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought"*. It is only through unity in Christ that we can effectively proclaim the message of salvation.

### Agents of Godly Change and Peace

As we approach the 65th Synod, we must become proponents of Godly change, agents of peace, and vessels of God's grace. Colossians 3:12-14 reminds us: *"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity"*.

As our Synod meets in April, let us pray fervently for a Spirit-filled and rewarding experience. Let us look toward the future with hope and trust in our ever-present God, who continues to move His Church forward. Psalm 127:1 declares, *"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain"*. May our efforts be anchored in Christ, and may His guiding hand lead us as we seek to fulfill His divine purpose.

To God be the glory, now and forever. Amen.

# FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

PCTT GENERAL SECRETARY,  
PRESIDING ELDER MR. ASHFORD D TAMBY



1 Corinthians 14:40 (KJV): "Let all things be done decently and in order."

Elections are in the air! Not only in our beautiful twin island, but also within our very own Presbyterian Church. This year is considered an election year within the PCTT, whereby elections would have been held for persons to represent their pastoral regions at various boards and committees. The 65th Annual General Meeting of the Synod will take place from April 24 to April 26, 2025. During this meeting members will be elected to serve on Boards and Committees from Synod, and in May, election of the officers of the Boards and Committees within our PCTT will occur.

As elected persons, it is essential that we conduct ourselves with decency and order. As it is written in 1 Corinthians 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order." By adhering to this principle, we honor God and reflect His love and grace in our actions. Serving with decency means treating others with respect, kindness, and integrity, while maintaining a spirit of humility and compassion. Orderliness in our service ensures that our efforts are effective and harmonious, fostering a sense of unity and purpose within our community.

Moreover, serving with decency and order reflects our commitment to living out our faith in every aspect of our lives. As followers of Christ, we are called to be examples of His teachings, embodying virtues such as patience, honesty, and diligence. When we serve with a heart aligned to God's will, we create an environment where His peace and love can flourish. This not only strengthens our church but also serves as a testament to the transformative power of faith.

The PCTT's 157 years of work and witness have had many challenges but have survived every one of them. Our leaders have made this possible by exceeding their assigned responsibilities. Therefore, as elected officers and leaders, there are many things that we are called to do that are not 'officially' written. The unspoken duties reflect the core values at times, encouraging believers to live out their faith in everyday actions and interactions. By embracing these implicit responsibilities, those elected can cultivate a more profound and genuine connection with their faith, demonstrating their commitment to God's work through their deeds and character. During this election season, let us continue to uphold these values, knowing that our actions, guided by decency and order, are a powerful witness to God's grace and mercy.

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# THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

## CODE OF ETHICAL POLITICAL CONDUCT

### CODE OF ETHICAL POLITICAL CONDUCT

The Code of Ethical Political Conduct came into being in July 2014 and is intended to achieve the following objectives:

1. **Fostering of democracy** through peaceful, free and fair elections conducted at regular intervals in which voters are permitted to cast their ballots freely, without interference, fear, intimidation or bribery.
2. **Promotion of respect for human rights**, the pursuit of civil and political liberties, the tolerance of divergent opinions, full and active participation of all in the political process.
3. **Encouraging participation in the electoral process** by the People and to uphold their right to make political choices.
4. **Promoting an election process free from violence.**

### FOUNDING ORGANIZATIONS

The Code of Ethical Political Conduct was drawn up by various organizations representative of the society of Trinidad and Tobago. These organizations are signatories to the Code of Ethical Political Conduct.

They are:

- Anglican Church
- Anjuman Sunnat-ul-Jamaat Association (ASJA)
- Communication Workers' Union/FITUN
- Inter Religious Organization of Trinidad and Tobago (IRO)
- Methodist Church
- Network of NGOs
- Presbyterian Church
- Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Port of Spain
- Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha of Trinidad and Tobago (SDMS)
- Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce
- Trinidad and Tobago Publishers & Broadcasters Association (TTPBA)
- Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute (TTTI)

### THE COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE POLITICAL BEHAVIOUR

*Monitoring and evaluating adherence to the Code during national/local elections*

This Council is a creation of the Code of Ethical Political Conduct. While the Council is tasked with monitoring and evaluating adherence to the Code, this function is however limited to the election period. For the purposes of the Code, the election period for national (general) elections is deemed to be the period of three months prior to the 5-year anniversary date of the first sitting of the Parliament (the date on which the Parliament automatically dissolves) or, should the Parliament be dissolved earlier, then the election period will be from the date of such dissolution. For local elections, in the case of the Tobago House of Assembly, unless the Assembly resolves to dissolve itself earlier, it would stand dissolved on the 4th year anniversary of its first sitting. Thus, the election period would be three months prior to the 4th year anniversary, or, in the event that the Assembly is dissolved earlier, the election period is at the time of dissolution. For Local Government elections in Trinidad, the same applies as for the Tobago House of Assembly, with respect to the start of the election period. For all elections the election period for the Council for Responsible Political Behaviour will be deemed to end six months after the poll.

Outside of the election period, the Council for Responsible Political Behaviour will only engage in educational and networking activities.

### Council Members

- Dr. Bishnu Ragoonath, Chair
- Mr. Ralph Peter, Vice-Chair
- Ms. Leela Ramdeen, Secretary
- Rev. Joy Abdul-Mohan
- Dr. Beverly Beckles
- Mr. Gabriel Faria
- Dr. Gabrielle Hosein
- Dr. Rev. Carlisle Pemberton

### PREAMBLE

PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, THE PEOPLE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

- **Have affirmed that the Nation of Trinidad and Tobago is founded upon:**

1. Principles that acknowledge the supremacy of God,
2. Faith in fundamental human rights and freedoms,
3. The centrality of the family in a society of free men and women, and free institutions,
4. The dignity of the human person, and
5. The equal and inalienable rights with which all members of the human family are endowed by their Creator;

- **Have affirmed their respect for the principles of social justice and therefore believe that:**

1. The operation of the economic system should result in the material resources of the community being so distributed as to subserve the common good,
2. There should be adequate means of livelihood for all,
3. Labour should not be exploited or forced by economic necessity to operate in inhumane conditions but that there should be opportunity for advancement on the basis of recognition of merit, ability and integrity;

