

## What is HACO?

Sts. Peter & Paul Church is a member of HACO. The Hope Area Churches Organisation (HACO) grew out of the ecumenical movement. It was established in 1968 when Rev. John Hoad, Minister at Providence Methodist Church, called a meeting of church representatives in the Hope Area.

The HACO Constitution describes the Hope area as including “the HOPE ESTATE AREA, LIGUANEA, along Old Hope Road and Hope Road, merging at . . . Matilda’s Corner, and continuing east along Old Hope Road . . . into Mona Heights . . . continuing along Old Hope Road . . . to Papine and Gordon Town Road in the Parish of St. Andrew.”

The ten member churches are:

1. Christian Life Fellowship
2. Church of the Ascension
3. Church of St. Margaret
4. Hope Gospel Assembly
5. Hope United Church
6. Mona Baptist Church
7. Mona Open Bible Church
8. Providence Methodist Church
9. Sts. Peter & Paul Church; and
10. St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

One of the pledges of member churches, as set out in the HACO Constitution, illustrates the mission of HACO to “Be a model of congregational cooperation as we continue to seek ways to express the unity to which we are called as the body of Christ.”

There are two main events on the HACO calendar each year. The first is the Service in January to launch the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the second is the Children and Youth Rally which is usually scheduled for April.

Membership in HACO is open to Christian Churches in the Hope Area which meet the requirements set out in the HACO Constitution.