

## Women's Fellowship Executive Installed



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Love  
Serve

Members of the Executive of the Cayman Council Women's Fellowship were installed on Sunday, November 25, 2018 at the Webster Memorial Church. L-R Mrs. Francine Gardner-Recreation Officer, Mrs. Ora Hollebon- Asst. Secretary, Ms. Kathy Jackson-Program and Literature Officer, Mrs. Isabella Bodden- Recreation Officer, Mrs. Jennifer Dilbert- Secretary, Mrs. Tesha Thomas-Vice President, Mrs. Jacynthia Anderson -Treasurer, Mrs. Carol Ann Ebanks-President, Ms. Darlene Glidden -Service Officer. Also in the picture are Rev. Rohan Forrester, Moderator-Rt. Rev. L.Christopher Mason, RDGS- Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble - Bloomfield and Rev. Alice Blair

### AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

The Moderator, Rt. Rev. L. Christopher Mason charged the Women's Fellowship members at the Service of Thanksgiving and Installation to keep faith with 'an attitude of gratitude'. He posited that there seems to be a sin of ingratitude that is too prevalent in the society. He reminded us that as Christians we must never forget to be thankful for all God has provided for us.

He based his sermon on the Healing of the Ten Lepers found in Luke 17:11-19. He indicated that all the Lepers were in the common position of being alienated from home, family, and society and worship community because of their illness. They were labeled uncleaned and were ostracized from all that would make life comfortable for them. Their common prayer and plead to Jesus was for healing. In common, they were all obedient to Jesus in going to show themselves to the Priest. This was necessary in order for them to be declared worthy of re-joining society. The Moderator indicated that this was where their common action ended. Only one Leper paused on the way to the Priest to recognize not only that he was healed but the source of his healing, Jesus. The other Lepers were pre- occupied with their life returning to normal rather than pausing to give thanks. That the grateful Leper was a Samaritan whose religion was not as sophisticated as Judaism made the point even more poignant; as he was able to recognize and acknowledge the source of his healing. Because of his action of expressing gratitude to Jesus, he was declared blessed by Jesus. The Moderator encouraged the gathering to always be grateful to God for all our blessings no matter how insignificant they may seem.

The Service of Thanksgiving and Installation was attended by Women's Fellowship members from six Branches as well as other United Church members. President Carol Ann Ebanks was the Liturgist and Program and Literature Officer, Ms. Kathy Jackson was the musician. Moderator, Rev. Rohan Forrester, Rev. Alice Blair and the RDGS participated in the installation of the new Executive Members.



CAYMAN ISLANDS  
REGIONAL MISSION  
COUNCIL

**WEEKLY UPDATE!**

November 29, 2018

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Moderator, Rt. Rev.L.  
Christopher Mason installs  
Mrs. Carol Ann Ebanks as  
Women's Fellowship  
President

*What are you grateful for?  
On this Cayman Thanksgiving  
weekend, what are you grateful  
for?*

*Surely, the Lord has blessed us  
in many ways during this year.  
In particular, we give thanks to  
God for keeping us safe during  
the Hurricane Season even as  
we continue to pray for those  
were affected adversely in other  
parts of the world.*

*May we never forget to give God  
thanks for God's blessings,  
mercy and peace.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 2-** Girls' Brigade Carol Service – Savannah United -4:30 pm  
**December 2** –Male Voice Choir Christmas Cantata – Elmslie Memorial- 7:00 pm  
**December 4** SASEP Children' Christmas Programme –Savannah-5:30 pm  
**December 8** –Cantata –Savannah United – 6:30pm  
**December 9** Cantata –Savannah United -10:00 am  
**December 11&13,** Cayman National Choir Christmas Concert –Elmslie Memorial – 7:00 pm

UNION SUNDAY

*On the first Sunday of December each year we celebrate Union Sunday. We give thanks to God for the prayers and actions that fostered the union of the Congregationalists, Disciples of Christ and the Presbyterians, the antecedent denominations of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands .*

*We remain faithful to our Vision Statement- Touching Lives, Nurturing Disciples, Seeking Transformation Through Christ*



DECEMBER 2018

THEME: ADVOCACY

**December 2** - Rev. Godfrey Meghoo  
**December 9** – Ms. April Lewis  
**December 16** – Rev. Harry Bodden  
**December 23-** Rt. Rev. L. C Mason  
**December 30-** Rev. Dr. Y. Noble-  
 Bloomfield  
 Every Sunday at 7:45am on Radio Cayman

## KNOW YOUR UCJCI CONSTITUTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD(Chapter 1 Section 2b)

Each **Congregation** shall elect or re-elect (subject to the principle of rotation set out in the By-Laws) from among its members, suitable persons to serve as **Elders** for three year periods NB. Persons who were ordained as Life Elders prior to 1972 in the former United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman or who were ordained as Life Elders by the former Disciples of Christ before the union in 1992, do not cease to be Elders under the foregoing procedures, though they may elect not to be a serving Elder for any year, by giving written notice to the Minister before the last Congregational Meeting of the preceding year.

**The number of Elders** to be appointed to the Congregational Board shall be determined by the Congregation, based on its number of members and other factors considered relevant, **but shall not be less than five (5).**

Elections shall be held by **secret ballot**, each member present having one vote for each vacancy due to be filled at the meeting.

An Elder shall be elected when at least **two-thirds** of those present at the Congregational Meeting at the time the Meeting proceeded to vote voted in favour of the nominee.

Any **casual vacancy** occurring in the number of Elders serving in any year may be filled by election at a Congregational Meeting in the same manner outlined above. The Elders when duly elected and set apart, shall constitute, along with the Minister (and, where such a person is then so serving in the Congregation, the Associate Minister or Lay Pastor), the Congregational Board.

The continuing Congregational Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body. The Congregational Board shall also include either the President or the Secretary of the Youth Fellowship who shall sit on the Board but with no right to vote.

Except, as herein after otherwise provided, the Congregational Board **shall be presided over** by the Minister, Associate Minister, Lay Pastor or the Deputy Chairperson

There shall be a **Deputy Chairperson** who shall be an Elder appointed by the Congregation and who shall preside over meetings of the Congregational Board (or portions of such meetings) as requested so to do by the Minister, and shall also preside at meetings held in the absence of the Minister, the Associate Minister or Lay Pastor. In the absence of all the foregoing persons, the meeting shall be presided over by the Graduate Intern assigned to the congregation and otherwise by an Elder chosen by the meeting.

The Congregational Board shall be the local executive body, and **shall normally meet monthly**. Persons who are not members of the Congregational Board may only attend by invitation.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 26, 2018

- Council voted in favour of the proposal from the Central Mission Council regarding the election of the Moderator for the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 Synodical periods
- Council approved the 2019 budget in principle subject to one adjustment
- Council approved the John Gray Memorial Triennial Visitation Panel

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