- **Have asserted their belief in a democratic society in which:**

1. All persons may, to the extent of their capacity, play some part in the institutions of the national life and thus develop and maintain due respect for lawfully constituted authority,
2. Freedom is founded upon respect for moral, ethical and spiritual values and the rule of law, and
3. Provision is made for ensuring the protection in Trinidad and Tobago of fundamental human rights and freedoms;

- **Have asserted that forgiveness and reconciliation are integral to nation building:**

1. The principles and beliefs enshrined in our constitution are best protected through the democratic process underpinned by fairness, the rule of law, freedom to express divergent opinions, equality of access to opportunities and through adherence to constitutional provisions that stipulate the rights and responsibilities of the citizen,
2. It is the desire of the undersigned persons drawn from civil society organizations throughout Trinidad and Tobago including Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), Community Based Organizations (CBO), Media Houses, Trade Unions, Business Organizations and Religious Organizations (collectively the 'Civil Society Organizations'), to encourage Political Parties to endorse the principles and codes set out in the Code of Ethical Political Conduct for the common good of the People and in the national interest of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago,

3. The Political Parties and their Candidates who are signatories hereto (respectively the 'Parties' and 'Candidates') have agreed to pledge themselves to the Code of Ethical Political Conduct which follows:

**NOW THEREFORE it is hereby agreed and declared by the Parties, Coalitions and their Candidates as follows:**

### CODE OF ETHICAL POLITICAL CONDUCT

#### OBJECTIVES

This Code of Political Conduct (this 'Code') is intended to achieve the following objectives:

1. **Fostering of democracy** through peaceful, free and fair elections conducted at regular intervals in which voters are permitted to cast their ballots freely, without interference, fear, intimidation or bribery.
2. **Promotion of respect for human rights**, the pursuit of civil and political liberties, the tolerance of divergent opinions, full and active participation of all in the political process.
3. **Encouraging participation in the electoral process** by the People and to uphold their right to make political choices.
4. **Promoting an election process free from violence.**

### SECTION 1: COMMITMENT

THE PARTIES, COALITIONS AND THEIR CANDIDATES AGREE TO:

1. **Uphold the Constitution** and the spirit and letter of the laws relating to the holding of public activities and election campaigns.
2. **Maintain the highest moral principles and ethical standards** with respect to their conduct during the campaign, the elections and the post-election period.
3. **Cooperate with the police** in maintaining law and order during election campaigns.
4. **Promote and enforce respect, tolerance, harmony and peace** amongst their supporters and the general public during the campaign, the elections and in the post-election period by being positive role models.
5. **Nominate a representative** who will be a member of the Code Keepers which will liaise with the Council for Responsible Political Behaviour as established under this Code of Ethical Political Conduct. That member will serve as an intermediary between the Council and their respective Political Party.
6. **Refrain from practices that promote divisiveness** in the Society and commit to the removal of any structures (behavioural, cultural, social or organizational) which reinforce divisiveness.
7. Take deliberate steps to publicly **disassociate themselves from criminal elements and criminal activity.**
8. Confine their **criticism of other Political Parties** to policies and programmes, past record and work.
9. Ensure that **meeting organizers** seek the assistance of police or other state assigned organizations on duty, to deal with persons disturbing or disrupting a meeting. Organizers should not take action against such persons.
10. **Commit, while acknowledging each other's past and present errors and prejudices**, to supporting one another in a common effort to overcome selfishness and arrogance, hatred and violence; to learn from the past that peace without justice is no true peace; to ensure the peaceful conduct of this and future elections.
11. **Make this code known to supporters** and uphold its adherence.
12. **Uphold the integrity of the electoral process.**
13. **Ensure that their conduct is above reproach.**



## SECTION 2: PROHIBITED CONDUCT

THE PARTIES, COALITIONS AND THEIR CANDIDATES AGREE TO:

- Not offer** any inducement or reward, for example money, groceries or other benefits, to another person to -
  - Join or not to join a Party;
  - Attend or not to attend a public meeting, march, demonstration, rally or other public political event;
  - Vote or not to vote, or to vote or not to vote in any particular way; or
  - Refuse a nomination as a Candidate or to withdraw as a Candidate.
- Not discriminate** on the grounds of race, ethnicity, sex, gender, class, religion or belief, or seek to mobilize support by reference to race, sex, gender, religion or class.
- Not make false or defamatory allegations in print or speech, inclusive of images and effigies** in connection with an election in respect of a Party, its Candidates, representatives or members.
- Not use language or act** in a way that may -
  - Provoke violence; or
  - Intimidate Candidates, members of Parties, representatives or supporters of Parties or Candidates, or voters; or
  - Invite, encourage or foster hatred, resentment or any form of violence.
- Not seek** to assassinate the character of or make defamatory comments about any individual, family, professional group or section of the community.
- Not deface**, or induce anyone to unlawfully remove or destroy, or deface the billboards, placards, posters or any other election materials of a Party or Candidate.
- Not unreasonably prevent** any other person access to voters for the purpose of voter education, collecting signatures, recruiting members, raising funds or canvassing support for a Party or Candidates.
- Not abuse a position of power, privilege or influence**, including parental, patriarchal, traditional or employment authority to influence the conduct or outcome of an election.
- Not engage, recruit, or deploy** any individual(s) for the purpose of violence, intimidation or harassment, including intimidation by congregating in groups wearing similar identifiable colours at or near to election stations on election day.
- Not deface** public or private property and structures.
- Not permit** the inappropriate or unauthorized use or abuse of minors or animals in the campaign process.
- Not plagiarize** or disparage the symbols, colours or acronyms of other Parties.
- Not permit** the use and abuse of State resources for political campaigns.
- Not indulge** in negative campaigning or advertising or any action which would bring the political process into disrepute.
- Not use funds** derived from any source, public or private, to improperly influence electoral choices.
- Not knowingly associate** with persons in their pursuit of illegal activities and or any kind of violence but rather actively cooperate with the security forces to bring such persons before the law.
- Not criticize** aspects of the private lives of Candidates, their families, not connected with the public activities of the leaders or Candidates of other Parties.
- Not issue advertisements** or other marketing material the cost of which is borne out of public funds.
- Not encourage** or permit alcohol or other drugs to be used in public during campaign activities on Election Day.

