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A Young Man on a Mission for Christ!

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PRAY FOR:



- **Rev. Bevis Byfield** who is not well
- **Nyle Stewart** as he grapples with life-threatening illness
- **Mrs. Helen Webley** (wife of the late **Rev. Stanford Webley**) who is not well
- **Rev. Walter Russell** whose mother passed on. Her thanksgiving service will be held on August 2 at Lucea United Church at 10 a.m.
- **Rev. Dr. Derik Davidson** whose sister has passed on

In a Jamaican social context of significant numbers of our young men choosing a path of deviance and being otherwise out of focus, it gives us renewed hope to be able to identify young males among us who commit to lives of purpose and honour.

One such person is Mr. Alex Hayden, a young adult from the Webster Memorial United Church (NERMC), who has adopted the mission of spiritual leadership in the United Church.

Mr. Hayden recently received the Diploma in Ministerial Studies from the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI), and is about to receive the Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology from the University of the West Indies (UWI). His mantra is: "I am because we are", based on his worldview that community and unity are critical for fulfilling our assigned cause and becoming who we were meant to be.

Mr. Hayden's main takeaway from the programme has been his appreciation for creating and maintaining a balanced lifestyle, despite how difficult it sometimes proves to hon-

our all of our responsibilities, and manage the various aspects of our lives. He also now realizes that God can be seen in all things, and cannot be limited to the boxes that we sometimes create for Him.

He believes that attending seminary has certainly contributed to the deepening of his faith. Through this engagement, he has found answers to some of his longstanding questions, and new questions have emerged. The complexities of this mix of clarity and uncertainty, has led him deeper along his path of opening himself up to discover more about God and his faith.

The most outstanding element



of the programme for Mr. Hayden was the learning environment, which in an unconventional way, was vast. He learnt lessons in the classroom, Chapel, cottage, and corridors! He heard varying perspectives, and his exposure to a number of denominations provided him with new wealth of knowledge.

Moving forward, Mr. Hayden's plans are to take his ministry one step at a time, and continue to keep himself open to new contexts. He intends to pursue a second degree in management and communication—complementary to his ministerial training.

For now though, Mr. Hayden is happy to have completed this leg of his journey that has brought him fulfilment and personal renewal. He is now undergoing Internship at the Duke Street United Charge, and is expectant of the positive impact he will have on the lives of others, through his commitment to the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God be praised for this purposeful young man of vision!

CELEBRATIONS!



70:

Rev. Selvin Gray

July 25

Rev. Hyacinth Edwards

July 26

St. Paul's United Church, Montego Bay, invites you to their **HARVEST Thanksgiving Service** on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

There will be a **HARVEST SALE** after the service.

IT WILL BE HARVEST WITH A DIFFERENCE!!!



DUKE STREET WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS YARD SALE

DUKE STREET UNITED CHURCH

70 DUKE STREET ON THE CHURCH GROUND

WHEN: JULY 28, 2018

TIME 8:00 am ON SATURDAY



ALL ITEM MUST GO ITEM AS LOW AS \$100

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UCJCI Children's Camp 2018!

Camp Boy, Corace Campbell, Mannings Hill United Church and Camp Girl, Jada Keen, Hellshire United Church

The Winning Family: Kids For Christ



THE UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER

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JULY 27TH 'EMANCIPENCE' CELEBRATION!

ENJOY:

- ROAST FISH AND STEAMED BAMMY
- ESCOVEITCH FISH, BAMMY & FESTIVAL!
- FRIED OR JERKED CHICKEN OR PORK!!

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SUMMER camp 2018

DISCIPLESHIP: DWEEET FI CHRIST... DWEEET FI LIFE!

- TEENS PACSEFTER CAMP JULY 28 - AUGUST 4
- YOUNG ADULT'S CONFERENCE AUGUST 16 -19
- YOUTH CAMP JULY 21- 28
- DISCOVERY TEENS AUGUST 4 - 11
- JUNIOR CAMP JULY 14-21
- CHILDREN'S CAMP JULY 7-14
- CAMP FEE \$8,700

Please note the fee for Young Adults conference is a separate cost

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Building Your Small Support Team

Leaders cannot succeed on their own. Even the most outwardly confident leaders need support and advice. Without strong relationships to provide perspective, it is very easy to lose your way.

Authentic leaders build extraordinary support teams to help them stay on course. Those teams counsel them in times of uncertainty, help them in difficulty, and celebrate with them in times of success. After their hardest days, leaders find comfort in being with people on whom they can rely, so they can be open and vulnerable. During the low points, they cherish the friends who appreciate them for who they are, not what they are. Authentic leaders find that their support teams provide affirmation, advice, perspective, and calls for course corrections when needed.

