



THE UNIVERSITY  
OF THE  
WEST INDIES



**ROOTED  
READY  
RISING**

# Interfaith Convocation Service **PROGRAMME**

University Chapel  
The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus  
Kingston 7, Jamaica

Sunday, January 8, 2023 | 4:00 p.m.



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TAKEN FROM THE HOLY BOOKS OF THE PARTICIPATING FAITHS

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RISING OUT OF THE WEST... LIGHT

ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**THE SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING COMMEMORATING  
THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES**

IN AN INTERFAITH SERVICE UNDER THE THEME:

***UWI at 75 – Rooted, Ready, Rising***

THE SERVICE CELEBRATES THE DIVERSITY OF CULTURE AND RELIGION IN THE CARIBBEAN

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The University of the West Indies wishes to thank the  
Jamaica Council of Interfaith Fellowship for assisting with preparations  
for the Service and asks God's richest blessings on all who worship with us today.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

The Service will proceed without announcement

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### **By the Rivers of Babylon**

Words: H. Critchlow, adapted, Psalm 137

Words © Caribbean Conference of Churches

By the rivers of Babylon  
where we sat down  
and there we wept  
when we remembered Zion

*Refrain:*

*But the wicked carried us away, captivity,  
require from us a song.*

*How can we sing Jehovah's song  
In a strange land?*

As for our harps we hanged them up  
on the trees therein.

Can I forget  
Jerusalem the blessed?

*Refrain*

Jerusalem, if I forget  
let my right hand  
also forget  
that she once had cunning.

*Refrain*

Remember Edom with Babylon  
how they said, 'Down with it.'  
Happy shall he be  
that rewards them justly.

*Refrain*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Natalie Blake

University Chaplain, Anglican Church

## LITANY OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

**Leader:** **God of Creation, You sanctify and breathe life into all creation everywhere.**

**Congregation:** You dwell in every form of your created order, sustaining everything by your providence and renewing all life.

**Leader:** **You inspired your servants to envision The University of the West Indies as a source of enlightenment and empowerment for your people.**

**Congregation:** In these seventy-five years you have used what we have brought here to enlarge and empower us and deepen us and deepen our sense of peoplehood, place, destiny.

**Leader:** **Today, as we celebrate what we have become as a place of learning, research, invention and contemplation.**

**Congregation:** We give thanks for all those through whose gifts and sacrifice we have become what we are.

**Leader:** **We pray that in all that we do in this and other forms of celebration we may be united across all barriers that divide your people.**

**Congregation:** May we achieve together more than we are able to imagine or desire.

**All:** **In the name of all for whom The University of the West Indies is a symbol of liberation from all that is restricting and enslaving, we offer to you, Almighty God, all praise and adoration now and forevermore. Amen.**

*(the hymn continues)*

So let the words of our mouth  
and the meditation of our hearts  
be acceptable in thy sight,  
O Lord.

*Refrain*

**The Congregation sits**

## HINDUISM SCRIPTURE READING

Asha Mohansingh

The Sanatan Dharma Mandir

Namaskar and Jai Sri Ram to All

I humbly greet you with my mind and heart in the name of God (translation).

UWI at 75 - Rooted, Ready Rising could not be a more fitting theme. The Bhagavad Gita, one of our divine philosophical books, reinforces this theme - Rooted, Ready, Rising. In Chapter 2 Verse 47, it encourages us all to do our duty - protecting all that is good (Rooted and Ready) and not concern ourselves with earthly rewards (act of selflessness).

Do not become attached to any form of action nor inaction (to rise above these). It is only then that we can truly attain moksha (salvation).

Jai Sri Ram! (Praise God)



**Doxology**  
by Franklin E Halliburton

The University Singers

**JEWISH READING**

Mr. Stephen Henriques  
United Congregation of Israelites

**Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**

Pharaoh dreamt of seven fat cows that were swallowed up by seven lean cows. Then he dreamt again, of seven healthy ears of corn devoured by seven withered ears. Pharaoh's advisers saw seven daughters to be born to Pharaoh, but then they would die. That was the thinking in the decadent Egyptian society of the time: live, die and be forgotten. There was no legacy for the future and no thoughts about tomorrow.

