

CBWU CONNECTION



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Yvonne Pitter

Passing the Baton

Yvonne Pitter was lauded for her sterling contribution to CBWU at the Annual meeting and Transitional Ceremony held on July 31, 2020 not only for her ten (10) years (2010-2020) as the President of the Caribbean Continental Union but also as one of the Vice Presidents of BWA Women.

All agreed that Sis. Pitter, along with the members of her team, served the organization well. Yvonne Pitter's deep sense of commitment and dedication to the organization that she led and represented on the global stage will form part of our rich legacy.

Present at the meeting were Presidents from the various member islands. Moreen Sharp, Interim Executive Director (IED) of BWA Women and newly installed President Karen Wilson from Australia joined the gathering later. Both sisters were acknowledged and warmly welcomed.

Immediately following the Annual meeting the new President and officers of CBWU

were installed.

The following women comprise the new leadership team:

President:	Karlene Edwards -Warrick (Trinidad & Tobago)
V/Presidents:	Sherrian Munro (Grenada) Betty James (San Andres)
Secretary:	Buela Hamilton (Turks & Caicos)
Asst. Secretary:	Sylvia Henry (Jamaica)
Treasurer:	Julie Barclay (Trinidad & Tobago)

The virtual Transitional Ceremony was not only novel but was also a wonderful and moving experience. Both President Wilson and IED Sharp extended short congratulatory words of greetings to President Edwards-Warrick and pledged their prayerful and practical support as she serves in the different capacities.

In a heartfelt and challenging acceptance speech, President Karlene Edwards-Warrick acknowledged the contribution of Sis. Pitter's administration.



Fmr President Pitter & New President Edwards-Warrick

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

Col. 3:23 ESV.

Message From Incoming President Karlene Edwards-Warrick Trinidad and Tobago



KARLENE EDWARDS-Warrick—PRESIDENT

My dear sisters, I greet you in the all-powerful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we navigate this incredibly challenging and unprecedented time in our history, I urge all of you, the women of the Caribbean Baptist Women's Union to be **p**rayeful, **p**roactive, **p**liable and **p**rompt in your decision- making.

I encourage you to look outward for every opportunity for ministry as there are many persons who are in need and without hope.

While I am aware that our resources may be limited during this time of crisis, I call on you to exercise the faith of the widow of Zarephath because it is in giving that we will receive and we *will* witness God's miraculous provision.

May God continue to lead the CBWU as we fulfill God's great work in this Caribbean region. My officers and I look forward to your continued support to the CBWU in the next five years as we foster and celebrate unity in Christ and promote fellowship among Baptist women in the Caribbean and worldwide.

Excerpts of the Transition ceremony can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/xkXbf77AXXA>

President Edwards-Warrick's team for the quinquennium - (2020-2025) listed to the right:-



SHERRIAN MUNRO — VICE PRESIDENT



BETTY JAMES — VICE-PRESIDENT



BUELA HAMILTON — SECRETARY



SYLVIA HENRY — ASSISTANT SECRETARY



JULIE BARCLAY — TREASURER

VIRTUAL CONNECTIONS DURING COVID-19

Platforms to help us stay in touch with God and one another.

1. (a) Bible Study: (Zoom)

⇒ **Bible Studies** can be used to deepen women's relationship with Jesus during lock-down by reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on Scripture and applying it to our daily lives.

⇒ **Decide** on topic, theme (eg. Lessons from Women of the Bible, Humility, Love, Forgiveness, Grace, Bible Promises.)

⇒ **Bible Study** leader prepares and presents teaching, pointing out lessons to be learnt, warnings to heed and promises given.

⇒ **Invite** sisters to share with Questions and Comments.

⇒ **Conclude** with time of prayer.



(b) Discussion Group: (Zoom)

⇒ Choose **topics** relevant to the times or those that address women's issues and concerns.

⇒ **Assign** various aspects of topics to women so they can prepare before scheduled time.

⇒ After every woman has presented, the leader **summarizes** or asks someone else (who would have known before) to do so.

⇒ **Conclude** with time of Prayer



2. Facebook Groups

⇒ Create Facebook groups to meet the needs of different categories of women eg single women, women with unsaved husbands, women with adolescent and young children, women who are caregivers to aged parents.

(b) WhatsApp Prayer Meeting

⇒ Organize prayer meetings at determined times for your church members.

4. a) Video Call/ Voice Chat/Texting

⇒ Stay in touch

⇒ Be the friend of another sister especially the elderly. Learn to listen.

⇒ Allow sisters to share how they are coping and what they are experiencing. Be an encourager.

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3. (a) WhatsApp Groups

⇒ Establish mentoring and discipling relationships.

⇒ Establish prayer chains, post prayer concerns, share prayer requests and devotionals, pray about personal needs, pray for the Church, community, the unsaved, abused women, and those who have lost jobs.



I CHOOSE LIFE!

I choose Life!