How do you go about building your support team? Most authentic leaders have a multifaceted support structure that includes their spouses or significant others, families, mentors, close friends, and colleagues. They build their networks over time, as the experiences, shared histories, and openness with people close to them create the trust and confidence they need in times of trial and uncertainty. Just as important however, leaders must give as much to their supporters as they get from them, so that mutually beneficial relationships can develop.

Building this team starts with having at least one person in your life with whom you can be completely yourself, and still be accepted unconditionally. Often that person is the only one who can tell you the honest truth. Most leaders have their closest relationships with their spouses,

although some develop these bonds with another family member, a close friend, or a trusted mentor.

Many relationships grow over time through an expression of shared values and a common purpose. Many leaders have had a mentor who changed their lives. The best mentoring interactions spark mutual learning, exploration of similar values, and shared enjoyment. If people are only looking for a leg up from their mentors, instead of being interested in their mentors' lives as well, the relationships will not last for long. It is the two-way nature of the connection that sustains it.

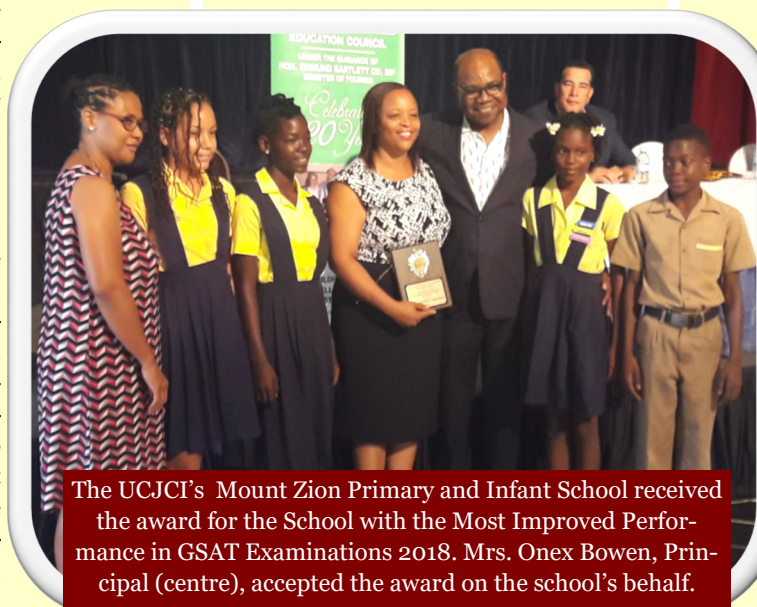
Personal and professional support groups can take many forms. Tad Piper is a member of an Alcoholics Anonymous group. He noted, "These are not CEOs. They are just a group of nice, hard-working people who are trying to stay sober, lead good lives, and work with each other about being open, honest, and vulnerable. We reinforce each other's behaviour by talking about our chemical dependency in a disciplined way as we go through the 12 steps. I feel blessed to be surrounded by people who are thinking about those kinds of issues and actually do-

ing something, not just talking about them."

Bill George's experiences echo Piper's: In 1974, he joined a men's group that formed after a weekend retreat. More than 30 years later, the group is still meeting every Wednesday morning. After an opening period of catching up on each other's lives and dealing with any particular difficulty someone may be facing, one of the group's eight members leads a discussion on a topic he has selected. These discussions are open, probing, and profound. The key to their success is that people say what they believe without fear of judgment, criticism, or reprisal. All the members consider the group to be one of the most important aspects of their lives, enabling them to clarify their beliefs, values, and understanding of vital issues, as well as serving as a source of honest feedback when they need it most.

Your small support team will help you to become more self-aware and to stay true to your most deeply held values. Against this background then, what kind of support team do you have? How can your support team make you a more authentic leader? How should you diversify your team to broaden your perspective? Your support team should inspire you to lead authentically – that is, not with a cookie-cutter style of leadership, but leading based on who you are at your core, practising your values consistently, and leading with your heart as well as your head. If you develop your leadership abilities with these pointers in mind, you will be more effective and discover your true potential.

Source: Discovering Your Authentic Leadership by Bill George, Peter Sims, Andrew N. McLean, and Diana Mayer



The UCJCI's Mount Zion Primary and Infant School received the award for the School with the Most Improved Performance in GSAT Examinations 2018. Mrs. Onex Bowen, Principal (centre), accepted the award on the school's behalf.

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