Joseph was a Jew. He taught Pharaoh a way to view life by preparing for the future. Do not live in the past, but take the past with you as you look toward the future. Joseph interpreted the dreams that seven years of plenty would be followed by seven years of famine; store away provisions in the seven good years for the future crisis.

Today is the link between yesterday and tomorrow. Today must carry over from yesterday, or we will have no tomorrow. Hillel and Shammai debated concerning the kindling of the Chanukah menorah. We decide the law like Hillel, who says we light one candle the first night and two candles on the second night, one for today and one for yesterday. On the following night, we kindle three, two for the days gone by and one for today. We progressively increase the lights each night by counting today and also incorporating yesterday as well.

We cannot make a blessing for today unless yesterday accompanies it. There is no Judaism without our past. Why did God create a miracle whereby the oil from the past continued to burn? The lesson is obvious: better one drop of the good "old" oil than all of the new. New does not always last, but the old lasts. The message of Chanukah and all learning is to seek out the old, keep it, learn from it, and build upon it for the future.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Congregation

**Jah is My Keeper**

The University Singers

Arranged by George Roberts

**READINGS FROM THE QURAN**

Shaykh Musa Tijani – Imam  
The Central Masjid  
(recitation of the Holy Quran in Arabic)

Brother Abdullah Edwards – Member of the  
Islamic Council of Jamaica (translating of the  
Holy Quran in English)

**The Holy Quran, Chapter 2: Sooratul Baqarah (The Chapter of the Cow)**

The following in order of appearance is the "Basmallah" in Arabic (read right to left), which is said before reciting The Holy Quran. Then the last three verses from the second and longest chapter of The Holy Quran in Arabic (read right to left), followed by the transliteration (English equivalent of Arabic pronunciation) and lastly the English translation. This chapter details among other things, the story of Moses (Musa in Arabic) and the children of Israel (Banii Israaeel).

Verses 284 – 286

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allah—the Most Compassionate, Most Merciful.

2:284

لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْاَرْضِ ۚ وَاِنْ تُبْذُوٓآ اَنْفُسَكُمْ اَوْ تَخَفُوْهُ يُخٰسِبْكُمْ بِهٖ ٱللّٰهُ ۚ فَيَغْفِرْ لِمَنْ يَّشَآءُ وَيُعَذِّبْ مَنْ يَّشَآءُ ۗ ۝۲۸۴ ۚ وَلِلّٰهِ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ ۝۲۸۵

Lillahi maa fis samaawaati wal ard. Wa inn tubduu maa fii anfusikum aw tukhfuuhu yuhasibkum bihi Allah. Fayaghfiru liman yashaau wa yuAdhhibu man yashaau. Wa Allahu Alaa kulli shayin Qadeer.

To Allah 'alone' belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Whether you reveal what is in your hearts or conceal it, Allah will call you to account for it. He forgives whoever He wills and punishes whoever He wills. And Allah is Most Capable of everything.

2:285

ءَاَمَنَ الرَّسُوْلُ بِمَا اُنْزِلَ اِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَّبِّهٖ ۚ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ ۝۲۸۵ ۚ كُلُّ ءَاَمَنٍۭ-ۭ لِلّٰهِ وَمَلٰئِكَتِهٖۭ وَكُتُبِهٖۭ ۚ وَرُسُلِهٖۭ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ اَحَدٍۭ مِّنْ رُّسُلِهٖۭ ۚ وَقَالُوْا ۝۲۸۶ سَمِعْنَا وَاَطَعْنَا ۚ غُفْرٰنَكَ رَبَّنَا ۚ وَاِلَيْكَ لَمَصِيْرٌ ۝۲۸۵

Aamana rrasoolu bimaa anzila ilayhi min rrabbihi wal muminoon. Kullun aamana bi Allahi wa malaaiatihi wa kutubihi wa rusulihi laa nufarriqu bayna ahadin min rrusuli. Wa qaaloo saminaa wa atanaa, ghufraanaka rabbanaa wa ilayka almaseer.

