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PRAY FOR:



- Rev. Bevis Byfield who is not well
- Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler who is not well
- Rev. Nevroy Francis whose great-grandmother, Mrs. Eva Cunningham-Johnson, is not well
- Mr. Denver Bloomfield and Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield whose uncle and uncle-in-law, respectively, Dr. Lynvale Bloomfield, MP, has passed on
- The family of Mr. Ashton Spence (Council Delegate, Brownsville United Church) who passed on at the age of 109 years

INNOVATIVE EVANGELISM!

Webster Memorial United Church (Jamaica) has propelled their evangelism efforts through a *pointed, innovative strategy!*

On Sunday, February 17, 2019, a group of approximately fifteen (15) members of the congregation, took to the streets, led by their Minister, Rev. Astor Carlyle, to issue about 400 pegs of oranges and good

cheer to participants in the Sagikor Sigma Corporate Run, and invite them to Webster's 9:45 a.m. service afterwards!

Innovative, indeed! And positive! The decision was made that, instead of be-moaning the interruptions to the Church caused by the event each year, they would seize this opportunity to evangelize to the partici-pants.

The fruit station was placed

across the street from the sanctuary, and the impact was felt! There was media coverage, placing the Church in good light in its strategy to reach the people, and yes, *some of the runners did attend the church service after the event!*

Rev. Carlyle expressed that the church was excited to support the event, which gives back to worthy causes. This year, this largest road race in the Caribbean, with
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Some Webster members handing out pegs of oranges to Sagikor Sigma Corporate Run participants!



Some members of the innovative team!



Pointing runners to Webster's service!

CELEBRATIONS!

BAILLIESTON UNITED CHURCH BAPTISM!



70:

Rev. Norman Francis
February 23

INNOVATIVE EVANGELISM!

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over 27,000 participants, raised in excess of J\$52 million towards three (3) beneficiaries: the Lupus Foundation of Jamaica; the Diabetes Association of Jamaica; and the May Pen Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

It was, indeed, Church in Ministry—an example of reaching beyond the walls of the Church and meeting people where they are, as well as supporting their beneficial interests! God be praised!!



Rev. Rohan Kong, Minister, Mt. Olivet United Charge performs baptism!



Candidates for baptism at Baillieston United Church, Clarendon (February 17, 2019)!



Above: The FRUIT of the Initiative!!!
Runners attend the service!!

MEMORIAL

Plaque dedication in memory of the Soares family at Salt Spring United Church, St. James



Rev. Rohan Kong leads candidates into confessions during Baptism Service

Send comments and news about your congregation to: ucjciupdate@gmail.com

LEADERSHIP CORNER

Listening: An Indispensable Element of Leadership

“The ear of the leader must ring with the voices of the people.” (Woodrow Wilson)

Leaders touch a heart before they ask for a hand. That’s called the Law of Connection. But before a leader can touch a person’s heart, he or she has to know what’s in it. The leader learns that by listening.

It is possible that the overwhelming majority of communication problems come from poor listening. A lot of voices are clamouring out there for your attention. As you think about how to spend your listening time, keep in mind that you have two (2) purposes for listening: to connect with people and to learn.

For that reason, you should keep your ear open to these people:

Your Followers. Good leaders, the kind that people want to follow, do more than conduct business when they interact with followers. They take the time to get a feel for who each one is as a person. Philip Stanhope believed, “Many a man would rather you heard his story than granted his request.” If you’re in the habit of listening only to the facts and not the person who expresses them, change your focus—and really listen.

The People You Serve. There is a saying, “Listen to the whispers and you won’t have to hear the

screams.” Listen to the concerns, complaints, and suggestions of the people you serve. It may be your greatest opportunity. Good leaders always make it a priority to keep in contact with the people they’re serving.

Your Mentors. No leader is so advanced or experienced that he can afford to be without a mentor. If you can’t get someone to help you in person, begin the process by reading books. The main thing is to get the process under way.

Your Competitors (for those in business). When a leader sees another organization as competition, he or she focuses their attention on building their own case or championing their cause, and forgets to learn from what the other group is doing. As a leader, you don’t want to base your actions on what the other person is doing, but you should still listen and learn what you can to improve yourself.

Reflect on this:

Are you a good listener? Is it necessary for you to slow down and pay greater attention to what is going on around you? In doing so, your activity will have sharper focus and accomplish more. Start listening not only for words, but also for feelings, meanings, and undercurrents.