- Not threaten** or cause any persons to be threatened with loss of their jobs if they support or refuse to support a Political Party by attending or failing to attend political meetings.

## SECTION 3: THE MEDIA

THE PARTIES, COALITIONS AND THEIR CANDIDATES AGREE TO:

- Respect** the right of the media to fairly present balanced reports and information before, during and after an election.
- Respect** the right of all Parties and Candidates to equity in access to the media.
- Permit** access by members of the media to public political meetings, marches, demonstrations and rallies of which they have control.
- Take** all reasonable steps to ensure that journalists are not subjected to harassment, intimidation, hazard, threat or physical assault by any of their representatives or supporters.
- Refrain** from using State advertising to induce media houses to support or degrade a particular Party.
- Ensure** that their parties participate in not less than two 'live' televised and radio public debates organized by a Debates Commission or a Debates Committee of a recognized organization with no political affiliation or an entity that is actively engaged in the democratic process, agreed to by the Council as stated in Section 5; at least one of which must be Leaders Debate.
- Be allowed** equity of access to State owned media.

## SECTION 4: THE CAMPAIGN

THE PARTIES, COALITIONS AND THEIR CANDIDATES AGREE TO:

- Chairpersons of all political campaign events appeal to supporters and the general public for peaceful behavior.
- Such steps as the Police may direct are carried out so as to minimize obstruction of roads and inconvenience to the general public whenever political activities are held at roadsides.
- All private and public property rights are respected.
- Measures are taken to clean the environs immediately following the holding of political events.
- Election campaign advertisements are removed within 30 days after the elections.
- The use of State owned resources to support any Political Parties, Coalitions or any Candidate is absolutely prohibited other than as stated in Section 3.7.
- All donations in cash or kind are accepted based on:
  - A "know your donor" principle;
  - Due diligence measures (similar to the requirement in financial institutions to identify and to report suspicious transactions) should be undertaken so as to protect against 'dirty money' contaminating the process;
  - It will cause its accounts, including donations, to be audited by a qualified accountant and presented to the Council for Responsible Political Behaviour established under Section 5 below within 120 days after the holding of each Election.
- Every person is free to go about his/ her lawful business without restriction, harassment or intimidation.
- From the time elections are announced; they, i.e. Parties, Coalitions and Candidates shall not permit members or ministers and other governmental authorities or enterprises to use State resources to publish promotional material which identifies any minister or Candidate or adopts the slogan of any Party.

- Recognize and acknowledge the rights of accredited observers and monitors at polling stations for the purpose of observing the conduct of elections.
- International observers who subscribe to the Code of Conduct for International Election Observers are invited to conduct a review of all General Elections.

## SECTION 5: THE COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE POLITICAL BEHAVIOUR

**A Council for Responsible Political Behaviour ('Council')** shall be set up to monitor and evaluate adherence to this Code of Ethical Political Conduct by the Political Parties and their Candidates who are signatories hereto.

The Council shall be constituted upon signing of this Code. The Founding Organizations who are signatories to this Code of Ethical Political Conduct, shall collectively appoint no fewer than six (6) nor more than nine (9) persons to serve on the Council.

The functions of the Council will be to:

- Conduct public education around the Code and issues that civil society would like politicians to address on the platform.
- Monitor the election campaign activities and conduct of Parties and their Candidates.
- Convene meetings with the Code Keepers on a regular basis during the election campaign to inform and discuss issues which would have arisen during the campaign.
- Network with bodies involved in monitoring elections in Trinidad and Tobago and with regional and international bodies which place governance as an important objective.
- Actively engage different networks which can bring moral suasion to bear on the conduct of Political Parties.
- Implement related activities consistent with the spirit of this Code as mandated by the broader body of civil society.
- Report to the broader body of civil society, and through it, to the public.

### THE CODE KEEPERS

Political parties, which are signatories to the Code would be invited to nominate a representative to sit in a grouping identified as the Code Keepers.

- These Code Keepers will serve as the intermediary between the Council and the Political Parties.
- During the election campaign, the Council will convene regular meetings with the Code Keepers to inform them of the issues which were considered by the Council as well as to hear of any other concerns which political parties may have in relation to the activities of other political parties.

### THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC

The public will be encouraged to report to the Council breaches of the Code as well as to indicate examples of exemplary political behaviour within an election campaign.

Consequences of unacceptable political behaviour should be left to the action of the general public.

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# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL ST ANDREW'S THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE REVEREND KERON KHELLAWAN **BIBLICAL HAPPINESS: A DEEPER JOY ROOTED IN GOD**

Continuing with the trend of the previous publications Love and Peace we now turn to Happiness. We look to focus our attention on the **"Values for Life"** book which says, *"Happiness is a state in which one experiences fulfilment, purpose and joy"* (**Values for Life, pg. 7**). Happiness is something everyone seeks. Yet, the Bible presents a view of happiness that goes beyond temporary pleasures. Unlike the fleeting joy the world offers, biblical happiness is rooted in a deep, abiding relationship with God. No political power or earthly person can give you happiness, it comes from within.

## **1. Biblical Happiness vs. Worldly Happiness**

The world often defines happiness as success, wealth, comfort, or pleasure. However, the Bible speaks of a joy that transcends circumstances. True happiness in Scripture is often linked to blessing, peace, and contentment in God's presence. Consider the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), which speak of happiness or blessed states through humility, mercy, and righteousness. The World speaks of happiness as related to gratification of desires, but in God's divinity, Happiness comes from a relationship with him.

## **2. The Source of Biblical Happiness**

Biblical happiness is not about external circumstances but comes from:

**a) A Relationship with God**- In Psalm 16:11 it says *"In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."* John 15:11 Jesus says, *"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."* Friends, the source of true eternal happiness is living in a divine relationship with God. Many people have asked me why I smile and laugh, the truth is that I see God in many aspects of life, for God is not just in the words of the bible but in the expression of God's love through all of creation.