The Messenger 'firmly' believes in what has been revealed to him from his Lord, and so do the believers. They 'all' believe in Allah, His angels, His Books, and His messengers. 'They proclaim' "We make no distinction between any of His messengers." And they say, "We hear and obey. 'We seek' Your forgiveness, our Lord! And to You 'alone' is the final return.

2: 286

لَا يُكَلِّفُ ٱللّٰهُ نَفْسًا اِلَّا وُسْعَهَا ۚ لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ وَعَلَيْهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ ۚ رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا اِنْ نَّسِيْنَا اَوْ اَخْطَاْنَا ۚ رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا اِحْثٰۤا كَمَا حَمَلْتَهُۥ ۚ عَلٰى الَّذِيْنَ مِنْ قَبْلِنَا ۚ رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَمِّلْنَا مَا لَا طٰاَقَةَ لَنَا بِهٖ ۚ وَغُفْرٰنَكَ ۚ وَغُفْرٰنَكَ ۚ وَغُفْرٰنَكَ ۚ اَنْتَ مَوْلٰنَا ۚ اِنَّا نُنْصِرُكَ ۚ عَلٰى الْقَوْمِ الْكَٰفِرِيْنَ ۝۲۸۶

Laa yukallifu Allahu nafsan illa wusAhaa. Lahaa maa kasabat wa Alayhaa maa ktasabat. Rabbanaa la tuwaakhidhnaa in nasiinaa aw akhtanaa. Rabbanaa wa laa tahmil Alaynaa isran kamaa hamaltahu Ala llatheena min qablinaa. Rabbanaa wa laa tuhammilnaa maa laa taaqata lanaa bih, waAfu Annaa wa ghfir lanaa warhamnaa. Anta mawlaanaa fansurnaa Ala lqawmi lkaafireen.

Allah does not require of any soul more than what it can afford. All good will be for its own benefit, and all evil will be to its own loss. 'The believer's pray' "Our Lord! Do not punish us if we forget or make a mistake. Our Lord! Do not place a burden on us like the one you placed on those before us. Our Lord! Do not burden us with what we cannot bear. Pardon us, forgive us, and have mercy on us. You are our 'only' Guardian. So, grant us victory over the disbelieving people."

## HYMN

### Jesus Come Today

Words: Glenroy Anthony (Ernie) Smith

Music © 1974 Haka Taka Music

Jesus come today for a poor, poor man like me;  
salvation come my way, my soul set free.  
Jesus come for all, and we must hear his call;  
open up your hearts today and let it be.

*Refrain:*

*No matter if you tief or if you dread  
or if you have a crown 'pon your head;  
No matter if you have no heart at all,  
Jesus bring love for one and all.*

*Sing it, children:*

*I for Jesus, you for Jesus, all for Jesus,  
fall for Jesus, come to Jesus.  
Jesus come for one, he come for all.*

Jesus come for I, see manger where he lie,  
see cross where he must die for a wretch like me.  
For God so loved the world, man, woman, boy and girl,  
he gave his Son for you, his Son for me.

*Refrain*

Jesus Christ today, the same as yesterday,  
the one, the only way, the King for me.  
Let it come to pass, mankind find love at last,  
Just as it was time past, so let it be.

*Refrain*

## BAHÁ'Í READING

Ms. Stacey Mitchell

**The third Tajallí** (effulgence) is concerning arts, crafts and sciences. Knowledge is as wings to man's life, and a ladder for his ascent. Its acquisition is incumbent upon everyone. The knowledge of such sciences, however, should be acquired as can profit the peoples of the earth, and not those which begin with words and end with words. Great indeed is the claim of scientists and craftsmen on the peoples of the world ... In truth, knowledge is a veritable treasure for man, and a source of glory, of bounty, of joy, of exaltation, of cheer and gladness unto him. Thus hath the Tongue of Grandeur spoken in this Most Great Prison.

