

AFM JCC Ministries, 2019

The AFM Jubilee Celebration Center Church (AFM JCC) is based in Hackensack, New Jersey, USA and was launched on 14 October, 2012 at Ramada Hotel, 375 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, New Jersey. The church is a locally 501(c)3 registered and globally affiliated organization. JCC is affiliated to AFM International which is spread throughout 40 nations of the world from the African continent, Australia, Europe, Asia, North America and other parts of the world. AFM International is among the largest Pentecostal churches of the world with its origins starting at Azusa Street of Los Angeles, California, United States of America in a revival which was led by William Seymour from 1903 and ran to 1908 when John G. Lake left for South Africa as a missionary to begin the Apostolic Faith Mission in 1908 in South Africa.

AFM JCC church based in Hackensack, New Jersey has several nations represented in its membership including congregants from the Barbados, Botswana, Jamaica, St Kitts, Grenada, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Zimbabwe and other countries.

Jubilee Celebration Center (JCC) is currently supervised by AFM in South Africa, through the Midrand Impact Christian Center under presiding Pastor Antoinette Erasmus. The Pastor of MICC Branches is currently Dr Dennis Erasmus.

Pastor Jerry Gutu and First Lady Everjoy lead the JCC church based in Hackensack, New Jersey, USA.

Jerry Gutu was born and raised in Zimbabwe by Christian parents in the Apostolic Faith Mission (AFM). He is married to Everjoy, they have four biological children and many spiritual sons and daughters who serve the Lord passionately in various ministries.

Jerry loves to teach, preach and shepherd God's people and show them the love of God. His wife, Everjoy, is an amazing worshipper who at the age of eight plucked enough courage to lead a song at a crusade of thousands in Harare, Zimbabwe at one of the famous crusades of Reverend Reinhard Bonkie's in the mid eighties.

Jerry attended Auckland Theological Seminary, which is part of the University of Johannesburg, South Africa and graduated with a Diploma in Pentecostal Theology in 2006 and was ordained by his Overseer, Dr Dennis Erasmus of Midrand Impact Christian Center (AFM MICC), Johannesburg South Africa on 20 December 2009. Jerry was also ordained by his Pastor, Dr Noel Gordon of Rhema Life Center of Maywood, New Jersey in 2012.

Everjoy and Jerry lead the young and fast growing AFM Jubilee Celebration Church (AFM JCC) in Hackensack, New Jersey which launched in October 2012. They are a formidable team which is passionate about worship, preaching, teaching the word and allowing the Holy Spirit to minister, guide and reveal to people God's purpose and will in this generation.

Women of God (WOG)

"Women of God" or "WOG" in short, is led by Sis Emily Chakavarika and coordinates the activities and encourages all women to actively participate in the core functions of the church centered around spreading the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. WOG is responsible for the hospitality and care of guests, members and the facility used by the church for all meetings and conferences.

WOG organizes an annual ladies conference with a guest or guest speakers, this conference is attended by the church membership and many other invited participants from the communities and other churches around the greater New York and New Jersey areas. WOG organizes prayer meetings during the week in which the sisters take turns to lead, pray and counsel one another with the word of God and prayer. The standing prayer meeting usually takes place on a Wednesday evening.

Men of God (MOG)

“Men of God” or MOG in short, coordinates all the activities and participation of men in the work of JCC. Men mentor the boys and host the Mother’s day celebration and support and encourage all men for the work of the church. Bro Stan Chihuri leads the activities of Men of God.

Youth Ministry

This is a vibrant group consisting all boys, girls, young men and young women up to the age of 40 years old. The Youth participate in all activities of the church and are a support base for all the young people joining the church. They host an annual conference and other regular engagements for the young people. The ministry is currently headed by brother Elias Gutu.

Children’s Ministry

This is a ministry which supports and mentors the 12 years and below. They train them on who Jesus is and the Bible, based on Proverbs 22:6, train up a child in the way they should go and when they grow they will not depart from it. Sis Fiona Gutsa currently heads this ministry and is supported by a team of volunteers.

Fundraising Ministry

This team led by bro Leslie Elliott and Sis Maingeni Kubvoruno is responsible for fundraising initiatives to get resources from outside the church to come into the church coffers to support building fund and the work of the ministry.

Hospitality, Decorations and Ushers department

This ministry is responsible for taking good care of guests and visitors and ensuring members are properly seated and attended to as they come into the church facilities for services and conferences. Currently Sis Primrose Matombo heads this ministry.

Outdoor Community Outreach (Outdoor events, sport and family events)

This ministry currently headed by bro Tabudirira Bere is the bridge between the church and the community at large. The ministry leads the church in engaging and participating in the social and other programs of the community. Through this ministry the church, as a responsible member of the community, seeks to be relevant and to support and participate in the events and activities of the community. The church takes part in soccer tournaments and outreaches under this ministry.

Couples Fellowship

This ministry is currently led by Sis Alice Bere and seeks to empower marriages of couples in and outside the church by hosting events and engaging the couples in activities and learning experiences from a biblical perspective of Christ as the groom and the church as his bride. This ministry seeks to guide, encourage and cajole the couples to elevate to Agape relationship.

Media and Publicity

This ministry is currently led by bro Shadrack Venson and Sis Ellen Samakande is responsible for publicising information products and supporting the efficient running of church services by manning of equipment including the public address system, recording and publishing of services and maintaining the church social media platforms ie the website, facebook, instagram, newsletters and other products.

Praise and Worship Team

This ministry currently led by the First Lady Everjoy Gutu is responsible for leading the church into the presence of the Lord through praise, worship and prayer. Just as the Media is the face of the church on social media platforms and the Hospitality is the face of the church in welcoming Saints to church so is Praise and Worship Team the face of humanity in welcoming the Saints and attendants into the presence of God as services commence and progress. The Lord inhabits the praises of his people and the Saints have to enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise through the assistance of the Holy Spirit at the invocation of the Praise and Worship Team.

Administration

Bro Archiford Kubvoruno is the church administrator responsible for financial system and administrative tasks of the church. Sis Daphne Venson provides secretarial services to the church including informing the church of events and services in a timely manner.

Others (Prayer/Intercession and Bible Study)

JCC has a weekly prayer meeting and Bible study meeting which are currently led by Pastor Gutu.