

JAMAICA COALITION FOR A HEALTHY SOCIETY

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What's been happening: Jamaica

Professor Brendan Bain and protests @ UWI Mona gates

A world renowned expert on the research, treatment, and public policy related to HIV/AIDS, Professor Brendan Bain spent 30 years caring for persons living with HIV/AIDS without showing any stigma and discrimination against them whether sex workers, drug users, men who have sex with men or others. He was director of the Caribbean HIV AIDS Regional Training Network (CHART). CHART trains healthcare personnel working with HIV/AIDS clients, and is overseen by the University of the West Indies (UWI). UWI is the premier tertiary institution of the English speaking Caribbean region.

On May 19, 2014, Professor Bain was fired from his post by the Vice Chancellor of the UWI, Professor E. Nigel Harris on the demand of 33 purported Caribbean LGBT activist groups. Some of these groups were subsequently reported to be ghost organisations.

What did Professor Bain do? He gave his expert testimony in the constitutional court case on the buggery law in Belize providing factual evidence about the risk of HIV/AIDS among men who have sex with men. The LGBT activists have additionally demanded the drafting and implementation of a UWI-wide policy protecting LGBTI staff and students from discrimination.

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Gay-advocates-want-UWI-professor-sacked_16688470

<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20140622/lead/lead1.html>
(non-existent groups)

The UWI was heavily criticised for its decision in following ideology over science. The Jamaican Bar Association, the Medical Association of Jamaica and the Trinidad and Tobago Medical Association spoke out against the circumscription of academic freedom as Professor Bain was entitled to express his professional opinions without fear of recrimination and he owed a duty to the Court to do so. Other individuals wrote that the clear objectives of CHART are to train health care workers, not advance the homosexual agenda.

<http://www.guardian.co.tt/letters/2014-05-27/disappointed-uwi-sacking-bain>

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Bain-Pain_16737469

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/letters/Conflict-of-interest-cause-of-Prof-Bain-s-dismissal_16726940

The JCHS was granted a brief meeting with the Vice-Chancellor of the UWI at which they expressed their objection to Professor Bain's dismissal. The Vice-Chancellor was given a complimentary copy of the JCHS documentary, *'Sex, Lies and Rights: a seduction of law, medicine and politics'* which shows how the homosexual political agenda suppresses truth, freedom of speech, conscience and parental rights.

<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20140607/lead/lead1.html>

Professor Bain's dismissal sparked outrage expressed in the newspapers, airwaves, online (a petition garnering over 2000 signatures) and a 6 week-long silent protest outside the main gates of the UWI, Mona campus in Kingston. This protest was said to be longest running public protest in Jamaica's recent history. Protestors wore black, carried placards and placed tape over their mouths inscribed with the words 'Freedom of Speech'. All this to indicate the symbolical death of freedom of speech in the very place where expression of independent thought ought to have been freely encouraged. The protests took place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and each day ended with the collective recitation of the national pledge, a prayer and the singing of the national anthem.

Protest were also held in Jamaica's second capital city Montego Bay, and in Belize City, Belize.

<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/latest/article.php?id=53108> (protest)

<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/latest/article.php?id=53270> (M/Bay)

<http://www.7newsbelize.com/sstory.php?nid=28827> (Belize)

The protests culminated in a mass public rally in Half Way Tree square on Sunday June 29, 2014 organised by Jamaica CAUSE (*see page 2*).

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The dismissal has provided a much needed public discussion on the homosexual agenda, buggery and the role of the buggery law. Church and Society have finally woken up to the global homosexual agenda and its threat to the fundamental freedoms of all Jamaicans. The lines of differing opinions have been clearly drawn, from the editorial leadership of newspapers, to former Prime Ministers to the man in the street.

On same-sex marriage: <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20140604/letters/letters2.html>

On the pro-gay 'rights' editors of the Gleaner: <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20140606/cleisure/cleisure3.html>

On buggery: <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20140624/letters/letters5.html>

On the new 'colonisers': <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20140531/cleisure/cleisure4.html>

Professor Bain has since sued the University for wrongful dismissal, breach of his constitutional freedoms of speech, and conscience among other issues. He also successfully obtained an injunction to block his dismissal and at the time of writing, was back in his post.

<http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/latestnews/Prof-Bain-secures-injunction-against-UWI-over-dismissal>.

Jamaica Churches Action Uniting Society for Emancipation (CAUSE)

Jamaica CAUSE arose out of the protests against Professor Bain's dismissal and the full realization of the advancing attack by the LGBT agenda on Jamaica's sovereignty and constitutional freedoms, in particular freedom of conscience, expression and religious liberty.

Endorsed by most of the major denominations and umbrella church groups, Jamaica CAUSE organized a mass public rally in Half Way Tree Square on Sunday June 29, 2014. Estimates ranged between 25,000-50,000 persons in attendance. The rally was a national call to repentance starting with the church, and a clear public demonstration of Jamaica's stance for justice, truth and the Lord's righteousness, in all dimensions and areas of national and personal life. Rev Stephenson Samuels chaired the rally planning committee. Further rallies are being planned for other parts of the island.

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/No-to-homo-agenda_17050490

CVCC, JFJ and FAMPLAN intervention in 6 church sponsored children's homes

During the time of the UWI protests, it was revealed that three NGO's partnered to implement a controversial sex education course in 6 privately run children's homes. Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVCC), Jamaicans for Justice (JFJ) and the Jamaica Family Planning Agency (FAMPLAN) ran the course for nearly 8 months without the knowledge and permission of the Child Development Agency (CDA).

From all appearances, the curriculum was based on the value-systems of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), a known international advocate of sexual rights for children (from age 10 upwards). The IPPF is also the world's largest abortion provider.