*(Bahá'u'lláh, Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh revealed after the Kitáb-i-Aqdas)*



## **Rastaman Chants**

Arranged by Ewan Simpson & O'Neal Mundle

The University Singers

## **RASTAFARI**

Baba Heru Ishaksmusa Menelik

Rastafari Innity Council

Princes shall come out of Egypt, and Ethiopia shall soon stretch forth her hands unto God. For the lack of knowledge a people shall perish. Jamaica is presently going through trying times. There is an increase in violence, criminality, selfishness, brothers killing brothers, and sisters killing sisters, and now, we are experiencing, children killing parents, thereby forsaking your command of Honouring Mother and Father.

Great God of the ages, The Almighty One, hear our prayer today as we cry out, and acknowledge that "Faith without Works is Dead" and any House Divided against itself cannot stand.

Thy Ivine Majesty, let Thy Spirit come into our hearts and bless us, lead us, teach us to love, teach us to forgive, teach us the true meaning of love, and loyalty, on earth as it is in Zion.

Endow us with Thy wise mind, knowledge, and overstanding to do Thy will. Thy blessings to I and I,  
and Thy command;

That the hungry be fed,

That the naked be clothed,

That the sick be nourished,

That the aged be protected,

That the infants be cared for,

And that,

The diseased be healed,

In Your Mighty name,

Oh Jah Rastafari!

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## **UNIFICATION MOVEMENT**

Mr. Dennis Salmon

### **Teachings of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon: Founder of Unification Movement**

Shakyamuni Buddha said, "In heaven and earth, I alone am the Honored One." In what state did he teach this? If you were to enter that state of resonance, you would become one with God. In that state, you would be able to see thousands of years of human history unfold before your eyes. You would experience yourself as having that incredible value.

When mind and body have the same power, they fight. We must establish the mind over the body. One way to establish the mind's dominion over the body... is to give more energy to the mind. Make continual efforts to give energy to the mind. When these efforts accumulate to a certain point, the door of your mind will open. Once that door opens, you will gain immense power. If you strengthen the mind's power at least three times over, then you will have no problem with the body. People make many conditions in the religious life to focus the mind's power to lead the body. Once you attain spiritual enlightenment, you gain great power in your mind. Then, if you yield to your body's desires, you will feel nauseous.

A person who has attained spiritual enlightenment has strong mental power; hence his body follows the mind's desires automatically... All religions teach this as the way to reach an advanced stage in the life of a human being. Following this way, and centered on God's love, you will enter a realm of high dimension—when you realize on your own that you are sons and daughters of God. That is why Buddha said, "In heaven and earth, I alone am the Honored One." A person who has attained enlightenment is the source of his own authority; that is why he has the right to boast of how precious he is. By becoming a son or daughter who receives the unique love of God, you are in a position to inherit everything that is God's. You realise that you are of yourself an elevated being.

## INTERFAITH PRAYER

Rev. Karen Kirlew  
University Chaplain, Baptist Church

God of all creation, we thank you.

For the wholeness of the human family.

For people of other faiths than our own, and those who have no faith at all

Especially our friends, neighbours and compatriots.

For the rich variety of human experience

And the gift we bring to one other

When we meet in the spirit of acceptance of love.

For dialogue in Community and mutual enrichment

And growing understanding.

And we pray O God

That people of all faiths may enjoy

Freedom to set forth their conviction with integrity

And listen to one another.

That all who are committed to the unity of humankind

And oneness with God's creation

May share in a reconciling ministry in a world

Divided by suspicion and misunderstanding

And bring healing to all places

Where religious intolerance fractures human community.

That all people may love one another

And find their unity in God.

Amen.

## Christian Reading from the Holy Bible

Professor Sir Hilary Beckles  
Vice-Chancellor

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:13-14). In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one (Ephesians 6:16). I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13, NKJV).

Ephesians 5:10-19

And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no weekend war that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.

Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

**South African Medley** (with "Busa" by Lebo M.)

The University Singers  
Arranged by Katherine Brown

## SERMON

Rt. Rev. Garth Minott  
Suffragan Bishop of Kingston

*During the singing of the Offertory hymn  
an offering for The UWI Chapel Organ Fund will be received*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

### Lord We Come with Hearts O'erflowing

Tune: AUSTRIA

Rev. Hugh B. Sherlock (1905-98)

Lord, we come with hearts o'erflowing  
On this glad, triumphant day:  
Thanking Thee for grace bestowing  
As we walk our pilgrim way.  
Grant us pardon, humbly pleading.  
For the sins we here confess.  
Give us still Thy Spirit's leading  
And our service richly bless.

