

Epistle from Jamaica Yearly Meeting

Religious Society of Friends

Eight Month/August 15-17, 2014

To Friends Everywhere

The 73rd Summer Session of Jamaica Yearly Meeting was held at Swift Purscell, Highgate, St. Mary, under the theme, "Living Wholly for God's Glory. Our Presiding clerk, Lydia Grapine, welcomed friends of Jamaica, North Carolina and New York Yearly Meetings and charged them on the holistic approach on "Living for Jesus".

Our Young Friends sessions emphasized, "Character & Social Development, Choosing Career and Substance Abuse". The Young Friends were encouraged to use the bible as their daily guide to wholesome living.

Our memorial lecture featured the life and work of an ardent, dedicated and selfless Quaker, Florence Passley. Her life of humility, punctuality and simplicity demonstrated aspects of her character that the young people were encouraged to emulate.

Brent McKinney, North Carolina Yearly Meeting, updated us on the leadership and infrastructure development partnership which has resulted in the recording of pastors and church leaders.

Our USFW luncheon, guest speaker, Darlene Pittman, encouraged responsible use of our tongue for edification.

The call for commitment to holy living, faithfulness and development in spiritual values reminded us of the beloved Friends, whose passing we observed this year. Our divine worship, in songs and spoken words cautioned us of the need to "Let God be our Guide" as we hold the yearly meeting "Wholly for God's Glory".