

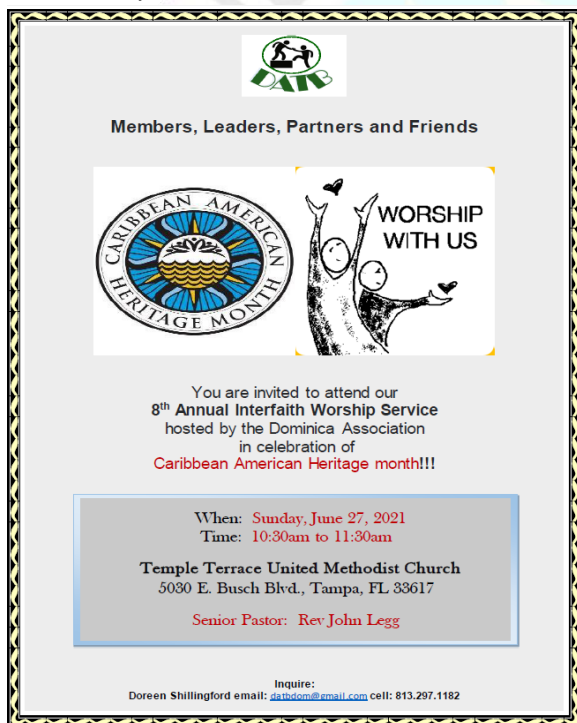


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A Message from CCA Board of Directors

Greetings Members, Friends, and Families,

Let's celebrate Caribbean American Heritage Month - **Interfaith Service style!** The Dominica Association of Tampa Bay (DATB), in collaboration with the Caribbean Community Association, Inc. (CCA), is hosting this year's Interfaith Service celebrating the Caribbean American Heritage Month. The service will be held in-person at Temple Terrace United Methodist Church or online. Email invitations were sent to members and friends. See enclosed flyer for details!



Also, in partnership with other Caribbean organizations, check out the display set up to showcase our heritage inside the University Mall at the AMRoC Center!

As we stay connected via Zoom, we are grateful to everyone who has continued to join the gathering every 3rd Friday of each month. It is always a pleasure seeing everyone!

It is hard to believe that we are already at midpoint, and 2021 seems to be going at lightning speed. CCA's programs and events that were planned during the months of January through May were successfully completed, despite the current environment.

Mark your calendars! The Fundraising Committee is currently planning for the next in-person event on October 23rd! We are looking forward to seeing you there, and for your continued support to other upcoming events. See enclosed events calendar.

It's that time again! CCA will be electing new officers for its Executive Board. If you have a passion for volunteering, networking, sharing, and giving back to the communities that you serve or know someone who is interested, please feel free to reach out to us.

As we continue to stay connected through our newsletters and monthly gatherings, please make sure we have your current contact information. You can also visit our website at www.cca91.org for more information. Stay safe and be well.

Special thanks to the Executive Board for their continued dedication, hard work and support!

Respectfully,
Allison Padmore-Haynes, President

Family Affair Summertime Virtual Tea Party!!

It is a Tea Party event! CCA is very excited to present our 2021 Family Affair Summertime Tea Party to be held **virtually** on **June 26th**! Email invitations have already been in circulation to members, partners, friends and families with details on how to get tickets and also to join the Tea Party via Zoom! See the enclosed flyer. Please consider supporting this family affair event.



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**Family Affair
Summertime
Tea Party**

**Date: 06-26-2021
Time: 4:00 to 6:00**

Virtual Event

Fundraiser Hosted by the Health Committee
Donation: \$25.00

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Warm Regards,

Your Dedicated Health Committee:
Patsy Clarke, Allison Padmore Haynes, Gretel Graham, Dillette Clarke, Theresa Hoyes

Black History Month 2021

The CCA 2021 Black History Virtual Concert was memorable and inspirational. The heartfelt performances by top-notch, seasoned, and professional artists brought the 'Our Time is Now' theme to life. The fantastic artists performed from different locations around the country with grace, enthusiasm, and passion. Everyone felt their riveting messages throughout the concert.

We are proud of our first bi-lingual performance in the history of this event which reflects the diversity of the communities that we serve.

The event was well attended; everyone had a fantastic time and memorable experience. We thank all the sponsors, the talented performers, the coordinators, Mr. Maxon Victor, Ms. Evie Larmond, the Education Committee and the Executive Board.

