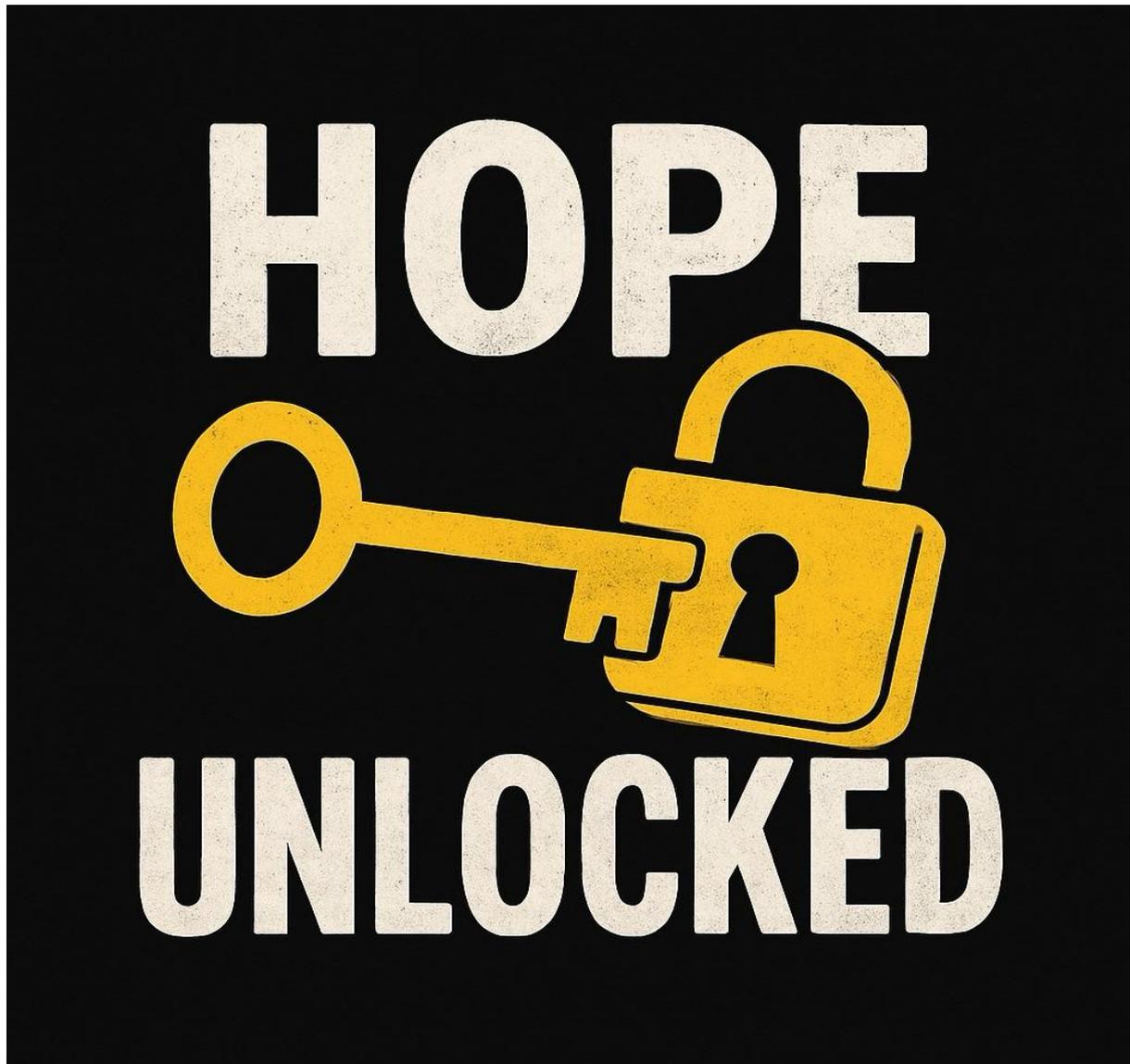


**NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD  
NATIONAL YOUTH AND DISCIPLESHIP DEPARTMENT JAMAICA**

# **TEENS' WEEK & RALLY**

**2026**



**THEME: HOPE UNLOCKED**

# **Date: January 11 – 17, 2026**

## **TEENS' WEEK & RALLY 2026 GENERAL INFORMATION**

The National Teens Ministry is delighted to host another National Teens' Week & Rally celebration. This initiative reflects our commitment to prioritizing and engaging our teenagers across the island in meaningful ways. This week of events will be holistic as it involves teaching, presentation, sports, fun, worship, word etc.

As usual, we have an exciting, interactive, edifying and relevant week lined up for you. We urge teens and youth leaders alike to stay connected to the various social media platforms and WhatsApp groups for information. That means that you must **stay tuned to the Youth Department's website and social media platforms for new developments and further information**. The information will include:

- Virtual Meeting links and codes
- Clarification on competitions
- Further Information on the speakers and presenters; and so much more.

All the events will be streamed on the New Testament Church of God, Jamaica Youth Department's YouTube Channel **NTCOGYouthJa**. Remember to subscribe and hit the notification bell so you won't miss any updates.

We encourage the district and local youth workers to engage your teens meaningfully even more so during this week of activities geared to meet them where they are.

Let's make this Teens Week memorable and edifying to the glory of God!

## **TEENS' WEEK & RALLY 2026 THEME**

The world seems to value gifting and gifted people as objects or media to be used for personal or corporate gain. In such a world, a person's value seems tied to their level of giftedness and to how that can be exploited for personal gain or security, even at the expense of others. However, the Body of Christ holds a very different view from the world's. While the world adversely exploits gifts and gifted people, the Church employs the biblical approach by understanding the purpose of gifts and the gifted people, which are to be developed and used for the service of the Kingdom of God to achieve the Great Commission, which, in essence, is to reach, convert, and disciple those in this lost world. In keeping with the development and employment of God's greatest assets, namely His people, to achieve the Great Commission, the New Testament Church of God in Jamaica continues to advance the theme "**The**

