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JAMAICA TEACHERS'
ASSOCIATION

62nd Annual
Conference

FIRST SESSION PROGRAMME

Monday, August 17, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Ocean Coral Spring Hotel
Duncans, Trelawny

THEME: *Reformation Now: Rebuilding a
Resilient Education System Buoyed by the
Eternal Father and an Unrelenting Unionism*



PROFILE

*Helene Coley
Nicholson*

**LLB (HONS), JP
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW**

Helene Coley Nicholson is a Christian advocate who utilizes the law and media as tools for change. With decades of experience as a media practitioner and Attorney-at-Law, Helene has served as President of the Lawyers' Christian Fellowship Jamaica, is a former Director and Legal Counsel for the Press Association of Jamaica, and a Justice of the Peace.

Helene has held senior management positions in journalism and law and lectured on Human Rights at the tertiary level. As a journalist and main News Anchor for the now defunct Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation, Helene was the recipient of the prestigious Reuters Journalism Fellowship to Oxford University.

As a syndicated environmental journalist based in Jamaica, her stories were published in the electronic and print media for audiences in the Caribbean, Europe, and continental Africa.

Helene graduated from the Norman Manley Law School in 2004 and now operates a general civil law practice.

Helene has been married to Dr. Clive Nicholson, a Medical Practitioner, for 37 years. They have two adult daughters, Laura, and Zena, and a grand-daughter, Amina.

Programme

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE

Dr. Mark Nicely, JP
Secretary General, JTA

DEVOTION

Rev. Tevin Graham
Pastor, Kettering Circuit of Baptist Churches

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & REMARKS

Mr. Mark Malabver

Standing Orders

Dr. Mark Nicely, JP

QUESTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEM

Wait-a-bit Primary School

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mrs. Georgia Waugh Richards
Regional Officer, JTA

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Mrs. Helene Coley Nicholson, LLB (Hons), JP
Attorney-at-Law

VOTE OF THANKS

Mrs. La Sonja Harrison
President Elect, JTA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Mark Nicely, JP