

Jamaica in the 21st Century Book Launched in Northern Ireland

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Belfast, NORTHERN IRELAND: Jamaican, Reverend Dr Livingston Thompson, author of *Jamaica in the 21st Century: Re-Visiting the First Decade* was launched and featured at the Crescent Arts Centre, as part of the Belfast Book Festival, which runs from June 7-17, 2017.

Supporting the launch was Crescent Arts Centre, African Caribbean Support Organisation Northern Ireland (ACSONI), Caribbean Touch Northern Ireland, Ronnie Glam Events and Decorations, Consulate of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland and the African and Caribbean Chamber of Commerce Northern Ireland.



Reverend Dr Livingston Thompson

The evening featured Master of Ceremony, Joseph Ricketts; Barry Phillips, Legal island, whom provided a synopsis and review on the book; Raquel McKee as a guest performer of dub poetry; followed by an audience discussion on the book with a banquet of Caribbean food and music.

The book is available directly from the publisher – University Press of America, online via Amazon or directly from the author: livingstone.thompson@moravian.org.uk.

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Notes to Editor:

Born in Jamaica, Rev Dr Livingstone Thompson assumed pastoral charge of both Kilwarlin Moravian Church and University Road Belfast Moravian Church in Northern Ireland on September 1, 2015.

For many years Rev Thompson served in the pastoral ministry of the Moravian Church in Jamaica, where he also led the Jamaican Province of the Moravian Church as President.

In addition to a wealth pastoral experience, Rev Thompson is an experienced intercultural trainer with specialties across a variety of corporate fields. He taught at Trinity College Dublin, supervised postgraduate research at All Hallows College and Dublin City University and was external graduate examiner for a graduate programme at the University of the West Indies.

Dr Thompson has also served as an expert member of several national and international organisations in the fields of cultural diversity.

His international speaking engagements in the fields of diplomacy, culture and religion have taken him to a number of countries, conferences and educational institutions.

Livingstone has developed and anchored radio programmes and written extensively as a columnist for a leading Caribbean newspaper. He is author of several books and peer-reviewed articles. His professional involvement includes serving as president of the Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research (SIETAR) Europe.