And heaven and earth is my witness.
I choose to love the Lord my God with all my heart,
my soul and my mind.
I choose to praise Him in the morning, praise Him in
the evening and praise Him again at night.
I choose to love Him by praying incessantly and
reading His Word.

I choose Life!

To exhibit my love by obeying God's voice and the
authority of my country that God has put in place to
secure my life.

I choose the call to worship God at home, for while
the Church is part of Life; God is Life!

I choose Life!

I chose to hold fast to my Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ and His promise to never leave
me nor forsake me.
I hold fast to the promise of Eternal Life,
I will not let go. I will not give in to fear, worry or
anxiety.
I hold fast to His courage and confidence, His love
and His mercy, His faithfulness and truth; all that I
need at present for Life!

I choose Life!

For God is my Life and length of days. He
promised that I would LIVE in this land and no
Covid19 or any other threat to my Life can sway
me from this belief.
Loving God, obeying Him and holding fast to
His promises are not difficult, or beyond my
reach. It is my Life!

I choose Life!

Because what is happening in the
world today demands that I know and declare that
God is my Life.
I will look to Him alone for Life for it
is in Him I live and move and have my being.

What Will You Choose Today?

I Choose Life



Donna-Daile Smart

**The world is faced with a pandemic that
is a threat to Life.**

I Choose Life

Donna-Daile Smart - Trinidad & Tobago

The video 'I Choose Life' is on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/Qf8g6vVPrM8>



(Deuteronomy 30:19-20)

¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today,
that I have set before you life and death, blessing and
curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your off-
spring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying
his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and
length of days, that you may dwell in the land that
the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac,
and to Jacob, to give them."

FUN TRIVIA - DO YOU KNOW WHO OR WHAT I AM



1. My people experienced much hardship because of my stubbornness. My first-born son died because of this stubbornness to let the people go. **Who Am I?**
2. I loved farming. When asked to give my best I gave the best of what I grew. My sacrifice was refused. **Who Am I?**
3. I admired this man. I went to him by night to ask many questions. Though learnt, he showed me how unlearned I was in spiritual matters. **Who am I?**
4. We like to put ourselves amongst what is good. We grow in fields, and tend to look like what was planted there. **What are we?**
5. Life starts as a very tiny seed. Grown, I am massive and usually associated with faith. **What am I?**
6. This tremendous leader first met God in the wilderness. God called the area where I was, holy ground. **What am I?**
7. He was my best friend. His father did not like me and had tried many times to kill me. **Who am I?**

WORD SCRAMBLE

1. INISSOV _____
2. PECNRI _____
3. STABE _____
4. GUNODR _____
5. TPMASDE _____
6. DGOIMKN _____
7. ARGTE _____
8. SIDNW _____
9. GNWSI _____
10. ESAL _____



For Your Inspiration !!

*“**The** fragrance of Christ is released when the leaves of our lives are bruised and crushed.”*

*“**Listen** in such a way that others love to speak with you.”*

*“**Speak** in such a way that others love to listen to you.”*

*“**Cultivate** a tender heart and a generous spirit.”*

*“**If** it slips through your grasp, it is not God’s will for you.”*

*“**The** bend in the road is not the end of the road unless you fail to make the bend.”*

*“**Be** who God wants you to be not what others want to see.”*

*“**Love** is an endless act of forgiveness.”*

*“**The wise woman** calls attention to the strong points in others rather than point to the failings and defects in others.”*

You Are a Woman of Grace, Beauty and Strength.

1. Visions 2. Prince 3. Beast 4. Ground 5. Stamped
6. Kingdom 7. Great 8. Winds 9. Wings 10. Seal

1. Pharaoh. 2. Cain 3. Jesus 4. Tares 5. Mustard seed 6. Burning Bush 7. Jonathan

(4b) **Video Presentation (Zoom)**

- ⇒ Prepare a 3-minute monthly/ quarterly Video presentation for training teaching or motivation on a topic of interest to the group.
- ⇒ Conclude with devotion. (10 – 15 minutes).

5. **Outreach Activities to meet Social Needs:**

- ⇒ Prepare a meal for the sick, elderly, run an errand, set up food Pantries and Clothes Closets for persons in need.



DID YOU KNOW?
NEW CONTINENTAL UNION PRAYER PARTNERS - 2020-2025!

BWU Latin America and BW North America pray for each other.

Asia BWU and BW Pacific pray for each other.

BWU Africa prays for Caribbean BWU.

Caribbean BWU prays for BWU Europe.

**Caribbean Baptist Women's Union
Mission & Vision Statements**

MISSION:

To foster and celebrate unity in Christ and promote fellowship among Baptist women in the Caribbean and

worldwide; engage in soul winning for Christ and work towards greater social and community involvement through **prayer, witness and service.**

VISION:

Caribbean Baptist Women in every island working together, growing in effectiveness, solidarity and impacting our Region and the world for Christ.

FIGHTING COVID-19



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Asst. Secretary	Sylvia Henry - Jamaica
Treasurer	Julie Barclay - Trinidad & Tobago
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