Dr. Michael Coombs
Featured Keynote
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Dr. Michael Coombs, a committed Christian and Family man, is a public health specialist and manager with over 30 years of experience in the Public Health Sector in Jamaica, including as Chief Medical Officer 2012 – 2013. He is a passionate advocate for marriage and the family and founder/chair of the National Association for the Family (NAF). He is also a board member of the National Parenting Support Commission (NPSC).

His qualification and training include the MBBS degree from the UWI, Mona, a Master’s in Public Health also from the UWI, Elective clinical training at the St Michael’s Hospital, University of Toronto, Canada, Health Care Administration at the Hirosaki University Medical School, Japan, as well as involvement in several overseas study tours including on Quality Assurance in the NHS, UK and Health Reform in Panama.

Dr. Coombs has served on numerous Boards and Committees including the National Bioethics Committee of Jamaica and the Medical Council of Jamaica among others. He has served on the Deaconate of the Jamaica Baptist Union for over 25 years as a lay preacher, evangelism director and counselor, and along with his wife Carol, has played a leading role in a family/couples group ministry for over 20 years.

Dr. Coombs has developed over the years, a strong passion and concern for the family as mandated by God, primarily through his experience as a husband and Father, church lay leader and Public Health Specialist. His passion was borne out in September 2013, when as a member of the Jamaican delegation to the Directing Council Meeting of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in Washington DC, he made an intervention on the importance of placing the issue of the family and in particular parenting, on the Post 2015 agenda of the UN. This intervention was singled out and endorsed by the Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) Dr. Marguerite Chan.

Dr. Coombs is married to one wife, Carol, and together they have been blessed with two children, Camille and Phillip.