**b) Trusting in God's Plan**- Paul says in Romans 8:28 *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him."* A disturbance of our happiness comes from the lack of trust in God, especially at times when others create situations that may be disturbing. As such recognising God in your circumstances allows faith to trust in the unseen God of us.

**c) Contentment in Christ**- Paul found joy and contentment in Christ, regardless of his situation (Philippians 4:11-13). We in Trinidad and Tobago are going through political differences, economic instability, and uncertainty, but God reminds us to cling to Him and not the world that will fall. Be therefore contented in the Lord your God.

## **3. Some steps to Experience Biblical Happiness**

**a) Seek First the Kingdom of God**- Jesus instructs us to seek God first, and everything else will fall into place (Matthew 6:33).

**b) Live in Obedience to God**- The one who delights in God's law is like a tree planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in all seasons (Psalm 1:1-3). Accept the mercy of God as David did.

**c) Cultivate Gratitude and Praise** - *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances."* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

**d) Serve Others in Love** - *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* (Acts 20:35). The essence of service builds the fruit of the Spirit, as we grow in love and service.

## **Conclusion: Lasting Joy in Christ**

Biblical happiness is not based on emotions or circumstances but is found in a life surrendered to God. It is a joy that comes from knowing, trusting, and following Jesus. When we seek God's presence, trust in His plan, and live for His glory, we will experience true and lasting happiness.



# 154<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SUSAMACHAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 'TO GOD BE THE GLORY'

submitted by Ms. Joanna Hamid

'To God Be the Glory' was the chosen theme for the 154th Anniversary of the Susamachar Presbyterian Church congregation, celebrated on February 15<sup>th</sup> 2025.

The service was one of both celebration and reflection on the work and witness of the Church as a PCTT Church as well as a Church in the wider Christian community.

Members of the congregation participated in the service in the reading of the chosen bible passages:

Acts Chapter 11 v. 19 to 26 tells the story of the spreading of Jesus's word and the beginning of Christianity and 1st Thessalonians Chapter 5 vs 12-28 reminds us to show respect to and hold in high regard the leaders of the church.

Rev. Letra Jacob's message spoke of the spreading of the word of God by men and women who were touched by God. We were reminded of the missionaries who came with a purpose to spread the Christian word and did so through the education of the East Indians. They fulfilled their task of spreading the word of God to persons who did not even speak the language and so learnt Hindi to do so. She reminded us that God has planted each one of us in his vineyard to do our work and we need to fulfil that role.

Today we are called as members of the Susamachar Presbyterian Church and Christians in the wider community, as well as followers of Christ and believers of the message of Jesus. For 154 years, believers of Jesus have formed the congregation of this church believing in His work, just as in the Bible when believers in Christ Jesus continued to give their message even when persecuted.

Hymns of worship included *To God be the Glory*, *Great things he has done*; *I am the Church* and *There is Power in His Blood*.

Members of the Steel Orchestra SPYSO, the Senior Choir and the Junior Choir gave their gifts of music to the Service.

In the prelude to the auspicious Anniversary Service, Susamachar also hosted three nights of Revival Services from the Tuesday to Thursday in the preceding week. There were dynamic guest speakers each night, beginning with Rev. Jacob and continuing with Rev. Namelia Lutchman-Pulwarty and Rev. Cynara Dubé-Khan.

Of course, at the end of each Service, we were blessed with delicious refreshments and beautifully printed bags were distributed to each member who attended the Anniversary Service.

Indeed, To God Be The Glory!



# THE FAMILY CAN

A MONTHLY THOUGHT TO HELP IMPROVE THE FAMILY - HILTON R SIBOO: CONTACT: 788-2685)  
THE PILGRIMAGE OF PARENTING: [PART 12] - CAN SHAPING BE PARENTED?

In this series, our approach established that parenting is a relationship between the 'parenter' and the 'parentee'. Last month we focused on - Why (should we) Parent BEHAVIOUR? Here we consider - Can shaping be parented? Can the 'parenter' shape the 'parentee? more specifically, can the 'parenter' shape the behaviour of the 'parentee'?

What is shaping? To consider and understand the concept of shaping, think of ... a sculptor with a block of wood, concrete or mortar or liquified metal; a child with playdough or plasticene; being on the beach with buckets of sand; or an idea you want to express in word or song; a landscapist with trees and garden plants (bonsai) and rocks; a fashion designer with cloth... or design engineer for domestic, industrial, environmental and climate devices. For almost anything in human life to become real and useful, it faces a process of designing, construction ... shaping. So, why not a human being? Isn't there 'body shaming' to out of shape, deformed or disfigured bodies?

Who then shapes a human being, when does the process begin, where and what and why are the intended purposes? Genetics, biology and the geographic environments shapes the body physical 'flesh and bones' human but what shapes the of psycho-social, the cultural, the religious, the norms, morals and values of civilisations where systems of structures have been tried, tested and sustained by tribes and nations, faith, belief, government and human society.

Are the behaviours learnt shaped, conditioned and reinforced by rewards and punishment? Studies and research in Psychology have established two major types of conditioning - 1. Classical and 2. Operant conditioning. It is in the latter that the concept of SHAPING is found. Shaping [Skinner] is 'an operant conditioning procedure in which reinforcers guide behaviour towards closer approximation of a desired goal' ... a method of successive approximation for the consequences of the operant's behaviour that 'is strengthened if followed by reinforcement of rewards or diminished if followed by punishment'. For human beings, continuous rewards and/or punishment shapes essential behaviours. At times, offensive behaviours are rewarded. At home, how do parents and adults shape [table] manners. At school, how do teachers shape behaviours? Is it with gold stars for the 10% achieving 100% success with no reward to others for trying, are these shaped to failure?

What shapes, trains or conditions our thoughts, words, actions, attitudes, responses and reactions? What shapes an individual's personal and social behaviour and identity? What shapes personality, which is an individual's characteristic patterns of thinking, feeling and acting? Is it social learning or academic educational schooling or media bombardment?