**5G Church: God's Gifted People Growing And Going With the Gospel"** for the 2025-26 church year.

The advancement of the kingdom mandate does not stop the forces of darkness from trying to get the people of God to conform to their ways of thinking and living! As we look around us, we realize that our cultural value systems have been warped, people are struggling with their identity, among other social issues, while dealing with the sudden happening of tragedies such as the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica.

The National Teens Ministry recognizes that if our teens are to lead lives that are **Liberated**, we must help them grapple with the devastation caused by natural forces and the forces of darkness within our society, as well as the questions these may raise about the presence and providence of God. This must be done while they endeavor to model Christ and win those in the world to His kingdom.

Therefore, the National Teens Ministry has coined the theme "**HOPE UNLOCKED**". This refers to the liberty with which teens are empowered to be unrelenting with their hope in God despite all that happens in a world marred by sin. By not being conformed to the world's system or beliefs, we release our faith to lift us though every situation whether caused by sinful humanity or by virtue of operating in a fallen world is embedded in hope. The theme pulls its traction from the scripture from **Jeremiah 29:11** which says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not of evil, to give you an expected end"

Highlighted in this verse is the idea of hope that despite various discomfoting realities, God's thoughts and intentions for teenagers are not derailed but our current perils but creates an atmosphere where "**Hope**" is "**Unlocked**" and can strive in Gods promise concerning us. This is the message we want our teenagers and resolve to build in uncertain and difficult times "**Hope Unlocked**"

## **TEENS' WEEK 2026 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

National Teens Week runs from Sunday, **January 11, 2026 to Saturday, January 17, 2026.**

Teens Week is an opportunity for the national, local and district churches to engage teenagers in activities and initiatives that are directly focused on them. As a result, the National Teens Ministry will be hosting events on the Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of the Teens Week. This means that the local and district churches are asked to engage their teens for the other days.

