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Coach - GCI Jamaica

Tell us about your role in your local congregation?

I serve as part of the pastoral team in Grace Communion Jamaica. I give sermons in our Sunday fellowship group, and I facilitate and moderate online Bible studies for members and guests.

Why do you serve in GCI?

I focus on Christ, first and foremost, on what he is and has been doing in and through me, helping me to make a difference in the lives of others. For me, serving in GCI means participating with Christ as he works through our congregation to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

What excites you about this role?

I'm excited about the changes I see in people's attitudes and behaviors as they come to understand the changes in our theology and our practice — and why our practice may have had to change as our theology changed for the better.

What are the challenges?

Old habits die hard — and so do old beliefs. It's a challenge for some to make the paradigm shift that is necessary to fully embrace the changes that have taken place (and are taking place) in GCI.



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What skills do you bring to your role?

I'm a graduate of Ambassador College (class of 1986), who returned to Jamaica as a ministerial trainee right after graduation. I was ordained an elder in 1989. I've served as assistant pastor, associate pastor, and pastor.

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What else is important for our readers to know?

I started attending services in this denomination in early 1979. I got married in 1989 and have three children alive, including a stepdaughter. My first child was born prematurely and died before he was even a month old. My wife and I stopped attending this denomination in 2000. I returned to GCI after 19 years.

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Tell us other things you've been doing in your Congregation

Over the years, I've given many Bible studies and preached many sermons. I've also served as Festival Coordinator for the Jamaica feast site and Business Manager for the WCG Jamaica office.



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“I love what I see happening in this denomination at this time; I really believe that God is at work in GCI.”



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