We are familiar with 'cut you down to size'. and 'shape up or ship out' - which assume a definite shape or plan. To shape is to form, to fashion, to develop, to become fit, to turn out of a mould, to pattern. Is shaping towards the goal of socially acceptable behaviour? Are the difficulties and challenges to do so explained by the rejection of traditional acceptable behaviours due to the impact and influences of modern norms and morals and the loss of values to anything acceptable, leaving no measure or standards of socially acceptable behaviours for an individual through the age and stages progression of life.

What therefore, are the training or conditioning or shaping for the 'parentee' by a 'parenter'? The Behavioural perspective 'emphasises environmental influences on observable behaviours. Behaviours affect attitudes. Behaviour modification utilises the 'application of operant conditioning principles to the modification of human behaviours'. Behaviour therapy 'applies learning principles to the elimination of unwanted behaviours.

Parents as 'parenters' have a duty and responsibility to guide and parent positive and socially acceptable behaviour, assisting and shaping the 'child-parentee' to functioning in whatever the human environment.

Can this approach improve our parenting relationships and skills and improve intra-family and inter-family relationships? I hope that this perspective can guide the understanding and effect changes and adjustments to the narrative and approach to parenting where the participants interact in a relational exchange that affects and impacts their words and actions, attitudes, behaviours and roles, duties and responsibilities.

Remember, the family is not just a group or gathering without a common purpose. Never let it ever be that the family can NOT adjust and adapt as changes occur.

**Don't lose faith. Hold strong. Believe, The Family Can**

## *Encountering ....the Archives of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago*

### **'KNOW THE CAPCTT' SERIES FOR 2025**

2025 is a most significant milestone for the Central Archives of the PCTT (CAPCTT) as this marks the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** since the establishment of the present physical location in September 1975.

Therefore, over the next months, 'Encountering ... the Archives' will share information with you to **'KNOW THE CAPCTT'**.

Firstly, we should note that at a Synod meeting on August 1962, Mr Enos Sewlal a Presbyterian and the then National Archivist of Trinidad and Tobago, presented a proposal for the establishment of the Central Archives of the **Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Grenada** (PCTG) with details for three sections - the Repository, the Museum and the Archival Library.

### **NOTICE: ARCHIVES CLOSURE**

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We do hope that the Archives, would shortly resume functioning and you can be facilitated with your encounter.

Until such time, thanks for your interest and support. God's blessings to you.

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# AGRI FACTS COLUMN

## HERB GARDEN GROW GUIDE

SUBMITTED BY RAYANNA BOODRAM  
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Having your own backyard garden is not only a rewarding experience that provides fresh ingredients for your kitchen it can also save you lots of money in the long term. If you are new to gardening, herbs are the ideal starter crop as they require very little effort and still reaps maximum production. You also do not need lots of space for your herb garden as they grow extremely well in containers and pots. Chive and celery are popular choices that thrive in a variety of conditions. In this article, we will discuss the tips to growing these herbs successfully with little effort.

Almost all herb seedlings can be purchased at your nearest agricultural shop or seedling shop. They are relatively inexpensive however ensure that you select strong seedlings that has developed leaves and no pest attached. Chives grow well in full sun to partial shade. They prefer well-draining soil with a neutral to slightly acidic pH (6.0–7.0). Potting mix can also be purchased at your agricultural shop. Plant your seedlings 8–12 inches apart, when watering, keep the soil consistently moist but not soggy and apply mulch to retain moisture. You can fertilize with an all-purpose fertilizer such as 12-24-12 a few days after planting. Chive leaves can be snipped as needed, cutting them about 2 inches above the soil. Avoid harvesting more than one-third of the plant at a time.

Celery prefers full sun and nutrient-rich, well-draining soil with a pH of 6.0–6.5. An ideal Celery seedling is 4–6 inches tall. Plant seedlings 8–10 inches apart in rows to allow the Celery stalks enough space to thrive. Celery requires consistently moist soil hence you will need to water deeply and regularly and use mulch. Fertilize every 2–3 weeks with compost or balanced fertilizer. Harvest stalks individually or cut the entire plant at the base when mature (about 85–120 days after planting). Chives and Celery are easy to grow and provide fresh flavours to your meals. With the right care and attention, you can enjoy a continuous supply of these herbs in your garden. Happy planting!

If you haven't started, maybe this is your sign.

### HOLY SATURDAY.

by Clarence Bharath, Aramalaya Presbyterian Church.

Holy Saturday, nothing to record.  
 Darkness by day, a tomb's reward.  
 Body of Christ, in darkest silence lies,  
 Telegraphs tension and teary eyes.  
 Unresolved hope for clear blue skies,  
 The Human experience when time doesn't fly.  
 Persist in faith, though light be absent,  
 With courage to trust an unseen constant.  
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# NICENE CREED IN CONTEMPORARY CONTEXTS

World Communion of Reformed Churches - <https://wcrce.eu/engaging-the-nicene-creed-in-contemporary-contexts/>

*“Reformed churches have a particular way of engaging with creeds and confessions. According to the foundational understanding of the Reformed church—always reforming according to God’s word—creeds and confessions should be received in the present tense. Commemorating the central symbols of the Christian faith means reengaging with what was at stake at the time of their formulation and engaging with what is at stake today,”* said the Rev. Dr. Hanns Lessing, executive secretary for communion and theology, World Communion of Reformed Churches.

The year 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. For centuries, the Nicene Creed has been a cornerstone of the Christian faith, uniting believers across denominational and theological lines. However, in today’s rapidly evolving religious landscape, its role remains an area of active exploration and dialogue. Recognizing the need for a fresh engagement with this historic confession, the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) has launched a landmark publication—a collection of 30 essays reflecting on how the Nicene Creed continues to shape faith, theology, and the mission of the church today.

More than an academic endeavor, this project is a deeply theological and pastoral response to the shifting contexts in which churches find themselves. It approaches the creed not as a static artifact but as a living tradition that speaks meaningfully to contemporary challenges.

## **Direction and Flexibility in Contributions**

A defining feature of this initiative is its balance between structure and openness. Rather than assembling a disparate collection of essays, the publication is being carefully curated to offer a cohesive and dynamic engagement with the Nicene Creed. Scholars and church leaders from diverse traditions and global regions are contributing, ensuring a truly international and ecumenical perspective.

