



**Executive Director's Greetings for the FTC's 30th Anniversary worship
Providence Methodist Church – 132 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6
September 10, 2023**

Rev. Dr. Mulrain, Senator the Honorable Aubyn Hill, Minister of Industry Investment & Commerce, Mr. Donovan White, Chairman of the Fair Trading Commission (FTC), Mr. Justice Seymour Panton, Staff of the FTC, heads and representatives of other agencies of the Ministry of Industry Investment & Commerce, members of the Providence Methodist Church, Good morning. My name is David Miller, and I am the Executive Director of the Fair Trading Commission.

It is with great admiration, and appreciation that I stand here this morning in acknowledgment of Rev. Dr. Mulrain, his leadership of the church, and the congregation of the Providence Methodist Church. I thank you for hosting us for the third occasion in recognition of a milestone in the life of the FTC.

I bring greetings from the Commissioners and Staff of the FTC. It has been 30 years since the FTC opened its doors, that is, 30 years of competition law enforcement and 30 years of a formal system that promotes efficient and competitive markets that benefit society, particularly low income groups.

Proverbs 1:5 says, "Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance."

It is timely that we are here this morning with persons of varying age groups, including young persons and children. One of the FTC's functions is public education. Competition results in cheaper, more varied, and higher quality products. It creates more jobs, business opportunities, and better public services. Think of the number of banks or the number of gas stations, or the number of supermarkets that you may choose from before making a purchase. These choices come from competition.

Brothers and sisters, the FTC exists to assist all of us. Our objectives and operations are geared towards improving the well-being of our citizens – more competitive prices, more choices, innovations in product and service offerings in all markets.

I end by quoting Proverbs 16:3, which reads, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established." Peace be with you. Thank you.

David Miller