

Dr. Rupert A. Francis was born in the "Garden Parish" of St. Ann in the town of Ocho Rios. He attended Methodist Church School at the age three. He also attended Ocho Rios Primary School, York Castle High School in Brown's Town, and the University of the West Indies while he served as a commissioned officer in the Jamaica Defense Force. He retired in 1979 as a Senior Captain, after serving 10 years, with the regulars. Prior to migrating to the United States in 1999 he was employed at the Jamaica Mutual Life and Sangster's Old Jamaica Spirits. At Mutual Life he distinguished himself by becoming the top salesman for Jamaica and the Caribbean for every year that he was employed. At Sangster's Old Jamaica Spirits he was the Marketing Manager. He was recognized for tripling sales of these authentic Jamaican products.



After migrating to California, he quickly realized that his future was not in his field of expertise (security), as his qualifications were not recognized, so he shifted his focus to education. He was forced to obtain civilian accreditation to advance in his chosen field. Within the next 10 years he completed four degrees including a Bachelors in Psychology, a Masters in Education and Forensic Psychology and a Doctoral degree in Higher Education. His focus of study was on the advancement of young boys of color in the United States. This became his passion as he saw the disparity among this specific group. Armed with these new qualifications he was employed in several Universities in both administrative and teaching roles. After obtaining his first degree he was employed at his Alma martyr, Rhodes College, now Everest College. He then became the Director of Criminal Justice at Westwood College. He is currently a full time Professor at The Art Institute at Argosy University located in San Bernardino and a visiting Professor at DeVry University located in Pomona California.

When he is not working, Dr. Francis is very active in several organizations that are dedicated to the marginalized and the voiceless among us. He is particularly passionate about the role black men play in families and see their absence and influence as a serious threat to black cultures. He is a Board Member of Inner Circle Adoption Services, Unified Success, Educate the World. He is a member of the Jamaica Medical Foundation, York Castle Alumni Association, Jamaica Defense Force Ex Officers Association. He is a supporter of the National Association of Jamaican and Supported Organizations Inc. (NAJASO) and Jamaica Awareness of California (JAAC). He is active on social media user and is a member of various online forums including: Real Change for Jamaica (RCFJ), Jamaica Diaspora Investment Sustainable Initiative (JDSI), Jamaica United Against Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Mission (JUADACA).

Vision: To help to harness the vast talent that exists in the diaspora for the betterment of all Jamaicans especially the poor and the voiceless. This can be achieved by bringing the members of the Diaspora together as one entity to speak with one voice for the benefit of all Jamaicans: Economically, socially and politically at home and abroad through education; which will move our nation to a first world status in the not too distant future.

Dr. Francis is a keen listener, a passionate supporter of education, willing to help others and has years of leadership training, communication and negotiation skills. He is committed, respectful and a team player!!! If elected, Dr. Francis promises that you will have representation that you can count on.