While the project is rooted in a Reformed theological framework, its scope extends beyond Reformed circles, aiming to provide insights beneficial to the wider Christian community. This ecumenical approach fosters dialogue that respects historical confessions while addressing pressing contemporary questions of faith and practice.

## **Contextualizing the Nicene Creed**

One of the key concerns in shaping this project is ensuring that it adequately reflects the major shifts in global Christianity. The growing influence of churches in the Global South, the rise of Pentecostalism, and the realities of post-Christian Europe all necessitate a fresh engagement with historic creeds.

In response, project organizers emphasize that this is not a rigid confessional exercise but rather a Reformed reflection on the Nicene Creed as a theological resource for today’s world. The goal is to explore how the creed continues to inform faith across cultural, social, and theological contexts. By broadening its relevance beyond traditional Western theological frameworks, the project seeks to make the Nicene Creed accessible and applicable to contemporary global Christianity.



The publication is structured around six thematic sections, each addressing a vital aspect of the Nicene Creed’s historical and contemporary significance:

- Ecumenical Conversation on Hermeneutics – Exploring how confessions are interpreted in today’s theological discourse.
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For more information please visit -

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# THE HAMMER A GOOD FRIDAY FABLE

Submitted by by George K. Sammy

Long before Rudder sang his steel-pan song,  
there was another man who earned the name;  
another man with a hammer, who lived in Galilee.

I was that hammer, and through years of use  
my handle was worn smooth and took a shape  
to fit the strong contours of Joseph's hand.

We were a mighty team, Joseph and me,  
so careful in the work we had to do.  
We always drove each nail in straight and true.

Then one day a young boy came to the shop,  
a boy who came to learn his father's trade.  
And me and Joseph taught him carpentry.

Now Joseph loved this boy with all his heart  
and hoped that He would carry on the work.  
The boy learned, but He thought of other things.

The boy grew up and then He went away,  
to preach, to teach, to heal the sick and pray.  
And He worked miracles for all to see.

The years went by and I, too, went away,  
as people borrowed and did not return.  
Their carelessness took me from Galilee.

I went from country-side to city life  
when I became a Roman Soldier's tool.  
That Soldier brought me to Jerusalem.

Today the Romans crucify a man,  
though Governor Pilate found no fault in Him.  
They'll crucify him just to please the crowd.

They will not tie him to the cross with ropes.  
Instead, they'll drive nails through His hands and feet.  
For this, the Roman Soldier brought me here.

But wait! I know this man from long ago.  
His face is older, but not greatly changed.  
This is the one, the boy whom Joseph loved –  
I mustn't, mustn't, mustn't hurt this child.

And now they lift me up to do my work.  
I do not want to do it, so I cry,  
"God, Father, spare me from this awful deed."  
"Please God, don't make me drive nails through those hands".

## FROM GOLGOTHA UNTO GLORY AN EASTER POEM

BY CAROLINE SAMPATH  
ARAMALAYA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

My Lord slowly walked that  
Calvary Road,  
Upon His back sat that heavy  
load.  
To Golgotha! That dreadful  
place!  
His shallow breath, in  
rhythm with His pace.

He stumbled and fell to the  
ground,  
Still that old cross to Him  
was bound.  
Bruised and battered, He  
could not rise,  
He pleaded for help, with  
tears in His eyes.

Soldiers wrestled Simon  
forth,  
He said nothing, he just  
thought:  
This Jesus had to be the Son  
of Man,  
I will help, I will lend a hand.

Reaching now, the Place of  
the Skull,  
Where His thirst was  
quenched with the bitter  
gall.  
There, He was nailed to that  
cruel cross,  
My Lord was dying, for you,  
for us.

From His nail-scarred hands  
and pierced feet,  
Where sorrow and pain  
would soon meet.  
A sword would pierce My  
Saviour's side,  
Forgive them Father! He  
would cry.

Late in the day, He gave up  
the ghost,  
He had nothing, yet He'd  
given the most.  
Mary, His disciples with  
grief were consumed,  
As His body was placed in  
the stone-cold tomb.

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# VISIT TO DR. ALLAN MCKENZIE BY FORMER STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF NAPARIMA COLLEGE

Dr Michael Dowlath

On the 13th March 2025, former Principal of Naparima College, Dr. Allan McKenzie, was visited by three distinguished alumni and former educators of the institution: Dr. Michael R. Dowlath, Devanand Gosine, and Jamwant Maharaj. The visit was a momentous occasion, reflecting the lasting impact of Dr. McKenzie's leadership on the school and its graduates.

Dr. Dowlath, a former student of Naparima College during Dr. McKenzie's tenure, later went on to serve as Principal of the institution from January 2006 to January 2021. Mr. Gosine and Mr. Maharaj both contributed significantly to Naparima College as teachers under Dr. McKenzie's leadership.

During the visit, Dr. McKenzie expressed his heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Dowlath, commending his dedication to education and leadership. He highlighted Dr. Dowlath's commitment to service and excellence, noting that his knowledge and experience make him well-suited for continued contributions to the community.

The visit served as a meaningful reunion, celebrating the enduring bonds of mentorship, leadership, and service that Naparima College has fostered over the years.

For further, information and contributions kindly contact Ms Denise Basarath, 657 - 8832.





# FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE MORNING AT KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" - Psalm 133:1

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025, our church hosted its first "Fellowship and Coffee." It was an enjoyable morning filled with freshly brewed coffee and tea, along with cheerful conversation. After the Communion service, the congregation gathered in the hall, to share together in light beverages and snacks.

As the delicious aromas of freshly brewed tea and coffee filled the air, members of all ages gathered around the beautifully decorated tables, engaging in friendly conversation. The warm, soft Hops bread paired well together with Mrs. Indira Solomon's tasty channa, home-made pepper sauce and cheese. This delicious sandwich was served with hot tea, coffee, or a refreshing beverage. It was the perfect treat for everyone who stayed after the service.

The event was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Social Events Committee, led by Mrs. Jacqueline Ramdhanie, The Decorating Committee, led by Mrs. Deokie Bheekoo and the Food Committee, which I had the pleasure of heading. Our collaboration helped create an enjoyable experience that allowed our church members to strengthen their bonds.