CVCC also spearheaded the LGBT activist groups demand for Professor Bain's dismissal from UWI. FAMPLAN is the local IPPF affiliate.

<http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/CDA-questions-JFJ-programme-implemented-in-child-care-facilities>

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Sex-Ed-row-grows_16937499.

Jaghai v Attorney-General of Jamaica

In February 2013, Javed Jaghai, a Jamaican homosexual man, along with the Jamaica Forum of Lesbians All-Sexuals and Gays ("the Claimants") sued the Government of Jamaica by claiming that sections 76,77 and 79 of the Offences against the Person Act, the "buggery law" are unconstitutional.

The JCHS and 10 other Christian organisations were allowed to join the case as interested parties supporting retention of the law. They assert that repeal of the law will lead to the normalisation of homosexuality, adversely impacting the institution of marriage, the education of children as well as stifling the freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of conscience of anyone who opposes the homosexual lifestyle.

A pre-trial review commenced on May 14, 2014 at which the Court heard several applications for expert witnesses to be appointed. If appointed, (accepted by the Court), expert witnesses will provide the Court with their professional opinions on the subject-matter of the case. The applications by JCHS and Christians for Truth and Justice were opposed by the Claimants.

Additionally, the Claimants asked the Court to strike out (delete) several portions of the affidavits (statements) by witnesses for the JCHS, Hear the Children's Cry, LCF, and Christians for Truth and Justice.

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The pre-trial review could not be completed in one day and was initially adjourned to June 27 and has been further adjourned until September 1, 2014. The full trial is scheduled for November 2014 .

❖ **What's happening: CARICOM**

The Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) met in Antigua for their annual Conference (1-4 July 2014). Among the issues to have been considered were certain actionable recommendations to advance the Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP) programme 'Justice for All'.

PANCAP was set up to reduce and mitigate the spread of HIV/AIDS in the region. Among its donors are UNAIDS, Global Fund, DFID (Department for International Development [UK]) and PEPFAR (the [US] President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief).

Two of the recommendations are (i) repealing buggery/sodomy laws across the entire CARICOM region (14 countries) and (ii) making sexual orientation a protected category for non-discrimination.

One Hundred and Forty (140) organisations from 12 CARICOM territories representing hundreds of thousands of CARICOM citizens collectively put in writing their objection to any endorsement of these 2 recommendations, their recommendations on a life-affirming response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, along with questions on the non-transparency of the development of the recommendations.

http://www.jchs.org.jm/uploads/1/3/4/4/13441454/statement_on_pancap_justice_for_all.pdf

The statement was sent to the Secretary-General of CARICOM, all 16 Heads of Government, Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Ministers of Health. No comment was forthcoming from any Jamaican political representative about this meeting and the particular controversial recommendations.

<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20140627/lead/lead5.html>

A silent protest led by the JCHS was staged outside the Jamaican Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade on Dominica Drive, New Kingston on Friday, June 27, 2014

ABOUT US: Jamaica Coalition for a Healthy Society (JCHS)

Who we are

A Jamaican family advocacy group promoting and defending Judeo-Christian principles as the basis for enriching the social, spiritual, mental, physical and emotional health of the Jamaican society. We serve with others as cultural watchmen for our society and bearers of God's truth and love.

What we do

Education – raise the public's awareness and understanding of current issues from a biblical perspective

Advocacy - mobilise support to safe-guard and promote justice and truth

Ministry – direct interested persons to appropriate counselling resources.

What's been happening: JCHS

The JCHS was an integral part of the UWI protests and planning for the Jamaica CAUSE rally. JCHS also appeared on various media to speak about the UWI protests, the rally, and the children's homes situation among other issues: TVJ, CVM, TBC radio, RJR, Nationwide, Newstalk Radio.

What's next:

- ❖ Monitoring outcomes of the CARICOM meeting.
- ❖ Monitoring Parliamentary debates on Disabilities Bill, review of Sexual Offences laws and Flexi-work week Bill among others.
- ❖ Public education activities.

What can you do:

Prayer points:

- Healing and strengthening of family life in Jamaica
- Preservation of Government policies and laws that protect the sanctity of life and God's design for sex, marriage and family.
- Protection for members of JCHS, Jamaica CAUSE, their families, churches and businesses.
- Failure of homosexual agenda in the Caribbean.
- Caribbean nations to declare and abide by God's laws and precepts for the flourishing of their societies.

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What can you do *cont'd*

- ❖ Get enumerated. Get informed. Spread the word.
- ❖ Affirm the inherent dignity of all persons. Denounce violence against all persons. Stand up for God's justice, truth and righteousness in Jamaica. Reject the political LGBT agenda that will reorder society and silence the church.
- ❖ View the JCHS documentary: **'Sex Lies and Rights: a seduction of law, medicine and politics':**
[https:// www.youtube.com/jchsadvocate](https://www.youtube.com/jchsadvocate)

Download the accompanying contextual statement:
http://www.jchs.org.jm/uploads/1/3/4/4/13441454/jchs_contextual_statement_for_dvd_general.pdf

Please tell others about the video!

❖ Your financial support:

We welcome contributions in any amount, whether as a one-off donation or a regular contribution. The funds will go towards legal fees for the court case and our media public education campaigns (radio and print).

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**Our humble thanks for your kind donations so far.
May the Lord richly bless you !**

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**Visit the upgraded JCHS website!
www.jchs.org.jm**

See photos of the UWI protest and Half-WayTree Square mass rally.

Protest @ UWI Mona main gate, Kingston, Jamaica. May 21- June 29, 2014



Jamaica CAUSE Mass Rally, Half Way Tree Square, Kingston, Jamaica. June 29, 2014



"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

2 Cor. 10:4-5 KJV



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