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**OUR VISION:** "Touching  
Lives, Nurturing Disci-  
ples, Seeking Transfor-  
mation through Christ"

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## PRAY FOR:



- **Mrs. Olga Byfield** whose husband **Rev. Bevis Byfield** has passed on
- **Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler** who is not well
- **Rev. Nevroy Francis** whose great-grandmother, **Mrs. Eva Cunningham-Johnson**, is not well
- The family of **Mr. Ashton Spence** (Council Delegate, Brownsville United Church) who passed on at the age of 109 years

# SYNOD 2019!!

**T**he 41st Synod of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands will be convened from April 30-May 2, 2019, in Montego Bay, St. James!

This biennial gathering of UCJCI Ministers and Council Delegates is a critical time in the life of our Church.

It is there that the Church's strategic direction is set, policies agreed on, and avenues for growth determined!

This year's Opening Service will be held on April 30 at St. Paul's United Church (Montego Bay), and the business sessions will be held from May 1-2 at SeaGarden Beach Resort.

At our last Synod, we registered our solidarity with those who are victimized by crime and violence, exclusion, ostracism, and human trafficking.

Our stance resounded for justice, righteousness, peace, reconciliation, and truth; as

The Synodical Theme remains: *"Renewal and Transformation: Discipleship for Life"*, on which the deliberations of both the Synod and Youth Synod will be centred.

Our Moderator-Elect, **Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans**, will be installed; and we will celebrate the **Life & Witness of our Ministers, Lay Leaders and Council Delegates!**



well as support for education, accountability and responsibility in both Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

Indeed, we were encouraged to be a Missional Church! Our Ministers and Delegates were inspired to continue to fan the flame of service to the higher calling of missional engagement.

The Pre-Synod activities will include: our **Youth Convention** and **Regional Children's Rallies**, as well as **Pre-Synod Consultations** in our four (4) Regions.

*Please pray with us, for this crucial event in the governance and advancement of our Church. Thank you!*

# CELEBRATIONS!



70:

**Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield**

**March 8**

**Mrs. Jennifer Martin**

**March 9**

**Rev. J. Oliver Daley**

**March 10**

**Rev. Egbert Harvey**

**March 11**



## INGATHERING OF THE REGIONS "LET'S GET IN THE ACT"

ASSERTIVE CHRISTIANS TRANSFORMING lives



**SPEAKER: REV. ALICE BLAIR**  
DANCE, MUSIC, SPOKEN WORD

**VENUE: RIDGEMOUNT UNITED CHURCH**

**DATE: MARCH 16, 2019 @ 4 PM**

**CONTRIBUTION: \$300**

**PRIZES AND SURPRISES!!!**

UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA & THE CAYMAN ISLANDS  
SOUTHERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL



## WOMEN'S Fellowship

### Evangelistic Service

THEME:

*Life Giving Word of God:  
The Disciples Guide for Personal Strength*



Speaker:  
**Rev. Lembe Sivile**  
Minister, Lowe River Charge

New Broughton United Church/ Sunday, March 10, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.

# UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER

NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL MISSION  
COUNCIL PRESENTS

JOIN US

## Children's Synodical Rally



SUNDAY

April 7,

2019

2pm

THEME: PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION BY  
SHARING GOD'S WORD

MINISTRY IN  
SONG,  
DANCE and  
POETRY

Poetry  
Competition

Poster  
Competition

at Webster Memorial  
United Church

ANDREWS YOUNG ADULTS  
UNDER THE THEME

Prick It!

PRESENTS

## A UNITED Talent SEARCH

COST: \$300

OPEN TO ALL AGES



ARE YOU A  
SINGER, POET  
DANCER, MUSICIAN



MARCH 01  
MARCH 15

MARCH 08  
MARCH 31 FINALS

2019

6PM - 10PM

**YOU GOT TALENT! WE WANT YOU  
TO COME OUT AND EXPRESS YOURSELF**

REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH OFFICE (962-2856)

# YOUTH CONVENTION 2019



Guest Speaker: Bishop Leslie Pinnock

Guest Artist will be announced soon....

DATE: Saturday, April 20, 2019

VENUE: Kendal Camp and Conference Centre

TIME: 8:30 A.M.



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Fellowship



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## LEADERSHIP CORNER

### Sage Advice for the Fruitful Leader

#### Leaders share success with the team.

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."* (Helen Keller)

Why do some leaders succeed where others fail? It is often because they understand that success is a team effort. Leadership and teamwork go hand in glove. One is fully dependent on the other. Leaders have learned the valued principle of partnership, and they are always ready to team with someone who can contribute to a shared goal. The pooling of increased wisdom and ability affords a greater opportunity for excellence.

Efficiency generally increases with participation. Great leaders create an atmosphere in which others can succeed also. They're not afraid to allow their associates to take responsibility, and they're willing to give credit when they excel. When success comes, leaders celebrate a team victory!

#### Leaders acknowledge the potential of others.

*"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you may help them to become what they are capable of being."* (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)

Humans are the vast untapped resource of the planet. Wise leaders are those who mine that potential. They see what's good in others and bring it to the surface. Leaders see the potential of their associates. They are always more concerned with what someone *will be*, than with what he or she currently is.

Leaders see the unmined skills of

others as later abilities. As a potter holds the unformed clay and envisions its later excellence, a leader sees his or her associates' weaknesses as future strengths, and their questions as future wisdom.

The leader's associates are rough diamonds whose lustre needs the polishing of a skilled craftsman or craftswoman. In the process, he or she prophesies when they encourage people in ways such as these: *"I think you could do this, if you tried."* *"I believe in you."* Leaders realize that by adding a cup of encouragement, they may reap gallons of achievement.

#### Leaders solve problems others fear.

*"Those who try to do something and fail, are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed."* (Lloyd Jones)

Leaders love challenges. While others may see challenges as stumbling blocks, leaders see them as stepping stones. To them, problems are unformed opportunities to create, to re-invent, and to excel. Like the football lineman who gets an adrenaline rush when the opposing player charges toward him, leaders are instantly motivated to stand against the problems they face.

Leaders view the overwhelming elements of a problem as an opportunity to marshal forces against it. Leaders are proactive. "Impossible" and "undoable" are words that are not usually on the lips of a true leader. They have a different language. *"Yes". "I know we can." "We can do all things through Christ who*

*strengthens us."* *"Let's try."* Great leaders may be afraid at times, but they never allow their fears to keep them from facing a challenge with courage. When others are throwing in the towel, the leader is going back to the drawing board.

#### Leaders are supportive.

*"People cannot be managed. Inventories can be managed, but people must be lead."* (H. Ross Perot)

A good leader looks out for the interests of others. They not only delight in the success of others; they actually create an environment that fosters it. Leaders are tireless motivators. As the leader diligently tends the crop, so the leader cultivates the team.

Leaders are quick to offer praise, personal advice, and words of support. They know the value of a positive note, e-mail, or telephone call. They understand one of the basic motivators: Recognition. They're quick to say, *"Thank you."* *"I appreciate you"* flows naturally from their lips. They make their associates feel vital to the cause.

Unsuccessful leaders resort to blame, anger, and criticism in order to control people. Successful leaders set people free by supporting them. Leaders understand the importance of taking someone with them as they climb the ladder of success.

*Source: "Minute Motivators for Leaders" by Stan Toler*

