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JADOL to join in church service, Sunday, November 27

On Sunday, November 27, JADOL members and well-wishers will be joining with the congregation of the St. Margaret's Anglican Church on Old Hope Road at 8 a.m. during which the JADOL president, Ms. **Vilma McClenan**, will read a special message. ♦

From sage on the stage to guide on the side

The educational landscape globally and in Jamaica is rapidly changing. The Internet and other information communication technologies (ICTs) are providing a plethora of options for educational institutions to deliver programmes and for students to access learning opportunities. Concurrently, although at a slower rate, educational research is fostering change in the theories and practice of education. Especially at the tertiary level, there is increasing recognition of the need to encourage autonomous learning on the part of students. This also entails new ways of teaching.

From sage on the stage to guide on the side was the topic of the JADOL public lecture presented by Canadian education and business consultant, Louisa Horne, on October 4, 2005 at The University of the West Indies. It addressed the cultural shift that this new paradigm requires, in that the role of the teacher or lecturer is no longer to deliver instruction but rather to facilitate learning.

Ms. Horne is the President of her own company, InnovAcademy Consulting, which provides consulting services related to higher education, business development, partnership development, process improvement, programme design and development, programme review and gap analysis, facilitation and training services, and team leadership. She graduated from Dalhousie University in 1980 with a degree in Geology and Biology. She also holds a Bachelor of Education (Science Methods) and a Master of Education (Foundations/Administration) from Dalhousie University. She is currently pursuing her doctorate with Nova Southeastern University, in the School of Computer and Information Sciences, with a focus on faculty integration of technology.

Louisa was in Jamaica under the auspices of the UWI-UNESCO Caribbean Universities Project for Integrated Distance Education (CUPIDE), funded by the Japanese Funds in Trust for Capacity Development. She was carrying out a short strategic planning consultancy with the University of Technology, Jamaica, to assist with the honing of that institution's strategic plan for open learning and distance education. The presentation is available on the JADOL Web-site at www.jadol.org.jm.

The lecture was part of the series hosted by JADOL in fulfilment of its mission to promote, enhance and develop the practice of distance and open learning in Jamaica for individual, institutional and national development. Past lectures include: *Open learning and distance*

*education (Dr. **Dennis Irvine**); On-line education: Prospects for Jamaica (Mrs. **Avrill Crawford**); Current and future trends in open and distance education: Lessons from the USA (Dr. David Rand); Distance learning in support of adult literacy (Mr. **Seymour Riley**); Electronic resources for library support of distance students (Mrs. **Evadne McLean**) and Commonwealth and Caribbean co-operation in distance education (Sir John Daniel). ♦*