

The Council for World Mission Caribbean and Europe Regions'  
GENDER JUSTICE WORKING GROUP – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

"Women -Breaking Chains, Nurturing Communities and Planting Seeds of Hope."

Tuesday March 8 at 11:30 AM (Jamaica)/12:30 PM (Guyana)/ 4:30 PM (UK)

## *Panellists' Bios*

**KAREN CAMPBELL (Miss)** is the Secretary for Global & Intercultural Ministries with the United Reformed Church (URC) in the United Kingdom. She is a Church Related Community Worker – a ministry of the URC, and previously served in a multicultural, multi-faith context for 10 years. She is British born to Jamaican parents and thinks by writing poetry.

**JANET WOOTTON (Rev. Dr.)** has recently retired as a Congregational Minister and Director of Studies for the Congregational Federation. She is on the editorial committee of *Feminist Theology* Journal, and an active supporter of movements against the trafficking of women, and for gender equality. She is an author and hymn-writer.

**ELLEN MULENGA (Rev.)** is a minister working with the United Church of Zambia for the past 33 years. She is married with three boys and has worked in different congregations.

**LINETTE VASSELL (Mrs.)** is a civil society activist focussed on women's rights and gender justice for sustainable human development. She has been involved in research and teaching on Caribbean women's history for some 45 years. She is a member of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI).

**VANESSA BLISSETT (Miss)** is the current President of the UCJCI's United Church Young People's Fellowship. She is passionate about advocacy and impacting lives positively. It is her aim to listen to individuals especially those who need to be heard and offer guidance that model Christ.

**PATRICIA SHEERATTAN-BISNAUTH (Rev.)** is a Minister of the Guyana Presbyterian Church (GPC) and Chief Executive Officer of the Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation. She was the first woman in the (GPC) to study theology and was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in 1984. She has served in pastoral ministry, as the Moderator of the National Synod of the GPC, and with the World Communion of Reformed Churches as Executive Secretary for Justice and Partnership.

**ELIZABETH DECEMBER-SINGH (Dr.)** is a member of the Guyana Presbyterian Church (GPC) and serves as the Vice President of its National Youth Council. She is also an Elder in her congregation and feels that the fire and spice of her life are embedded in her work in the church - it is the substance of who she is.