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PRAY FOR:



- **Rev. Bevis Byfield** who is not well
- **Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler** who is not well
- **Rev. Nevroy Francis** whose great-grandmother, **Mrs. Eva Cunningham-Johnson** has passed on
- **Mr. Denver Bloomfield** and **Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield** whose uncle and uncle-in-law, respectively, **Dr. Lynvale Bloomfield, MP**, has passed on
- The family of **Mr. Ashton Spence** (Council Delegate, Brownsville United Church) who passed on at the age of 109 years
- **Alja Dias** whose uncles, **Temba George Campbell** and **Claude Campbell**, have passed on

UCJCI RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD!!

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands was recognized at this year's National Heroes Day Award Ceremony in Grand Cayman, on January 28, 2019!

The event's theme was "Celebrating the Creation of our Coat of Arms." Indeed, since May 2018, the Cayman Islands has been celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Cayman Islands Coat of Arms (the first national symbol), with a full calendar of initiatives and activities that have been incredibly well received by the local community!

The Cayman Islands Government declared that members of the **1956-1958 Legislative Body** responsible for the crea-

tion of the Coat of Arms would be honoured at this year's National Heroes Day ceremony. In addition, they recognized some organizations that have

Rev. George H. Ricketts, the then Minister of the **Bodden Town/North Side/East End and Gun Bay United Charge**, was honoured for his service as a Vestryman for the **District of Bodden Town!**

Our Cayman Preparatory & High School and the **Girls' Brigade** were among the sixty (60) institutions recognized as "founding organizations" of the Cayman Islands. These organizations assisted with guiding the territory through crucial periods of development.

We praise God for His amazing grace, by which we have been enabled to make significant contributions

to national development in the Cayman Islands, "Touching Lives, Nurturing Disciples, and Seeking Transformation through Christ."



The Rt. Rev. L. Christopher Mason, Moderator of the UCJCI (centre) with the award. Ms. Angela Martins, Chair of the CIRMC (left) and Rev. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield, Regional Deputy General Secretary, CIRMC (right), stand with him.

served the community for over 50 years, and likewise celebrated the community's journey to the modern-day Cayman Islands.

CELEBRATIONS!

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70:

Rev. Carlington Douglas

February 17

Rev. Valerie Reynolds

February 19



Lay Pastor Ormond Williams, Chairman of the Cayman Preparatory and High School Board, receives the award from the Hon. Juliana O'Connor Connolly

The Rt. Rev. L. Christopher Mason, Moderator of the UCJCI, holds the award given to our Church!



Mrs. Teisha Nelson-Watson is the new Chair of the WRMC UCYAAM Steering Committee for 2018-2019! She is from the Mt. Zion/Barrett Town Charge, and is Communications Officer for her congregation.



Students of Cayman Preparatory and High School participating in the ceremony!



Mrs. Olive Miller, Patron (centre), and Mrs. Iva Good, President of the Girls' Brigade, receiving the Girls' Brigade award from the Hon. Dwayne Seymour



Captain (Naval) Antonette Wemyss-Gorman (above), past student of Knox College, has created history, as the first-ever female Commodore of the JDF!

Colonel Radgh Mason, past student of Meadowbrook High School, was promoted to Brigade Commander of the Jamaica Regiment!



Members of the Girls' Brigade on parade at the celebrations!

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Commitment: It Separates Doers from Dreamers

The world has never seen a great leader who lacked commitment. Ed McElroy spoke of its importance: *“Commitment gives us new power. No matter what comes to us—sickness, poverty, or disaster—we never turn our eye from the goal.”*

What is commitment? To each person, it means something different:

To the boxer, it's getting off the mat one time more than you've been knocked down.

To the marathoner, it's running another ten miles when your strength is gone.

To the soldier, it's going over the hill, not knowing what's waiting on the other side.

To the missionary, it's saying goodbye to your own comfort to make life better for others.

To the leader, it's all that and more because everyone you lead is depending on you.

If you want to be an effective leader, you have to be committed. True commitment inspires and attracts people. It shows them that you have conviction. They will believe in you only if you believe in your cause. As the “Law of Buy-In” states, *people buy into the leader, then the vision.*

What is the true nature of commitment? Take a look at three (3) observations.

Commitment starts in the heart. Some people want everything to be perfect before they're willing to commit themselves to anything. But commitment always precedes achievement. Someone said that in the Kentucky Derby, the winning horse effectively runs out of oxygen after the first half mile, and he goes the rest of the way on heart. If you want to make a difference in other people's lives as a leader,

look into your heart to see if you're really committed.

Commitment is tested by action.

The only real measure of commitment is action. Arthur Gordon acknowledged, *“Nothing is easier than saying words. Nothing is harder than living them day after day.”*

Commitment opens the door to achievement.

As a leader, you will face plenty of obstacles and opposition—if you don't already. And there will be times when commitment is the only thing that carries you forward. David McNally commented, *“Commitment is the enemy of resistance, for it is the serious promise to press on, to get up, no matter how many times you are knocked down.”* If you want to get anywhere worthwhile, you must be committed.

Reflect on this:

When it comes to commitment, there are really only four (4) types of people:

Cop-outs. People who have no goals and do not commit.

Holdouts. People who don't know if they can reach their goals, so they're afraid to commit.

Dropouts. People who start toward a goal, but quit when the going gets tough.

All-outs. People who set goals, commit to them, and pay the price to reach them.

What kind of person are you? Have you been reaching your goals? Are you achieving all that you believe you can? Do people believe in you and follow you readily? If your answer to any of

these questions is “No”, the problem may be your level of commitment.

To improve your commitment, do the following:

Measure it. Sometimes we think we are committed to something, yet our actions indicate otherwise. Take out your calendar and your cheque book register. Spend a few hours tallying up how you spend your money. Look at how much time you spend at work, in service, with family, in health and recreation activities, and so forth. Figure out how much money you spend on living expenses, entertainment, personal development, and giving. All these are true measures of your commitment.

Know what's worth dying for. One of the questions every leader must ask him- or herself is, *“What am I willing to die for?”* If it came down to it, what in life would you not be able to stop doing, no matter what the consequences were? Spend some time alone meditating on that thought. Write down what you discover. Then see if your actions match your ideals.

Use the Edison method. Try doing what Thomas Edison did. When he had a good idea for an invention, he would call a press conference to announce it. Then he would go into his lab and invent it. Make your plans public, and you might be more committed to following through with them.

Source: “The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader” by John C. Maxwell



UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER

The North Eastern Regional Mission Council (NERMC)

Presents

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 2019

DAY OF Fellowship
(Ash Wednesday Service)

Theme: Deeper, Higher, Wider, in Christ

@ The Boulevard Baptist Church
2 Washington Blvd Kingston 20

SERVICE STARTS 9 A.M.

Guest Speaker
Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans
(Moderator Elect)

Afternoon session starts at 1 p.m.
Come and be Bless by "Choirs in Praise"

**UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA & THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
SOUTHERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL**

Ash Wednesday Convention

Theme: Disciples on the Move with the Good News

Clarendon College
March 6, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bring your notepads. Come with your praise and pencils!

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