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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

UCYPF SPORTS DAY EXUBERANCE!!

What a day it was for the **United Church's UCYPF at Sports Day 2019!** It was held on February 9 at **Noranda Sports Complex, Discovery Bay, St. Ann**, and it was a day of thrill and resounding cheer!!

Defending champions, the North-Eastern Regional Mission Council again won the title, and carried away **The Nyle Jordan Ashwood Stewart Memorial Trophy** awarded to the Winning Council!

Activities included track and field, football, netball, volleyball, domino competition, and theme expression.

There was hearty and healthy competition between the three (3) Jamaican Regions: the **North-Eastern Regional Mission Council**

(NERMC), the **Western Regional Mission Council (WRMC)**, and the **Southern Regional Mission Council (SRMC)**.

The **NERMC** capitalized on the opportunity to enter each event, gaining at least a point as they progressed through

the day's events. They were a spirited team, and a joy to observe! Nothing fazed them. They were focused and resilient, sustaining their confidence and the missional, worshipful way in which they executed their game plans... *True champions, indeed!*

The **WRMC** made quite a superb comeback, after placing third in competition in 2018! This year's second place was hard fought, and we are so proud of them. They forged ahead, undaunted, and left us smiling.

The **SRMC** tried their events well. We celebrate their efforts and laud them for their valiant entries.

This special day of fellowship was one to be remembered, for how it brought our Youth together and helped each one to foster the spirit of a champion! *God be praised for our blossoming Youth!!*



The Winning Team: NERMC!!!



Exuberant spectators celebrate their team's win!

CELEBRATIONS!



70:

Rev. Icylyn Parkinson

February 27

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

Ash Wednesday Convention

Theme:
Disciples on the Move with the Good News

Clarendon College
March 6, 2019
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bring your notepads. Come with your praise and pencils!

UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER

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 AM

Guest Speaker

Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans
(Moderator Elect)

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



#UCYAAM

UNITED CHURCH YOUNG ADULTS ACTION MOVEMENT

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 Theological College of the West Indies



Founders' Day 2019

Theme: "Making the Christian Faith Relevant in the Contemporary Caribbean Context"

Schedule of Activities

MONDAY, MARCH 4

6:00 pm
UTCWI Chapel

Worship Service

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Neville Callam
General Secretary Emeritus
Baptist World Alliance



TUESDAY, MARCH 5

10:00 am
Classrooms 4 & 5
UTCWI Campus

Lectures

Lecturer: Rev. Ronald Thwaites



5:00 pm
Classrooms 4 & 5
UTCWI Campus

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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.

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Powerful Lessons from Effective Leaders

Leaders are willing to take a risk.

"Venture..." (Stan Toler)

Leadership is risky. The paths of opportunity have a few speed bumps. Plans sometimes fail. Funding can evaporate. Markets change. Allies desert. It's sometimes a jungle out there! But great leaders have learnt to survive and thrive. They nourish themselves as they can. They form alliances. They envision a strategy. They resist surrender.

Leaders understand the risk and are willing to take it. Even if success is not guaranteed, they are still willing to lead the charge. They're willing to convince people that battles can be won in spite of the size or the armament of the enemy.

Leaders are willing to pay a price. They're prepared to barter what they have for what they might gain. They're motivated more by the prospect of success than by the fear of failure. They're adventurers. They're not willing to stay on the porch.

Leaders know what to do next.

"Leadership is calculated risk-taking." (Ted Ward)

A chess master never thinks only of the next move. He is thinking three, four, or five moves ahead. Leaders do the same thing. Their vision is cast well into the future. And that future is as familiar to them as it can be to the finite mind. They have dreamed dreams of that place. They have planted and built their hopes there. They have already envisioned a completion in that future.

Leaders are not that enthused about

short trips. They are on a long journey of excellence. And they know that journey is made of individual steps, each firmly planted in uncharted territory.

In one sense, they never arrive. When a goal is achieved, they roll out the next one. No problem is ever the end of the road. No achievement is ever the top of the hill. There is always that next step—the step already dreamed in their heart; the step planned for, prayed for, and provided for, because of the far-reaching vision.

Leaders accentuate the positive.

"Enthusiasm is contagious. It's difficult to remain neutral or indifferent in the presence of a positive thinker." (Melvin Maxwell)

The leader always sees the day as sunny, never partly cloudy. Why? Because leaders know optimism is highly contagious. Even in small doses, an attitude that believes for the best can spread quickly and influence many. Pessimists may gather their followers, but they will stay close to home. They're afraid of new roads and far horizons. They feed off their own negative energy, and soon they grow weak and tired.

The optimist leader knows that a better day is coming. The optimist emits a positive energy flow that is infused into the weary until they become strong.

The team takes its cue from the leader. So, if the leader is negative, the team will be negative, too. But if the leader dwells on what's right, the team will share the same positive viewpoint.

There are almost always critics to point out what's wrong. It's the leader's job to see what's right.

Leaders take time for recreation and fun.

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men[women]." (Willy Wonka)

Good leaders don't make slaves of others, and they don't make slaves of themselves. They know that relaxation is not a luxury, it's a necessity. Too much focus and too little time for renewal create a dangerous leadership imbalance. Just as the body needs rest to revitalize its energy, the leader and his or her team need a pause for refreshment.

Good leaders watch over the needs of their team. They make wise suggestions about the team's physical, mental, and spiritual rebuilding times. They evaluate and protect the team's personal, social, and professional balance. They purposefully schedule activities to avoid overexertion and stress.

In the same way, wise leaders take time for themselves. They know the serenity of a set of tennis, the balm of a day at the beach, or the blessing of a good book. These are not perks for the privileged; they are emotional and spiritual tools for self-maintenance. A leader needs a timely "time out".

Source: "Minute Motivators for Leaders" by Stan Toler



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