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Dear Brethren:

Greetings from the Caribbean Region! The 2009 Feast of Tabernacles is about four months away. Plans are progressing smoothly for this year's Festival. We are expecting about 400 brethren to meet at the Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort and Spa, Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The inaugural service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 02, 2009 in the Grand Hall, of the hotel.

Services on October 2nd to 4th will be in the Grand Hall. We will meet in the Portland Ballroom October 5-10, 2009. Both rooms are at the Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort and Spa, Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They are air-conditioned, so regular Sabbath attire as is worn in North American congregations is appropriate. Dress for all other activities is casual.

The Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort & Spa is an ideal vacation retreat for the whole family. Kids enjoy Club Mongoose, a free program for ages 2-7 and "Jamstone" entertains children 8-12 years FREE. Guests can enjoy the sensational new lighthouse waterslides along with five swimming pools that await to cool you off, complete with plunge pools, waterfalls and a meandering river. The hotel has tennis courts, a variety of water sports and an array of activities for your enjoyment. The hotel has five restaurants, two beach grills and eight bars to choose from. Guests can relax at any of the food and beverage outlets or simply lounge on the beach.

In addition to daily services and an array of activities that are planned by the hotel, four church activities are being organized for your enjoyment.

The first planned group activity will be An Ocho Rios Half Day tour; it is planned for 1:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m. Monday, October

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05th, 2009. This activity will include bus pick up from the hotel and short bus drive from the hotel to Dunn's River Falls and a refreshing climb up the magnificent World Famous Dunn's River Falls. A visit to Wassi Art Pottery factory, and Shopping **in World Famous Ocho Rios shopping market**. The cost for this tour will be **US\$43.00** U.S. per person children 11 and under **US\$30.00 per child**. This rate includes round trip transfers, guide and entrance to Dunn's River Falls & the Pottery Factory. **Brethren are encouraged to bring beach shoes (surf Moc type) for the walk up the falls. Please indicate if your family will be interested in taking part in this tour. Brethren will be able to pay for tickets when they arrive at the hotel. This activity was very popular in the past. If you are interested in this activity please reply by September 05, 2009 directly to Mr. Newton Wholas, Jamaica Tours email address: newton [newton@jamaicatoursltd.com] telephone 876-953-3700, Fax 876-953-2657.**

A Family Fun Day is planned for Tuesday, October 06, 09 on the hotel's beach. Games will be planned for the whole family. If you would like to assist with running this activity please email me at kingsley_mather@ucg.org, so that you can be included on the serving roster.

The popular **Family Fun Show**, (talent show) is planned for Thursday, October 08, 09, 8.30- 10.00 p.m. The members of the Jamaica congregation will present this activity. If you are interested in performing during this show please send details of the items you would like to present to Mr. Herchial Fisher at herchial_fisher@ucg.org, Assistant Festival Coordinator or Mr. Arvid Simmons Festival Choir Director at avsimmons@aol.com.

A CATAMARAN SNORKELING CRUISE: The Catamaran Snorkeling Cruise is planned for 1:30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Friday, October 09, 2009. Guests will enjoy an exciting sailboat cruise through the turquoise waters of the Caribbean. The tour will take delegates to some of the island's best swimming and Snorkeling spots. Guests can sunbathe on the deck of this luxury craft or take a dive and view Jamaica's beautiful underwater scenery. Snorkeling gears are provided with the cruise. Your onboard adventure will include rum punch, fruit punch, and beer. Laze on the deck, dance to the music or just hang out as you sail. If you are interested in this activity please reply by September 05, 2009 directly to Mr. Newton Wholas, Jamaica Tours at the address above. Please indicate that you are signing up for United Church of God Catamaran Snorkeling Cruise. The cost is US **\$65.00** for adults and **US\$50.00** for children 2- 12. Space is limited so you need to contact Mr. Wholas soon.

