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Welcome to Our First Edition!

We are thrilled to introduce the inaugural edition of the Rising Voices Initiative (RVI) Preaching Cohort Newsletter! This quarterly publication will provide key updates, insights, and resources to support your journey through the RVI Preaching Cohort.

In this issue, we highlight the purpose and mission of the program, review our progress so far, and preview exciting upcoming events, including:

- The application process and orientation recap
- A spotlight on our mentorship program and key cohort sessions
- Feedback from participants and curated resources to enhance your preaching development

Purpose

This newsletter is designed to:

- **Keep You Informed:** Stay updated on sessions, workshops, and important dates.
- **Inspire Growth:** Gain insights into preaching and leadership development.
- **Foster Community:** Share stories, feedback, and reflections from fellow participants.

We encourage you to actively engage by sharing your thoughts, questions, or reflections at rvi@apehna.org. Together, we can create a vibrant, supportive community of preachers committed to proclaiming God's Word with clarity and conviction.



Pastor Varnel Antoine, Program Director

Our Mission

The mission of the RVI Preaching Cohort is to inspire and equip the Haitian Christian community in New England for impactful preaching and ministry. By emphasizing the importance of senior pastors coaching and mentoring the next generation of preachers, this initiative seeks to foster a legacy of powerful, transformative preaching, sustainable ministries, and effective leadership succession.

Over the next four years, the program will host two 2-year cohorts, consisting of 18 sessions each, alongside workshops, newsletters, podcasts, articles, and other resources to empower participants.

Key Journey Highlights

Application Process

The journey began with a robust application process aimed at identifying senior pastors and emerging preachers passionate about sharing the Gospel. Applications opened in mid-2024, with a deadline of September 23, 2024.

Webinars

To promote the program, we hosted **two** webinars:

- August 21, 2024, at 6:30 PM
- August 24, 2024, at 10:00 AM

These sessions provided valuable insights into the program and its benefits.

Orientation

On October 19, 2024, we officially launched the cohort with a comprehensive orientation session. Participants received program materials, met fellow cohort members, and set the tone for an enriching two-year journey.

Cohort Sessions

Session 1: Mentorship Program & Strengths Finder Assessment (November 9, 2024)

- **Mentorship Program:** Senior pastors were provided personalized guidance and support on how to coach their emerging preacher by Pastor Brian Prue (Certified Coach).
- **Strengths Finder Assessment:** Facilitated by Dr. Sabrina Jacques. Participants discovered their unique strengths and learned how to leverage them for ministry impact.

Session 2: Living By the Book (December 7, 2024)

- **Facilitator:** Dr. Jay St. Fort
- **Focus:** Observing, interpreting, and applying Scripture with an emphasis on expository preaching.
- **Outcome:** Practical tools to faithfully and effectively preach God's Word.

Session 3: Principles of Hermeneutics (January 11, 2025)

- **Facilitator:** Dr. Bryan Wilkerson
- **Focus:** Developing inductive Bible study skills to uncover timeless truths.
- **Outcome:** Strengthened ability to analyze, interpret, and communicate Scripture with clarity and confidence.

Community Workshop

- **Topic:** Expository Preaching Essentials
- **Facilitator:** Rev. Dr. Jay St. Fort
- **Date:** April 5th, 2025 (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
- **Location:** New Jerusalem Church, 871 N Main Street, Randolph MA

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Details

This workshop is open to the public and will offer practical tools for anyone passionate about teaching and preaching God's Word. It will take place in New England, with a livestream available for participants in other states and seminaries in Haiti.

Strategic Partners



Emmanuel Gospel Center, RVI Fiscal Agent

Resources

- **Seminar:** [Preacher's College](#) — June 19, 2025
- **Website:** preachingtoday.com
- **Book:** [Preaching That Connects](#)

Your Journey Starts Here

The RVI Preaching Ministry is dedicated to equipping the Haitian Christian community with the resources and training necessary to preach with accuracy, clarity, and excellence. Whether you are a seasoned preacher or just beginning your journey, this program offers a transformative experience.

We are excited to witness how God will use this cohort to elevate the voices of His preachers and advance His Kingdom.

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Blessings,

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