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## International Girls' Brigade recognized by the United Nations!

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**OUR VISION:** "Touching  
Lives, Nurturing Disci-  
ples, Seeking Transfor-  
mation through Christ"

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### PRAY FOR:



- **Rev. Bevis Byfield** who is in hospital
- **Pastors Roger and Michelle Stewart** and **Rev. Nicole Ashwood**, as they grieve the loss of their son and nephew, **Nyle Stewart**
- **Rev. Ranford Hewitt** who is not well
- **Rev. Rohan Kong** whose mother, **Ms. Audrey Smith**, has passed on. Her thanksgiving service will be on October 13 at 12 p.m. at Pike United Church, Manchester

After a fifteen (15) month application process, **Girls' Brigade International** (GBI) has been accredited with special consultative non-governmental organization (NGO) status by the **United Nations**.

This is an integral part of Girls' Brigade International's advocacy strategy going forward, and a tremendous achievement in this, their 125th year!

**Girls' Brigade International President, Mrs. Priscilla Penny of Zimbabwe**, shared, "We thank God for this tremendous opportunity to turn up the volume of Gospel hope for girls in this influential global forum. Being recognized by the United Nations will amplify Girls' Brigade International's platform to advocate for, and with, girls on

*gender justice issues, and help girls to transform their communities. As one of only a few recognized Christian organizations focusing on transforming girls' lives, Girls' Brigade has a huge opportunity to show faith can make a difference in the lives of girls."*

What does having *consultative status* mean? It enables Girls' Brigade International and their members to provide expert analysis on gender justice issues; help raise public awareness of gender justice issues on the global stage; play a major role in advancing United Nations' goals and objectives on gender equality; attend international conferences and events for free; make written and oral statements to United Nations and influence policy-making; organize events at the United Nations; and have op-

portunities to network and lobby. It also allows Girls' Brigade International to have a presence at the annual **Commission on the Status of Women** (CSW).

This Commission is the principal global policymaking body dedicated to gender equality and advancement of women, meeting annually to evaluate progress on gender equality, identify challenges, set global standards, and formulate concrete policies to promote gender equality and advancement of women worldwide.

Over the past few years, Girls' Brigade International has been developing its advocacy emphasis, along with its missional and evangelistic ethos.

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Girls' Brigaders in the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council



Rev. Verna Cassells, National President, Girls' Brigade (JA)

**CELEBRATIONS!**



**70:**

- Rev. Keith Gordon**  
October 10
- Rev. Dave Spence**  
October 11
- Rev. Donovan Myers**  
October 12
- Miss Novlyn Hanson**  
**Miss Monique Lofters**  
**Rev. Noel Murray**  
October 13
- Rev. Dr. Derik Davidson**  
**Rev. Dr. Marjorie Lewis**  
October 16

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In keeping with this, tomorrow, **October 11, 2018**, we will celebrate the **United Nation's International Day of the Girl**, and the GBI will launch its new social activism toolkit to enable girls to transform their communities.

**International Vice-President for Europe, Dr. Claire Rush**, shares, "GB members across the world are transformers, generation-shapers, and hope-bringers!" Indeed, through this UN accreditation, the scope has been broadened for the girls in our local Companies to bring transformation to their own lives and the lives of others, shape their generation and that following, and indeed, bring hope to marginalized and forgotten girls." We give God thanks for this remarkable achievement by the leadership and team of our Girls' Brigades!

Their programmes continue to provide a holistic syllabus of work designed for the development of the girls, namely, educational, physical, spiritual, and service to others, and a systematic and progressive curricula for girls from the age of 4 to 18 years, which brings them into positions of leadership, while emphasizing self-discipline and the use of uniforms. Kudos!



A member of the Girls' Brigade (JA) enraptured in prayer at their Prayer Breakfast in June 2018

**UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER**

We celebrate **Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler**, Minister of Hope United Church, who, this month, marks 30 years since she has been in Jamaica as a Mission Partner from the Church of Scotland. *Thank you, Rev. Dr. Fowler!*

**HOPE UNITED CHURCH**  
*Under the Distinguished Patronage of  
The Most Honourable Professor Sir Kenneth Hall  
and Lady Hall*  
Presents  
**AN EVENING OF  
& EXCELLENT MUSIC**  
Featuring

*The Jamaica Constabulary Force Choir*  
**Sunday November 11, 2018 at 5 p.m.**  
Hope United Church Hall - 221 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6  
**Adults: \$1,500      Children under 12: \$500**

**Men's Fellowship Sunday** will be observed on **October 21, 2018** under the theme: "Men Living Lives of Christian Witness and Service." A special offering will be collected in aid of the Boys' Brigades' 125th Anniversary Camp to be held in July 2019, and to the work of the Central Executive of the Men's Fellowship for their developmental programmes.

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands  
**MT. OLIVET UNITED CHURCH**  
PRESENTS  
**OLE-TIME SINTING**

Culture, music, Games, and food

**No. 836**  
On sale-side orders  
Manish water  
Ackee & Saltfish  
Blue Drawers  
Jerk chicken & pork  
And other baked products

*Menu*

Curried Goat  
Escovitched Fish  
Fried Chicken  
Baked Chicken  
Stew pork  
**Cost: \$600**

**No. 836**  
**HEROES DAY**  
**Monday**  
**15 October**  
2018  
From 10am-6pm

Venue:  
**@Knox Cobbla Campus**

**Additional Attractions:**  
Cultural concert, and other surprises  
Adults: \$200 Children: \$100, Quadriple  
Proceeds in Aid of church Building fund.

**Meadowbrook United Church**  
*has a vacancy for*  
**A Part Time Accounting Personnel**  
*(for a minimum of 3 days weekly)*

The scope of the job is to maintain automated accounting records, prepare accounting reports and payroll, and assist with other administrative functions. Applicants should preferably be formally trained in business-related subjects, have work experience with QuickBooks Accounting System, Microsoft Word and Excel Packages.

**Apply to: The Administrator**  
**Meadowbrook United Church**  
**2 Flemington Drive**  
**Kingston 19**

