




**CAYMAN ISLANDS  
REGIONAL MISSION  
COUNCIL**

**WEEKLY  
UPDATE!**

April 26, 2018

*“Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”*

## Are We Instruments of Peace?

Reflecting on Cayman’s Convocation

Are we instruments of Peace for our nation, creation, the world? This question and challenge was an underlying theme throughout our Council’s Convocation. Congregations across Grand Cayman gathered on April 22 at the Cayman Prep & High School Auditorium on Walkers Rd, for Convocation 2018! The theme for Convocation “Disciples of Peace” inspired the worship, prayers, and overall fellowship of the day. There was powerful ministry in song by both the combined Children’s choir and the Convocation choir. The children’s choir shared about being “Instruments of Peace” and the Convocation choir shared about knowing and having a relationship with the “Peace Speaker”, Jesus Christ. At Convocation, the commissioning of the new Council Executive, and the re-commissioning of John Macmillan as a Lay Pastor also took place. The guest speaker Rev. Tara Tyme Campbell shared a compelling and passionate message on the need to be Disciples of Peace based on Matthew 5, “Blessed are the Peacemakers”.

The Children’s Village catered to 60+ youth who participated in a series of praise and worship, Bible lessons, and crafts. They discussed the story of Jesus calming the sea and sharing with his disciples about peace. The Bible lesson was merged with the “Fruits of the Spirit”, of which Peace is one. There was also a special storytelling time with the Puppet Ministry from John Gray Memorial United Church, which the youth thoroughly enjoyed. The young people (Teens) shared in a time of devotion and reflection. They focused on “inner peace” through the demonstration of a sponge soaking up water. They were encouraged to soak up good and positive things so that in times of hardships, when they are squeezed, peace and positivity will be released.



**CAYMAN CONVOCATION 2018**

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**CIRMC DEDICATES MISSION HOUSE**

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## The Olive Miller Inaugural Award



A special moment was shared by all when Mrs. Olive Miller a pioneer of the Cayman community and Girls’ Brigade was honoured by the United Church, with a Citation acknowledging her achievements and legacy. There was also a “walk down memory lane” by the Cayman Islands Girls’ Brigade who shared displays of different GB companies and the history of the Cayman Islands Girls’ Brigade. The day’s celebrations reached its pinnacle with the first ever Olive Miller Inaugural Award being presented to Madda

Whittaker of the Elmslie Memorial United Church, for her outstanding commitment and dedication to the nurturing of youth in all aspects of their lives.



**GIRLS’ BRIGADE VISITS PINES**

The Cayman Islands Girls’ Brigade visited the Pines Retirement Home on Saturday 14th April, as part of its outreach and service endeavors.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 28**  
Girls' Brigade Council Meeting – Savannah United Church Hall at 9:30am
- April 28**  
Youth Splash Meeting – Council Office at 10:00am
- May 5**  
Men's Fellowship Breakfast – Elmslie Memorial United Church at 7:30am
- May 12**  
Leadership Development Training 5 & 6 – Council Office (LD #5 at 1:00pm | LD #6 at 9:00am)
- May 14 – 16**  
Synodical Standing Committee Meetings – Synod Administrative Centre, Jamaica
- May 22**  
Council Executive Meeting – Council Office, Prospect at 5:30pm

Click [here](#) to view the full CIRMC Calendar

**Look Ya Nah!**



**A Moment with Bethesda:**

Improve your life - A 60-minute session may be all it takes to resolve issues that have been wearing you down or holding you back. Connect with us - and start making a difference in your life

Facebook: Cayman Bethesda Counselling Centre

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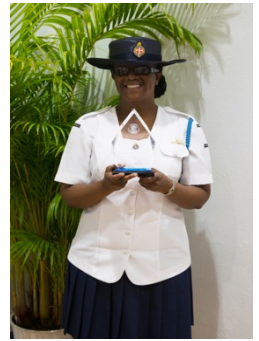


Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council  
Sundays at 7:45am on Radio Cayman

**THEME: The Resurrected Christ**

- April 29** - Rev. Alice Blair (Theme: The Resurrected Christ in the midst of the community)
- May 6** - Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble Bloomfield (RDGS) & Rev. Norbert Stephens (UCJCI General Secretary)

It was truly a historical moment for Madda Whittaker to be presented the award by Olive Miller herself who inspired Madda's Girls' Brigade journey and mentorship/leadership to youth. The Oliver Miller Award will be presented at Convocation every four (4) years to a member of the United Church age thirty (30) and older who has exemplified leadership and mentorship to youth and is an avid member/leader of the community.