SHUTTLE FOR AIRPORT TO JAMAICA GRANDE RESORT RETURN:

If you plan to use Jamaica Tours for ground transfers from the Montego Bay Airport to the hotel and return, please send your flight arrival and departure information to Mr. Newton Wholas. The cost for the transfers is **US\$40.00** per person, children 2-12 **US\$30.00** per child. You can also send you itinerary to Mrs. **Dulsa Donaldson, sales manager, Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort and Spa: e-mail ddonaldson@sunsetochorios.com or telephone (876) 516-1683.**

Mr. Mr. Newton Wholas, Jamaica Tours email address:
neewton [newton@jamaicatoursltd.com] telephone 876-953-3700,
Fax 876-953-2657.

If you would like to volunteer to assist in serving at the Feast please indicate the area where you would like to serve on the member serving form that is available on our WebPages www.ucgcaribbean.org.

We need volunteers to sing in the Festival chorale, perform special music, provide piano accompaniment for song service or special music or to play other musical instruments. If you would like to help in these areas please contact **Mr. Arvid Simmons Festival Choir Director at avsimmons@aol.com. or me at: Kingsley Mather, Email: kingsley_mather@ucg.org**

We need volunteers to assist in other areas as well. Here is your opportunity to give God and fellow brethren a great Feast while you are enjoying yourself. Please complete a Serving Questionnaire and return it to me at the above address.

Please take note: when you arrive at Montego Bay airport look for the Jamaica Tours desk just outside the customs hall. The staff will assist you to your bus that will take you to the Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort & Spa. The trip will take about ninety-minutes. Please remember, if you want to take advantage of this transportation special **send your travel information to Mr. Wholas at Jamaica Tours so that they can meet your flight. You can pay for this service at Jamaica Tour desk at the hotel. neewton [newton@jamaicatoursltd.com] telephone 876-953-3700, Fax 876-953-2657.**

The following items can be downloaded from our WebPages at www.ucgcaribbean.org:

- (1) Member Jamaica Festival Registration Form (please complete this form and fax or email it to Mr. Mather) Fax 242-364-5566, P. O. Box N-8873, Nassau, Bahamas, kingsley_mather@ucg.org. We

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need the ages of the young people and children so that we can plan.

(2) Member Festival serving information form.

Please complete the Feast Activities sign up sheet and return it to me at the above address.

The church's Festival Office will be opened from 1:00 p. m to 3:30 p.m., Friday, October 02, 2009.

Sincerely yours, in Christ's service,

Kingsley O. Mather

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UCG FEAST ACTIVITIES, OCTPBER 02-OCTOBER 10, 2009

SUNSET JAMAICA GRANDE & SPA RESORT, MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA

NAME _____

Please print

FEAST ADDRESS _____

OCHO RIOS, HALF DAY,

MONDAY, OCTOBER 05th, 2009 FROM 01:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

ADULTS # _____ @ **US\$43.00 EACH** (DON'T SEND ANY MONEY)

CHILDREN 11 & UNDER # _____ US\$30.00 PER CHILD

FAMILY FUN DAY,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 06, 09 1:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

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ADULTS # _____ FREE

FAMILY SPORTS DAY TEENS # _____ FREE

FAMILY SPORTS DAY CHILDREN 12 & UNDER # _____ FREE

FUN SHOW (TALENT SHOW)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2009 8:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

PLEASE INDICATE WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM DURING THIS ACTIVITY.

FUN SHOW) ADULTS # _____ FREE (EXPLAIN)

FUN SHOW TEENS # _____ FREE (EXPLAIN)

FUN SHOW CHILDREN 12 & UNDER # _____ FREE (EXPLAIN)

CATAMARAN SNORKELING CRUISE,

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 09, 09 01:30 -4:30 P.M.

ADULTS # _____ **US\$65.00** CHILDREN # _____ **US\$50.00**

THESE ACTIVITIES CAN BE PAID FOR WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE HOTEL.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY SEPTEMBER 05st. 2009.