The list of National Teens' Ministry activities are as follows:

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## **TEENS' RALLY SPORT PRE-REGISTRATION**

**Date:** Saturday, January 3, 2026

**Time:** 11:59 pm

**Description:**

***Deadline for Submission of Teens' Rally 2026 Sports Pre-Registration*** Submit

via Microsoft Form :

<https://forms.office.com/r/K5YD5spnj3?origin=lprLink>



Completed event application forms should be brought on the day of Teens' Rally to finalize the registration process.

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## **TEENS' WEEK COMPETITIONS**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 14, 2026

**Time:** 11:59 pm

**Description:**

***Deadline for Submission of Teens' Week Challenges***

Submit to: [nationalteensmin@ntcojamaica.org](mailto:nationalteensmin@ntcojamaica.org)

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## **PURPOSE ON PAUSE? A TEENS BIBLE STUDY ON JEREMIAH 29:10-11**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Description:** A presentation aimed at helping teens to understand God's sovereign hand in guiding us towards His will for our lives while navigating tragedy or trauma.

**Platform(s):** Zoom & YouTube

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## **EXPLORING MENTAL WELLNESS IN THE FACE OF CATASTROPHE**

**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2026

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Description:** A presentation and panel discussion-based conversation helping teens to respond to and cope with issues that flow from suffering a catastrophe.

**Platform(s):** Zoom & YouTube

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## **TEENS RALLY 2026**

**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2026

**Time:** 8:30 am – 6:30 pm

**Description:**

*It's our **FLAGSHIP TEENS WEEK ACTIVITY!** Join us for a three (3) part extravaganza:*

**Sports:** Pre-registered teams compete in Football, Netball, and Volleyball. No pre-registration is required for our 3-on-3 Basketball.

**Pep Rally - BATTLE OF THE DISTRICTS:** This section will see teens from districts across Jamaica compete in fun, impromptu games, board games and other crazy activities. This competition does not require athletic ability. It's an opportunity to engage teens who are not participating in sports events in fun engaging meaningful way. **NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Come on the day and be ready to play. This is also where we experience some of our Teen Challenge pieces live and announce our Teens Week Challenge winners!

**Teenz Ablaze Worship & Word Experience:** Two (2) hours session comprising high energy, intimate and Spirit-filled Praise & Worship, dynamic, powerful

*and anointed charge and a meaningful time of intercession and response in prayer.*

**Platform(s):** *In person & YouTube*

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# TEENS' WEEK & RALLY 2026 COMPETITION

## TIKTOK DANCE

### **Challenge Rules**

1. Teen(s) are to record a Tiktok styled dance video.
2. The song to which the video is set must be relevant to any aspect the Teens Week 2026 theme "HOPE UNLOCKED" If the background music is not relevant to the theme, the entry will not be considered. The song must be gospel.
3. The video is not to be longer than 60 seconds (but must be 30 second minimum). **Criteria for Assessment**

We are looking for:

1. Creativity
2. Energy
3. Presentation
4. "Catchiness"
5. Originality of Choreography

**NB:** Please bear in mind that we represent Christ in all we do. Therefore, the dancer(s) must be properly attired, and dance moves must not be sensual or lewd.

### **Entry and Winning**

1. Only one (1) entry is permitted from each local church.
2. The top videos will be played at the National Teens' Rally

## OPEN VERSE CHALLENGE

### **Challenge Rules**

1. Teen(s) are to write and video record an original piece.
2. The piece can be performed with musical accompaniment or track.
3. The lyrics must be relevant to the Teens Week 2026 theme "HOPE UNLOCKED". If the song is not relevant to the theme, the entry will not be considered. *The idea behind the theme is found earlier in the manual.*
4. The piece must have at least 1 verse. It is not to be longer than 2 minutes 30 seconds (but must be at least 1 minute long).