**Peace with the Earth**

As we celebrated and reflected on Peace at Convocation we did the same for creation as it was also Earth Day. The environment was an



integral part of the day's activities. As each attendee left the service, they were given a seedling to nurture and grow; a symbolic commitment to being stewards of creation. As people fellowshipped in the peace circles at the end of the service they were encouraged to recycle plastic bottles, supporting the Earth Day initiative across the world to strive for a planet that is "plastic-free"!

The young people during their fellowship together were led by Mr. Orville Daniels to attach Banana Orchids to different trees around the Cayman Prep & High School grounds. Their fellowship together allowed them to contemplate on what it truly means to be at peace with the environment and see the importance of coexisting with creation.



**The Potter in our Midst**



Danswell Davidson, a well-known potter who resides in the Cayman Islands and teaches pottery to various primary schools in the country, contributed an inspiring and deeply moving element to the worship experience at Convocation. In the beginning of the service he presented a beautifully crafted flower vase which he then proceeded to crumple in front of everyone turning it back into a ball of clay. The ball of the clay was then molded and shaped throughout the service as Mr. Davidson was led by the worship and prayers. At the end of the service, he shared

about the inspiration of his piece. It was inspired by the "monkey jar" his grandmother owned (The jar received its' name from the style of the handle). Whenever anyone in his family was sick they would be told drink water from the monkey jar and it would heal them or help them to feel better. Mr. Davidson shared that he wished that everyone in the world could take a sip from the monkey jar so that there will be peace from its healing water. The artwork will be presented to the Premier of the Cayman Islands as an offering of peace for the nation from the United Church.



**Youth in Action**



Elmslie Memorial Dance Ministry



Combined Children's Choir



John Gray Memorial Puppet Ministry



## What's Happening in CIRMC?

### CIRMC DEDICATES MISSION HOUSE



We are grateful to God for the gift of a duplex, located in Lower Valley. It was dedicated to the Glory of God on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> April by the Moderator of Synod, the Rt. Rev. L. Christopher Mason. The General Secretary, Rev. Norbert Stephens and the Chair of Church and Ministry Synodical Committee, Rev. Tara Tyme Campbell as well as the Chair of CIRMC, Ms. Angela Martins and the RDGS, Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble Bloomfield, Members of the Cayman United Church Corporation (CUCC), other members of the Clergy and members of Council were on hand for the blessing.

'The Mission House' has a total of four bed rooms, two bathrooms, living/ dining areas and a laundry room on each side.

The intention for the house is for the expansion of the ministry and mission of the Council. It has been renovated and equipped and we are extremely grateful to the CUCC, Mr. Dawson Whittaker and his team, Chair of Council (Ms. Angela Martins), Mrs. Josie Welcome, Ms. Lillieth McLaughlin, Mrs. Diane Montoya and the many persons who made various contributions to ensure that the Mission House becomes a home away from home.

The Council has entered into a partnership with Samaritans Purse and the children who come on island from Mongolia, Bolivia and Uganda for heart surgery at Health City Cayman Islands will be housed there post-surgery. Host families from our and other denominations will ensure their domestic comforts are taken care of during their stay at the Mission House with their Moms and Interpreters.

### GIRLS' BRIGADE CELEBRATES WITH SENIORS

The Cayman Islands Girls' Brigade visited the Pines Retirement Home on Saturday 14th April, as part of its outreach and service endeavors. Residents of the Pines were warmly greeted and engaged in friendly conversation with young ladies from age 5 to 17, accompanied by Girls' Brigade leaders. Each company presented a performance item, accompanied by a special sing-along session where the girls and seniors sang some of the resident's favorite chorus and hymns, followed by a short devotion which was shared by Reverend Euthman Wray, the Chaplain for the Savannah Girls' Brigade Company and Reverend of the Savannah United Church.



The Savannah and George Town Company's presented handmade bibs created by the girls as part of their sewing education sessions as part of their weekly meetings, bibs were given to the residents and were greatly appreciated by the staff and caregivers. A small group of girls presented birthday gifts to the residents who were celebrating birthdays this month and the day closed off with a celebratory lunch prepared by the various Brigade companies followed by birthday cake.

### SAVANNAH UNITED PARTICIPATES IN EARTH DAY CLEAN UP!

Even though Earth Day falls on April 22 (a Sunday), on Saturday April 21, people across the Cayman Islands and the world gathered together to spend quality time caring for our home, Earth. Members of the Savannah United Church, gathered together with the Savannah, Newlands community to pick-up garbage around the Savannah area.

