Jamaica Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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To: All Church Elders

Jamaica Union Conference

Dear Elders of Jamaica Union Conference,

Greetings in the name of Jesus, our loving Lord and Shepherd of the flock!

I write regarding the Elders Leadership Retreat that was scheduled for May 21 to 24, 2023. It is with a sense of sadness that we are informing you that we have to cancel this event at this time, and implement an alternative. This is being done for two main reasons.

- 1. The astronomically rising cost at this time; and
- 2. The fact that only a select number of persons would be able to attend and participate, due to the limited hotel accommodations available.

We have therefore decided to convene a special Elders Leadership Summit, under the theme, *Empowered to Serve: I Will Go*, on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at the Seventh-day Adventist Conference Centre in West Jamaica Conference, at which all elected Elders and Leaders are invited to attend.

This Leadership Summit will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will feature presentations from Dr. Pardon Mwansa, Associate Professor of Leadership at Andrews University; Dr. Josney Rodriguez, Ministerial Secretary of the Inter-American Division; Pastor Everett Brown, President of Jamaica; among others. Additionally, there will be a special Pinning Ceremony for our elders, and a recognition of some outstanding persons. In preparation for this significant and meaningful event, we are asking that <u>each elder/attendee registers by completing the attached form.</u>

Thank you for your understanding and continued support and may God's choicest blessings rest upon you, your family and your local congregation.

Yours in His Service

Joseph G. Smith (Pasto) Tinisterial Secretary