This fellowship is one of the many that the church hosts and is a heartfelt reminder of the power of unity as a congregation, to come together and share simple moments with those we hold dear to our hearts. As the morning came to an end, many of our members left with smiles on their faces, lifted by the joy and love of fellowship that only a church family can provide.

Meals provide time for people to connect, communicate and strengthen relationships. With this breakfast morning, sharing a meal fosters a sense of belonging and camaraderie. Knox Presbyterian Church is more than just a church, it is a family, a second home where people can share a nice, pleasant conversations and foster a sense of community.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Marilyn Bipat. Food Committee





# JASON OGEER: NEWEST PRESIDING ELDER

Kindly allow me to offer my sincerest congratulations to our newest Presiding Elder of the P.C.T.T, young Jason Ogeer of the San Juan/Santa Cruz/Woodbrook Pastoral Region! A beautiful service of elevation was held on the 16th of March 2025 at 4:00pm at the San Juan Presbyterian Church. Thanks to the Northern Presbytery and all the hard-working behind-the-scenes officials for a successful evening. I say young, because our son celebrated his 39th birthday on that day and as a young man, he could have chosen so many different things to do, except responding to a call of service to Almighty God. And after listening to the Rev. Arthur Yorke about all the requirements needed to be a church worker, I sat in my seat and wondered whether Jason was having second thoughts. Really, church work, while it can be enjoyable, is indeed extremely difficult and offers in earthy terms, not very rewarding. But God's call is strong and overpowers all the dark voices that call our young people to leave the green grass of our Lord's pasture and graze like lost sheep in places of unthinkable chaos. Watch our world, see our society and tell me, I am wrong. There is no God, there is no heaven, there is no hell, some say. Jason's response is different. Here I am, send me. Thank you, our son. May the God we 'foolish' people worship guide you on your way. No turning back, no turning back. Welcome home, Presiding Elder, Jason Ogeer. Love, Dave Sadaphal Chairman Local Board Santa Cruz Presbyterian Church

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# NARIVA/MAYARO MENS' FELLOWSHIP TAKING WORSHIP OUTDOORS

Submitted by David Seecharan

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025, several men of the various congregations within the Nariva/Mayaro Pastoral Region, along with the church workers of the region, answered the call to share God's word via the Moments of Inspiration programme. The group envisioned this venture as a stepping stone for cultivating rapport in the revival of the Regional Men's Fellowship while simultaneously sharing an inspirational message based on the theme "Bearing Witness to the Risen Christ".

The group met at the Mayaro Nature Park, where the picturesque landscape, enhanced by a freshwater pond and a grove of coconut trees swaying in the warm Mayaro breeze, provided the perfect setting for worship and connection with God. Additionally, in the true spirit of adventure, there was no readily available power supply to connect the recording equipment. Subsequently, skilful use of an inverter by the recording personnel, PCTT Communications Manager Mr. Michael Cooper-Ochiengh and Ravesh Balram Singh, ensured that the taping was achieved.

The assembly of men, along with Reverend Radica Samuel-Moonoo and Presiding Elder, Mr. William Gookool, participated in conducting worship through instrumental music, song, prayer and reading selected scriptures. Though few individuals volunteered for this MOI presentation, Matthew 18:20 resonated: "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Rev. Radica Samuel-Moonoo staged a warm welcome and introduction. She also presented the moment of inspiration, pronounced the benediction and expressed thanks.

Instead of a traditional sermon delivered from a pulpit, the message took the form of a conversation, in which P.E. Mr. William Gookool clarified some doubts about Lent, Easter and resurrection during a discussion among friends.

A short history on the Nariva/Mayaro Pastoral Region Men's Fellowship was provided by Mr. Ashmid Khan. A prayer of adoration and confession was presented by Mr. David Seecharan. Student Minister, Mr. Brandon Paul, performed an instrumental item on the steelpan. Mr. Rawle Soogrim exquisitely delivered two songs. Although he sang a cappella, the birds and rustling leaves provided a wonderful musical accompaniment to his vocals. Scripture readings were done by both, Mr. Emmerson Pragsingh and Mr. Junior Sooknanan, respectively.

We were reminded in 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." It is our hope that more men would be inspired to serve and join in fellowship through Christ





# SAGHS SPORTS DAY 2025: A CELEBRATION OF ATHLETICISM AND TEAM SPIRIT

Submitted by: Sherman Gokool Teacher III St. Augustine Girls' High School



The St. Augustine Girls' High School (SAGHS) Sports Day was a grand showcase of energy, enthusiasm, and school spirit, held on Friday, March 7, 2025, on the school's compound. This eagerly anticipated event marked the culmination of a month-long series of activities that united students, teachers, and parents in a vibrant display of teamwork and athleticism.

The day began with the traditional March Past Parade, where teams from each house—Beattie, Giuseppe, Lahouri, Mahase, and Wagar—displayed their discipline and coordination. Present to officially commence the proceedings were the school's Chaplain, Reverend Cynara-Dube Khan, the school's Manager and Presiding Elder of the Chaguanas Pastoral Region, Mr. Andre Thompson, along with the Acting Principal, Ms. Bonnie Bissoon-Gosine. In a spectacular display of unity and precision, Giuseppe House emerged victorious in the March Past competition.

Leading up to Sports Day, the school hosted various events that built excitement and camaraderie among students. On the eve of the big day, the traditional "Chant" competition took place, showcasing the creative and vocal talents of each house. Beattie House claimed victory in this highly anticipated contest.

The ongoing Tug-of-War competition, a test of sheer strength and strategy, also saw Beattie House securing the win.

The sporting events of the day were fiercely contested, with Lahouri House demonstrating outstanding athletic prowess to claim the title in the athletics category. Meanwhile, Beattie House continued their dominance by winning the Fun Cup, adding another accolade to their impressive performance.

Overall, SAGHS Sports Day 2025 was a resounding success, brimming with joy, friendly rivalry, and school pride. The event not only highlighted the athletic capabilities of the students but also reinforced the values of teamwork, determination, and school spirit. It was a day to remember for all who participated and attended, leaving lasting memories and setting the stage for another year of excellence in sports and unity at SAGHS.