Gone the days of cruel scourging,  
Gone the slaver's blood-stained chains,  
Now for us the Spirit's urging,  
Now the love of God constrains,  
Shout we then in acclamation,  
Gladly now our chorus raise  
Mainland join our jubilation  
Islands sing in loudest praise!

Lord, Thy Church, its task unfinished  
Seeks Thy wisdom, grace, and power.  
Let us not with strength diminished  
Fail thee in this glorious honour.  
Still obedient to the vision  
Of our people saved from sin,  
May Thy Church pursue its mission  
Till Thy sons are gathered in.

## PRAYER

### The Congregation

Eternal God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be born among us that we might be born again to newness of life. Fill us with the gladness of your great redemption, that as we celebrate this 75th year of life and service at our beloved University of the West Indies we do so with your blessing.

May your Spirit guide and strengthen us in our mission and service to all persons in this Caribbean region. We thank you for those who had the vision and skill to build a university such as this. We ask your blessing on this congregation gathered in this chapel. Here may the Gospel of Jesus Christ be proclaimed and made known in your fellowship. Here may the sacraments be celebrated with joy and reverence, and your people nurtured and strengthened in faith, hope and love.

Here we are out of many, one people and may every denomination and religion be respected, and every seeker find faith, the weak find courage, the powerless find power, the voiceless find voice, the hopeless find hope and the grieving find comfort. Lord, hear us when we pray to you and may this chapel be a place of peace to all who enter, a fortress against all hatred, envy, and pride; and a beacon to all who seek your presence.

In the Name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who formed us in love and called us by grace.

**All:**

**Amen.**

**THE FOUNDING STORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES** Mr. Robert Bermudez  
Chancellor

***COMMEMORATIVE LIGHTING OF THE 17 CANDLES FOR THE 17 UWI CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES BY STUDENTS OF THE MONA CAMPUS***

**THE BENEDICTIONS**

**JEWISH**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you and give you and all humankind the blessing of peace.  
Amen.

**HINDUISM**

“Asto Maa Sad-Gamaya” Lead me from untruth to truth.

“Sarwesham Shantir Bhawatu” May peace be unto all.

**ISLAMIC**

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. You alone are our Guardian, forgive us and have mercy on us: You are the Noblest of those who forgive. Ordain for us what is good, both in the life and in the hereafter. To you alone, we turn.

**BAHÁ'Í**

O befriended stranger! The candle of thine heart is lighted by the hand of My power, quench it not with the contrary winds of self and passion. The healer of all thine ills is remembrance of Me, forget it not. Make My love thy treasure and cherish it even as thy very sight and life.

**RASTAFARI**

“Do not pervert Justice, do not show partiality to the poor, or favouritism to the rich, but judge your neighbour fairly.

**UNIFICATION MOVEMENT**

Beloved Heavenly Parent: We earnestly ask and desire that you will please allow us to be your guideposts who absolutely keep the path of that direction, and become your sentinels...Amen!

**CHRISTIAN**

Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of His glory with rejoicing, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.  
Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### The Right Hand of God

Words: Patrick Prescod (St. Vincent)

Music: Noel Dexter (Jamaica)

The right hand of God is writing in our land,  
Writing with power and with love;  
Our conflicts and our fears, our triumphs and our tears,  
Are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is pointing in our land,  
Pointing the way we must go; so clouded is the way,  
So easily we stray,  
But we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is striking in our land,  
Striking out at envy, hate and greed;  
Our selfishness and lust,  
Our pride and deeds unjust,  
Are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is lifting in our land,  
Lifting the fallen one by one;  
Each one is known by name, and lifted now from shame,  
By the lifting of the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,  
Healing broken bodies, minds and souls;  
So wondrous is its touch, with love that means so much,  
When we're healed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is planting in our land,  
Planting seeds of freedom, hope and love;  
In these Caribbean lands, let his children all join hands,  
And be one with the right hand of God.



