



Tribute by the Broadcasting Commission of Jamaica to Professor Barry Chevannes

The Broadcasting Commission joins with the rest of the country in celebrating the life of an outstanding Jamaican patriot, Professor Barrington (Barry) Chevannes.

Professor Chevannes passed away last week Friday November 5 after a short period of illness.

In his capacity as a researcher and academic, he conducted numerous studies and enquiries into challenging social and cultural issues in Jamaica. He held an active presence and place in the Jamaican and Caribbean media, as public commentator, performer and recording artiste among his many other creative and public roles.

The Commission noted that up to the time of his illness Professor Chavannes remained a leading exponent of Jamaican cultural expression. His many publications, reports, speeches, hymns and compositions gave voice and vision to the aspirations of our youth, our heroes and our ancestors.

In his tribute to Professor Chavannes, Chairman of the Broadcasting Commission, Dr. Hopeton Dunn observed that he was an active and resourceful promoter of peace and reconciliation, particularly in troubled urban communities. He said Barry made an indelible contribution to enhancing the quality of life of the Jamaican people. "He believed profoundly in our capacity to rise above adversities and to find solutions for ourselves, whether in overcoming inner-city crime and violence, reforming gender relations or in the struggle against social and economic injustice," Dr. Dunn said.

The Commission extends its most profound sympathy to Professor Chevannes' wife Pauletta, his two daughters, other family members and close friends, during this challenging moment of bereavement.