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mation through Christ"

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PRAY FOR:



- **Rev. Bevis Byfield**
who is not well
- **Ms. Lorraine Howell**
who is not well
- **Alwyn "Steve" Cowan** (brother of **Rev. Dr. Collin Cowan**)
who is recuperating after an attack

TEACHING OUR CHILDREN TO PRAY

The Western Regional Mission Council's (WRMC's) Evangelism Committee staged its annual Children's Conference on May 26, 2018 at three (3) locations across the Region: St. Paul's United Church, St. James; Runaway Bay United Church, St. Ann; and Savanna-la-Mar United Church, Westmoreland. One hundred and three (103) children and twenty-eight (28) adults were in attendance.

This year's conference theme was, "**Teach our**

Children to Pray... AFFIRM Them", highlighting prayer as a critical aspect of daily living. Our children were pointed to the truth that prayer provides a platform for expressing our thoughts and desires to the Lord, as well as an avenue for bringing our concerns and requests for assistance to God, who is willing to assist His people. This impartation was well-received by the children.

There was a merging of this year's theme with that for Child's Month, To

"Acknowledge, Friend, Favour, Influence, Respect, and Motivate" each child, with special emphasis on the use of prayer to achieve this end.

One boy at the Runaway Bay United Church venue made a commitment to Jesus Christ, while all the children were affirmed in, and through, prayer, grasping the primary exhortation of the day... to make communicating with God a daily practice.

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Children gather to pray at the Conference



A boy is taught to pray during the proceedings

CELEBRATIONS!

Our CIRMC Children and Youth in Mission



70:

Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels

Rev. Anthony Chung

June 25



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 The acronym "A.F.F.I.R.M." was explored, to identify some of God's character traits that they should be mindful of when seeking to pray effectively. The children were engaged in small and large group discussions, and also offered individual prayers. Teachings and exhortations were offered across the locations by: **Rev. Lloyd Rosegreen, Mrs. Monica Tucker, and Rev. Richard Lealofi**, who also sought to address the children's emotional well-being. Indeed, the children left the conference affirmed and equipped for a life of prayer.

The Cayman Islands' Regional Mission Council's Girls' Brigade International Day of Prayer special service was held at the John Gray Memorial United Church on Sunday, June 10, 2018. Under the theme, "Fruitful and Overflowing", Rev. Donovan Myers shared a very inspiring message on being filled with the right things in our lives. Each Company participated by offering prayers for Girls' Brigade Regions around the world, and National Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield also rendered prayers for the organization. The Girls' Brigade International Conference will be held in Zambia in July 2018.

THE UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER

SAVANNA-LA-MAR UNITED CHURCH
 YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP
 PRESENTS

PRAISE IN EXPRESSIONS 2018
Judah on the Rise!

GODFREY STEWART DANCE TROUPE
 TORRINGTON GOSPEL DANCERS
 MIME BROTHERS
 GRACE EXPRESSIONS MINISTRY

VENUE: SAV. UNITED CHURCH
 SAT. JUNE 30, 2018
 START TIME: 6PM
 COST: \$300



Children gather to pray with their leaders

PRESENTED BY ANDREWS/ EBENEZER UNITED CHURCH

"Realities of the Single and Married Life: Let's talk about it!"

**FREE!
FREE!
FREE!**

- Topical Issues**
- Loneliness
 - Keeping the passion alive
 - Dating older or younger persons

Dates: Friday, June 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (singles at Ebenezer United Church)

AND
 Friday, June 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. continuing on
 Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. (couples and marriage at Andrews United Church)

PRESENTER:
 Reverend Carla Dunbar

Refreshments on sale



LEADERSHIP CORNER

The Law of Navigation

Leaders who navigate do even more than control the direction in which they and their people travel. They see the whole trip in their minds before they leave the dock. They have a vision for getting to their destination, they understand what it will take to get there, they know who they'll need on the team to be successful, and they recognize the obstacles long before they appear on the horizon. Leroy Eims writes, "A leader is one who sees more than others see, who sees farther than others see, and who sees before others do."

The larger the organization, the more clearly the leader has to be able to see ahead. That's true because sheer size makes midcourse corrections more difficult, and if there are errors in navigation, many more people are affected than when a leader is travelling alone or with only a few people.

First-rate navigators always have in mind that other people are depending on them and their ability to chart a good course. James A. Autry observes that occasionally you hear about the crash of four (4) military planes flying together in a formation. The reason for the loss of all four is this: When jet fighters fly in groups of four, one pilot – the leader – designates where the team will fly. The other three (3) planes fly on the leader's wing, watching him and following him wherever he goes. Whatever move he makes, the rest of his team will make along with him. That's true whether he soars in the clouds or smashes into a mountaintop.

Before good leaders take their people on a journey, they go through a process in order to give the trip the best chance of being a success:

Navigators draw on past experi-

ence. Every past success or failure you've experienced can be a valuable source of information and wisdom – if you allow it to be. Most leaders are activists. They tend to look forward – not backward – make decisions, and move on. But for leaders to become good navigators, they need to take time to reflect and learn from their experiences.

Navigators examine the conditions before making commitments.

Drawing on experience means looking inward. Examining conditions means looking outward. No good leader plans a course of action without paying attention to the conditions. That would be like setting sail against the tide or plotting a course into a hurricane. Good navigators count the cost before making commitments for themselves and others. They examine not only measurable factors such as finances, resources, and talent, but also intangibles such as timing, morale, momentum, culture, and so on.

Navigators listen to what others have to say.

No matter how much you learn from the past, it will never tell you all that you need to know for the present. No matter how good a leader you are, you will not have all the answers. That's why navigators gather information from many sources. They listen to members of their leadership team. They talk to the people in their organization to find out what's happening on their level, and they spend time with leaders from outside the organization who can mentor them. Navigators always think in terms of relying on a team, not just themselves.

Navigators make sure their conclusions represent both faith and fact.

You have to have faith that you

can take your people all the way. If you can't confidently make the trip in your mind, you're not going to be able to take it in real life. On the other hand, you also have to be able to see the facts realistically. You can't minimize obstacles or rationalize your challenges and still lead effectively. If you don't go in with your eyes wide open, you're going to get blindsided. Balancing optimism and realism, intuition and planning, faith and facts can be difficult, but that's what it takes to be effective as a navigating leader.

In taking responsibility for this navigation process, remember the following acrostic:

- P**redetermine a course of action
- L**ay out your goals
- A**adjust your priorities
- N**otify key personnel
- A**llow time for acceptance
- H**ead into action
- E**xpect problems
- A**lways point to the successes
- D**aily review your plan

The secret to the **Law of Navigation** is *preparation*. When you prepare well, you convey confidence and trust to people. Anyone can steer the ship, but it takes a leader to chart the course. Leaders who are good navigators are capable of taking their people just about anywhere.

Source: "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" by John C. Maxwell

