



The Centenary CALABAR HIGH SCHOOL

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CALABAR LAUNCHES CENTENARY LECTURE SERIES

Kingston, February 11, 2012 -- As part of the activities marking the 100th anniversary of Calabar High School being observed this year, the Centenary Celebrations Committee will stage the first in a series of public lectures on **Monday, February 20, 2012, at the Pegasus Hotel, New Kingston starting at 6.00PM.** The inaugural lecture to focus on Calabar's contribution to the religious life of the nation will be delivered by theology scholar and old boy the Rev. Dr. Horace Russell.

Calabar had its early beginnings as a Theological College back in the 1860s in the hills of Trelawny and the high school was later founded in 1912 by two Baptist Ministers the Rev. David Davis and Rev. Ernest Price. The school started with 13 boys, all sons of Baptist Ministers.

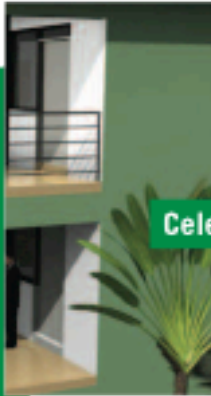
With its roots firmly planted in the Baptist religion, the vision of Calabar was *“to give a thoroughly modern education in a definitely religious atmosphere, with a view to earnest life in the professional or commercial world either in Jamaica or elsewhere.”*

Centenary Chairman, Rev. Karl Henlin said “it is only fitting given the history of the school for the first lecture in the centenary series to examine Calabar's contribution and legacy in religious and there could hardly be a more qualified old boy to address this topic than Horace Russell.”

Himself the son of a Baptist Minister, the Rev. Dr. Russell has devoted his life to the Church and Education. He gained his Bachelor of Divinity degree from London while still a student at Calabar Theological College and was later admitted to Regents Park

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College, Oxford, where he obtained the BA degree in Theology. He taught at Calabar Theological College and was the first Chaplain of Calabar High School. With the imminent establishment of the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTC), Russell went back to Oxford to complete his doctoral studies, returning afterwards to assume the UTC Presidency. He also served at the historic East Queen Street Baptist Church. Author of several articles, books and a regular newspaper and radio contributor, the Rev. Dr Russell was Professor of Historical Theology and Dean of the Chapel at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, USA.

Centenary Lecture Series Chairman, Dr Wesley Hughes, said the plan is to stage at least four lectures over the course of the centenary year covering topics “that link the evolution and rich legacy of Calabar with the development of the Jamaican society.”

In addition to the lecture series, a multifaceted centenary programme has been planned which includes the establishment of a centenary garden, a thanksgiving Founders’ Day service, a gala centenary banquet and awards, selection and honouring of the top 100 Calabar old boys of the century, undertaking major physical infrastructure improvement work and a renewal project focused on the curriculum and learning environment for the boys at the school.

The lecture is open to members of the public

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