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## SAMMY'S PRIVATE C.A.P.E. TUTORING ONLINE CRASH COURSE DATES - 2025

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& Sunday 4th May (Day 2 - 9:00am to 1:00pm)

**English A (FREE CRASH COURSE) - OPEN TO ALL FORMS 4 & 5**  
STUDENTS PREPARING TO SIT THE MAY 2025 C.S.E.C. Exams)  
Sunday 4th May: 4pm to 7:30pm.

**Caribbean Studies:** Friday 25th April (Day 1) and Saturday 26th April (Day 2)

**Physical Education and Sports Unit 1:** Wednesday 23rd April

**Communication Studies:** Monday 28th April (Day 1: General Election Day) and  
Saturday 3rd May (Day 2)

**Accounting Unit 2:** Friday 2nd May (Day 1) and Sunday 4th May (Day 2)

**Economics Unit 2:** Tuesday 29th April (Day 1 Time: 5 pm- 9 pm) and  
Wednesday 30th April (Day 2 Time: 5 pm- 9 pm)  
Thursday 1st May (Day 3 Time: 9 am-6 pm)

**TIME: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

**Accounting Unit 1:** Wednesday 7th May (Day 1) Sunday 11th May (Day 2)

**Sociology Unit 2:** Saturday, 10th May

**Physical Education and Sports Unit 2:** Sunday 11th May

**Economics Unit 1:** Saturday 17th May (Day 1) and Sunday 18th May (Day 2)

**Entrepreneurship Unit 2:** Thursday 15th May (Day 1: Time 4 pm- 9 pm) &  
Friday 16th May (Day 2: Time 4 pm- 9 pm)


**Entrepreneurship Unit 1:** Tuesday 20th May (Day 1 Time 4 pm- 9 pm) &  
Thursday 22nd May (4 pm- 9 pm)

**TIME: 8 AM- 6 PM)**

**Management of Business Unit 2:** Wednesday 21st May (Day 1: Time 1 pm- 5 pm) & Friday 23rd May  
(Day 2: Time 8 am- 6 pm)

**Management of Business Unit 1:** Saturday 24th May (Day 1) & Sunday 25th May (Day 2)

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3RD: KAITLYN PHOOLCHAN- ST.STEPHEN'S COLLEGE  
10TH: IVARE ROOPNARINE- NAPARIMA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Target group - Forms 4 and 5

Date: Sunday 4th May 2025

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3RD: KAITLYN PHOOLCHAN- ST.STEPHEN'S COLLEGE  
10TH: IVARE ROOPNARINE- NAPARIMA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

### CARIBBEAN STUDIES

2ND: ADDRIANNA S. RAGHONANAN- SHIVA BOYS' HINDU COLLEGE  
5TH: ARUN K. RAMLOGAN: NAPARIMA COLLEGE

### ECONOMICS UNIT 1

3RD: AARYA A. BHAIKAR: HOLY FAITH CONVENT, COUVA  
7TH: SADIE RAMLAL: HOLY FAITH CONVENT, COUVA

### SOCIOLOGY UNIT 1

10TH: CELESTE A. SMITH: ST. JOSEPH CONVENT, SAN'DO  
10TH: KHARISA D. CELESTINE: PLEASANTVILLE SENIOR COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

### SOCIOLOGY UNIT 2

2ND: SHARAD HATAI: VISHNU BOYS HINDU COLLEGE  
6TH: ZO-AN T. RAM: A.S.J.A GIRLS' COLLEGE SAN'DO  
9TH: LEXI L. YEARWOOD: SAN'DO CENTRAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP UNIT 2

3RD: FARAH A.KHAN: A.S.J.A GIRLS' COLLEGE SAN'DO

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORTS UNIT 2

1ST: KAELYN A. ARJUNE: NAPARIMA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL  
2ND: AVEESHA F. RASSUL: A.S.J.A GIRLS' COLLEGE SAN'DO  
4TH: DANAE K. MOOTOOSINGH: NAPARIMA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL  
4TH: AALIYAH C. SEEBARAN: NAPARIMA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL  
7 TH: ISHIKA D. HEERAMAN: A.S.J.A GIRLS' COLLEGE SAN'DO  
10TH: ANISH SUMESAR-RAI: SHIVA BOYS' COLLEGE

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORTS UNIT 1

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2ND: KARISHMA I. SEEPERSAD: HILLVIEW COLLEGE  
3RD: REUEL M.NILES: HILLVIEW COLLEGE  
4TH: SHINELLE N. RAMDATH: SHIVA BOYS' HINDU COLLEGE  
7 TH: KARINA N. SAMAROO: SHIVA BOYS' HINDU COLLEGE  
10TH: VIKASH BAJNATH: SHIVA BOYS' HINDU COLLEGE

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Rayshard Hoscini    Savir Labban    Aiden Omar

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Krysta Khan    Ananda Rampersad    Tamara Ramsahai

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Adam Bissessar    Kanye Hamilton    Joshua Isahack

#### BISHOP ANSTEY & TRINITY COLLEGE EAST SIXTH FORM

Lishan Browne

#### NAPARIMA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Andelle Balwah    Keshma Rampersad

#### ASJA GIRLS' COLLEGE SAN FERNANDO

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#### PRESENTATION COLLEGE SAN FERNANDO

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Kimberly Samaroo

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY 2025

**"Serve the Lord with Gladness"**

Psalm 100:2

**Saturday  
12th April  
2025**

**Venue:  
Naparima  
College**

**Time:  
8:30am - 1:00pm**

Join us for an exciting and spirit-filled gathering as we celebrate faith, fellowship, and service at our Sunday School Rally 2025! Let's unite in worship, inspiring messages, interactive activities, and joyful praise as we embrace the call to serve the Lord with gladness

✦ *"Come before His presence  
with singing!"* ✦



## COME & ENJOY

- ✓ Uplifting Worship
- ✓ Engaging Bible Lessons
- ✓ Creative Activities
- ✓ Inspiring Speakers

**All Sunday School  
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and families are invited!**

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