To improve your listening, do

the following:

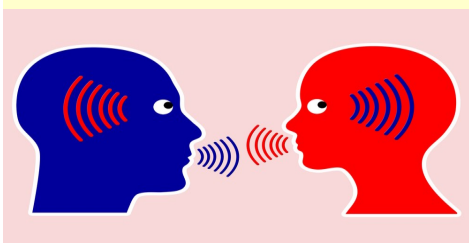
Change your schedule. Do you spend time listening to your followers, those you serve, your mentors, and competitors? Pencil in time for each of them on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.

Meet people on their turf. A key to being a good listener is to find common ground with people. The next time you meet with a member of your team, discipline yourself to ask four questions about him or her as a person. Get to know who they are, and seek common ground to build your connection with him or her.

Listen between the lines. As you listen to people, you certainly want to pay attention to the factual content of the conversation. But don’t ignore the emotional content. Sometimes you can learn more about what’s really going on by reading between the lines.

Spend time in the coming days and weeks listening with your heart. The only way to find out what you’re missing is to start listening.

Source: “The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader” by John C. Maxwell



UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER

SAVANNAH UNITED CHURCH SEEKS

Full-time Youth Minister

The Savannah United Church in Grand Cayman is seeking a full time Youth Minister to build young disciples for Christ, by developing and implementing a comprehensive approach to youth ministry, in the areas of worship, discipleship, mission and outreach, while serving as the spiritual leader and role model for our youth.

The successful individual will report to the Pastor for spiritual, ministry, and administrative guidance. The Pastor, in collaboration with the HR team, carries out an annual evaluation of the Youth Minister's performance.

Qualifications:

Education: First degree in Youth ministry, Theology, or related field required.

Practical experience of 3-5 years in ministry to youth and young adults.

Have a good understanding of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) or a willingness to learn about it.

Must have vision and a demonstrated ability to plan, develop, coordinate, manage and implement ministry to youth and young adults.

Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Good computer skills with competencies in Microsoft Suite along with being a competent social media user.

Roles and Responsibilities

Focused areas of ministry in the lives of youth:

- * Develop and implement a vision plan for the youth ministry.
- * Prepare and manage the approved youth ministry budget.
- * Develop an annual youth ministry calendar.
- * Recruit and train volunteers.
- * Lead and organize effective youth programs.
- * Develop and promote biblically-based education through varying ministry programs.
- * Provide spiritual guidance and counselling to the youth and team leaders as opportunities arise.
- * Mentor youth in developing their leadership skills.
- * Seek to integrate youth ministry into all aspects of church life and ministries.
- * Provide monthly reports to the Pastor on Youth Ministry accomplishments and activities.

Benefits: Pension, health coverage and vacation days

Salary: KYD\$2,500 - \$3,000.00 per month

Please submit your application to:
Attn: Congregational Secretary
Savannah United Church
P.O. Box 1000
Grand Cayman KY1-1503
CAYMAN ISLANDS
Email: info@savannahunited.ky
www.unitedchurch.org.ky/news

DEADLINE: February 28, 2019

Meadowbrook United Church



HARVEST INGATHERING SERVICE

Theme: Harvest of Gifts and Talents

Sunday, February 24, 2019
8:30am

Your generous donation of fruits, ground provisions etc will certainly make a tremendous impact on our "Special Day of Thanksgiving"



Harvest Sale: Monday, Feb. 25 on the church grounds starting at 7:00 a.m.

For more information contact the Church Office
925-5860/969-6918

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH (MARVERLEY)

presents their **PRAYER BREAKFAST** on

FEBRUARY 23rd 2019 from

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

34 West Main Drive,
Kingston.

For further information, you may contact:
 Pastor Angella Dennis.

The North Eastern Regional Mission Council (NERMC)

Presents

WEDNESDAY
MARCH
6, 2019

**DAY
OF
Fellowship**

(Ash Wednesday Service)

Theme: Deeper, Higher, Wider, in Christ

@ The Boulevard Baptist Church

2 Washington Blvd Kingston 20

**SERVICE
STARTS
9 A.M.**

Guest Speaker
Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans
 (Moderator Elect)

Afternoon session starts at 1 p.m.
Come and be Blessed by "Choirs in Praise"