## A LIGHT RISING FROM THE WEST

**In February 1946**, the Report of the Irvine Committee was accepted by British and West Indian Governments (including British Guiana), and the University College of the West Indies was founded as a College of London University.

**On January 7, 1947**, the first Provisional Council Meeting of The University College of the West Indies was held.

**On February 1, 1947**, the first principal, Dr. Thomas Weston Johns Taylor, opened the doors of his office at 62 Lady Musgrave Road, Kingston, Jamaica. Later that year the University College moved to Mona, to the site of the evacuation camp set up by the British Government for residents of Gibraltar during World War II.

From February 1948, senior members of the College staff travelled throughout the Caribbean to interview applicants for admission. The first 33 students were selected from the Faculty of Medicine and entered the University College of the West Indies for the start of the Michaelmas Term on **October 3, 1948**.

On February 16, 1950, the Chancellor, HRH Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, was installed in a magnificent ceremony held at Mona Bowl. By that time, the first intake of science students (October 1949) had joined the medical students, and interviews for selection of the first Arts students were about to start.

The following graduations held by The University of the West Indies were in 1952 – Science, 1953 – Arts and 1954 – Medicine

The Diploma in Education was first offered by the College in 1953, and graduates received the first UCWI diplomas in 1954.

From the beginning, the University College extended its influence throughout the region through the Department of Extra-Mural Studies (now The UWI Open Campus). Heads of Country Sites and Resident Tutors (in Drama, Radio Education, Public Administration, Economics) made the people of each country feel that they were indeed a part of the University – through lectures, seminars, and summer schools which were ably supported by the Institute of Social and Economic Research (now Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social & Economic Studies) at Mona.

**On October 17, 1960**, the **St. Augustine Campus** was born from the fusion of the University College and the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture (ICTA). The Faculties of Agriculture and Engineering are located there.

**On April 2, 1962**, The University of the West Indies was constituted by Royal Charter as a degree-granting institution in its own right, with Princess Alice as Chancellor and Sir Arthur Lewis (third Principal of the University College) as the first Vice-Chancellor.

**On October 10, 1963**, the College of Arts and Science opened at a temporary site in Barbados, near the Deep Water Harbour. The College moved to its Cave Hill location in 1967, and became the **Cave Hill Campus** of the University in 1970 with the establishment of the Faculty of Law.

**In the 1970s**, University programmes in Social Sciences and Education were located in Nassau, Bahamas: the Hotel and Tourism degree and diploma programmes, and the degree and the certificate programmes in Education offered in collaboration with the College of the Bahamas.

**In the 1980s**, the forerunner of the Distance Education Programmes started with Project Satellite at Mona and Cave Hill; this developed into The UWI Distance Teaching Experiment, later Enterprise, now Open Campus.

The **1990s** saw significant changes in the structure and governance of the University. There have been developments in distance education, in nuclear and environmental sciences, in gender issues, in technology, inter alia.

By the turn of the century, the total on-and-off-campus student population had exceeded 24,000, far surpassing the enrolment targets set in the first Strategic Plan. Inherent in all its Strategic Plans has been a commitment to student-centredness and improving the delivery service to stakeholders. As tangible proof of this commitment, a fourth campus – The UWI Open Campus became fully operational in August 2008 and a Teaching and Learning Certificate programme was introduced for all newly hired teaching staff without prior training in university teaching as part of our quality enhancement strategies. In 2019, the Five Islands Campus, the fifth Campus of The UWI opened its doors in Antigua and Barbuda with the clear aim to serve the Eastern Caribbean.

Today, The UWI is the largest, most longstanding higher education provider in the Commonwealth Caribbean, with well over 49,000 students. It comprises five campuses serving 17 Caribbean states and serves the world through Centres of Excellence.

UWI graduates have made their mark throughout the Caribbean as well as globally, in the public and private sectors, in church and state, in the arts, in industry, commerce and education, in medicine and in nursing, science and technology, in social work and community development.

***So we celebrate the past and its achievements,  
We recognise too that much remains to be done,  
That the light must continually shine in order to chart the future.***

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