### **Criteria for Assessment** We

are looking for:

1. Creativity & Vibe
2. Originality
3. Clarity & Voice (this includes musicality)
4. Presentation
5. Content & Message
6. Relevance to Theme

### **Entry and Winning**

3. Only one (1) entry is permitted from each local church.
4. The top videos will be played at the National Teens' Rally

## **E BANNER/POSTER**

### **Challenge Rules**

1. Teen(s) are to design and submit an original poster depicting the theme. The poster must not use any video or gif features.
2. The poster must be relevant to the Teens Week 2026 theme "HOPE UNLOCKED" and present the teen's artistic interpretation of same.
3. Teens are to submit a word document, audio or video explanation along with the video which gives insight into the design concept and makes the relevant connection with the theme.
4. The audio/video is not to be longer than 90 seconds (but must be 30 second minimum) and any written explanation should not exceed 300 words.

### **Criteria for Assessment**

We are looking for:

1. Creativity
2. Originality
3. Presentation of Banner/Poster
4. Artistic Quality of Banner/Poster
5. Interpretation of the Theme
6. Explanation of Concept

### **Entry and Winning**

1. Only one (1) entry is permitted from each local church.

2. The top entry will be displayed at the National Teens' Rally

## **TEENS REACT**

### **Challenge Rules**

1. Teen(s) are to record a video in which they provide a well-reasoned and Biblically researched response to the following prompt:

***The reality of tragedy and trauma in our lives does not mean the absence of God's presence and purpose.***

*The prompt calls for teens to look at the Biblical understanding of God's presence even in the midst of suffering and how it can be for our good and His glory.*

2. The video reaction should be no longer than three (3) minutes in length.

### **Criteria for Assessment**

We are looking for:

1. Clearly expressed position on the topic
2. Clear Conclusion
3. Logical Thought in Discussion
4. Biblical Support & Accuracy
5. Persuasiveness
6. Presentation (Voice, Articulation, Conviction)

### **Entry and Winning**

1. Only one (1) entry is permitted from each local church.
2. The top videos will be played at the National Teens' Rally.

Please note that all Video, Audio, and Pictorial entries for the challenges must be submitted to [nationalteensmin@ntcogjamaica.org](mailto:nationalteensmin@ntcogjamaica.org) .com by Friday, January 9, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. for consideration. All participants must be teenagers (13 – 19 years).

If files are too large to be attached to an email, please upload same to a cloud storage server (Google Drive, Onedrive, terabox etc) and email the link to the address.

## TEENS' WEEK & RALLY 2026 TEENS WEEK CHALLENGE SUBMISSIONS

Please note and observe the following guidelines for submitting all Teens Week Challenge entries:

1. All entries are to be submitted to [nationalteensmin@ntcogjamaica.org](mailto:nationalteensmin@ntcogjamaica.org) by **Friday, January 9, 2026 at 11:59pm.**
2. All **participants** in the challenge should be **between the ages of 13 – 19** years old.
3. **If files are too large to be attached to an email**, please upload the audio, video or picture file to a cloud storage server (**e.g.** Google Drive, Onedrive, Terabox etc.) and **email the link to the address.** Please ensure that the permissions allow the recipient to download files.
4. When **naming a video, audio or pictorial file**, please follow the format: <<**Name of Church/District**>><<**Name of the Category**>>. **E.g.** Mulgrave Teens React **or** Sedburgh NTCOG E Banner

*New Testament Church of God*  
*National Youth and Discipleship Department, Jamaica*  
*Teens' Rally 2026*

**District Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Deadline for submission of Application is January 03, 2026.**

*Football Competition (8-a-side)*  
*Application Form*

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## Netball Competition

### Application Form

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**Volleyball  
Application Form**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>
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**All participants must be between 13 and 19 years old and affiliated with the church s/he is representing.**

**Youth Director's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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