If you were not able to attend, please enjoy the recording with your family and friends by clicking on the enclosed hyperlink:
[C.C.A. 2021 Black History' Virtual Concert'](#)

Respectfully,

Your Black History Event Coordinators:
Evie Larmond, Maxon Victor, Angelique Robateau, Brian McEachron, Nick Nicholson

Education Committee 1st Virtual Math Program End of Year Celebration

CCA's first **virtual** Tutorial Math Program (TMP) was a success. After twenty-six weeks of Saturday classes for 35 students (Grade 3 through Grade 11), everyone was ready to celebrate and that we did! The students, parents, tutors, families, friends, CCA members, and community members were excited to be a part of the celebratory event. Our community came together virtually with our special guest, Pastor John Legg, as we honored one another through prayers, poetry, songs, and accolades. Parents and tutors shared their thoughts on the program and its impact on the students.

The students were awarded with a token for all their accomplishments. They stayed the course with their regular school schedule, the Tutorial Math Program, and the creation of their poems and short essays despite the **year's** challenges. We thank all who participated in the year-end celebration to make it an extraordinary event.



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We will continue the TMP virtually for 2021 Fall semester. Please look out for additional information shortly.

Sincerely,
Angelique Robateau, Education Committee
Chair

Middle Schooler Spotlight

Middle schooler, Benjamin Henry had to complete a project for his International Baccalaureate (IB) Research class at Walker Middle Magnet School. He reached out to family and friends over several weeks to gather funds to donate to the Caribbean Community Association's (CCA) Tutorial Math Program. The funds will be used to help purchase school supplies during tax-free weekend for the children in the program.

"This program provides access to educational help free of cost to children in the math program, which is a core subject. This will eventually help the growth of the community as these children will do better in school and obtain better opportunities," said Benjamin.

"It always seems impossible until it's done." - Nelson Mandela



CCA Prepares for 2021 Disaster Relief



There are 4 barrels of items to be shipped to the Caribbean region when needed. The Caribbean is usually a hot spot for hurricanes, so CCA's Care Package project is forever ongoing. Donations of hygiene items, baby items and monetary contributions are always welcomed. Thank you for your continued support and contributions!

For assistance in preparation and protection during and after a hurricane, please visit the following websites:

- American Red Cross – www.redcross.org/hurricane
- FEMA – www.fema.gov/disaster
- Ready Kids – www.ready.gov/hurricane (games and activities for kids)



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St Vincent & the Grenadines

CCA collaborated with other Caribbean organizations as part of the Tampa Cares Coalition, and in response to St. Vincent's volcano eruption, this collaboration effort, packed and shipped 25 barrels to St. Vincent! Great teamwork!

Humanitarian Project – Reaching out to Orphanages

CCA, in partnership with the Dominica Association of Tampa Bay, shipped 5 barrels of personal items and school supplies to orphanages in Jamaica and Dominica. The administrators from both orphanages participated in our virtual monthly gathering in May, and shared with us how the donations are helping them continue to do their great work.

The Disaster and Humanitarian Relief Committee is now accepting donations of toys, games, school supplies, clothing, shoes (kids through teens) and monetary donations. These donations will be made to the Caribbean, islands still to be determined, with shipment planned before Christmas.

A huge **THANKS** to all for your continued support in making our relief effort a great success.

For additional information, please call Michael Anderson @ 954-588-6874.

Best Regards,

Michael Anderson, Disaster & Humanitarian Relief Chair

Lacoochee Elementary School Partners with CCA in Promoting Literacy

CCA forms new partnership with Lacoochee Elementary School in Pasco County. Ms. Latoya Jordan, Principal of Lacoochee Elementary

School, donated a large volume of books to CCA in support of the organization's goal in promoting literacy development in the Caribbean.

The CCA Education Committee shared materials with the Dominica Association of Tampa Bay. Books were shipped to several schools in Jamaica and Dominica.

Thanks to Evie Larmond and Michael Anderson for spearheaded the successful coordination and shipment of books.





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CDC Health & Safety Announcement

To help stop the spread of the coronavirus, the CDC is encouraging everyone to get vaccinated.

For updates on the current CDC COVID guidelines, visit:
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cdc-in-action.html

Ongoing Membership Renewal Information

CCA'S ongoing membership renewal is \$40! You can renew your membership by using any of the following options:

- Via Zelle using the email address cca1991org@gmail.com to send directly to CCA
- Through our website, cca91.org, via PayPal
- Mail a check to CCA, P.O. Box 16916, Temple Terrace, FL 33687

CCA appreciates your continued membership support.

2021 Calendar of Events

See the calendar lineup below of CCA's upcoming events for the rest of 2021.

Please visit our website, www.cca91.org, for the latest calendar updates and information.

Month	Event/Theme
June	Newsletter
June 26	Annual Tea Party
July 16	Health Awareness
August 20	Island Profile
September 17	Financial Education Services
October 23	Fall In-Person Fundraising Event
November 19	Thanksgiving Celebration
December 17	TMP Christmas Celebration

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