

Caribbean Brethren Assemblies Report, December 2014

Introduction

This is a report of the progress of the Caribbean Brethren Assemblies Conference Continuation Committee for July to December 2014. A committee was set up during the St. Kitts Caribbean Brethren Conference which was held from July 22 – 29, 2014. The purpose of the committee was to meet with representatives from each country, to assist with matters which may arise during the conference, and to begin setting up a leadership structure for the future Caribbean conferences. Some of the members of that committee were Nestor Campbell, Neil Summerton, Hadyn Marshall, Glen O'Flaherty, Eddie Richardson, Carl Scharschmidt, and Sylvan Catwell.

It was agreed during those meetings to set up the Caribbean Brethren Assemblies Conference Continuation Committee (CBACC). Dr. Hadyn Marshall was selected to chair the committee. It was also agreed that each country should have one representative and that other members, including women, could be co-opted. Finally, it was agreed that an executive would be selected.

Executive

The executive selected by the chairman were: Glen O'Flaherty (St. Kitts); Edward (Eddie Richardson (Bermuda); Carl Scharschmidt, secretary (Jamaica); Kenneth Millar (Barbados). The executive has been meeting monthly on Skype, scheduled for the first Saturdays, though this has not always been the case. It is intended that the executive will meet physically once per year, hopefully coinciding with another official event such as a conference. The executive meetings have been helping in our spiritual formation. We begin by looking at a passage of Scripture and sharing our thoughts on it with one another.

Purpose

The Caribbean Brethren Assemblies Conference Committee *exists to serve and strengthen the Brethren movement in the Caribbean*, thereby enabling it to play its part in carrying out the mission given to the church by the Lord Jesus Christ more effectively. Its *main goal* is to facilitate spiritual and numerical growth among Brethren churches in the Caribbean. (Please see attached for the full goals and objectives).

Main Thrust

The main thrust of the CBAC at this time is to improve communication throughout the region. As such, a Caribbean directory is being developed, and a newsletter will be published soon (please see below).

Country Representatives

The Caribbean committee is being put together and the members so far are:

Anguilla, Rodwell Grant
Antigua, Kenneth Edwards
Bahamas, Augustus Moncur
Barbados, Kenneth Millar
Belize, Dwayne Scott
Bermuda, Edward Richardson

Dominica, Merrill Matthew
Grenada, Daniel Ross
Guyana, Ronald Charles, another rep. possibly to be added,
Jamaica, Carl Scharschmidt,
St. Croix, Warrington Chapman,
St. Kitts and Nevis, Glenville O'Flaherty
St. Lucia, Simon Maximin
St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Hadyn Marshall
Trinidad and Tobago, Alva Corbin, with Bro. Lawrence Haggard assisting communication
USA, Adrian Thomas

Representatives are asked to communicate frequently with the brethren in their respective countries in order to increase awareness of, and generate support for, CBACC.

The co-opted members are Sis. Avenelle Ward, St. Kitts and Nevis and Sis. Patricia Thompson, Jamaica.

Caribbean Directory

A directory of Brethren Assemblies is being developed, with input so far from: Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Please see attached.

Finance

The Bermuda Mission trust has graciously consented to handle the finances of CBAC. A US dollar account will be opened to do the transactions on behalf of CBACC. Persons wishing to support the work of CBACC may send their gifts, clearly marked as being for CBACC, to Bermuda Missions Trust, P. O. Box 254, Paget, Bermuda.

Website

Arrangements are being made for a website to be launched for CBAC. The St. Kitts conference website will be modified and used for the CBAC.

Newsletter

The first edition of the CCB News, is being spearheaded by Bro. Millar, with Chief Editor Sis. Anne Ramsay, both of Barbados. This is scheduled for publication in January 2015.

International Brethren Conference on Missions (IBCM6)

The IBCM6 will be held from June 22-26, 2015 near to Rome in Italy. The theme is "That the World May Know." Brethren leaders at all levels are invited. Information is available on the IBCM website or the attached newsletter.

Next Caribbean Conference

The next Caribbean conference is scheduled for 2017. The date, venue and other information are yet to be decided.