



# UCJCI UPDATE

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mation through Christ"

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## PRAY FOR:



• **Mrs. Olga Byfield** whose husband, **Rev. Bevis Byfield**, has passed on

• **Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler** who is not well

• **Rev. Nevroy Francis** whose great-grandmother, **Mrs. Eva Cunningham-Johnson**, is not well

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# Ash Wednesday Day of Fellowship Energizes!!

**A**sh Wednesday is a time of celebration in the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands! It marks the beginning of the **Lenten Season**: That time of the year when we reflect on the Lord's ultimate sacrifice for our salvation.

Congregations come together in their Regions, to celebrate and reflect on the Hope that we have in the cross and empty tomb.

The theme for the Day in the **Western Regional Mission Council** was: "Worship the Lord in Spirit and

in Truth". That for the **North-Eastern Regional Mission Council** was: "Deeper, Wider, Higher in Christ"; while the **Southern Regional Mission Council** embraced: "Disciples on the Move with the Good News!" The **Cayman Regional Mission Council** chose the

theme: "Disciples! Grow Spiritually!" It was a resplendent Day in our Regions. The Season was embraced as an opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives.

Indeed, we were stimulated to rediscover the mercy of God, so that we, in turn can become more merciful to others.

May we, in this Lenten Season, celebrate our great spiritual journey; and commit to walk faithfully with our Saviour, through whose sacrifice, we have found the grace that transforms our lives!



Dancers at the WRMC Gathering!



Street March by the Youth in the SRMC!



Commissioning of Lay Pastors at the NERMC Gathering!



Leaders at the Communion Service in the CIRMC!

# CELEBRATIONS!

# Ash Wednesday Day of Fellowship



70:

**Rev. Edmond Folkes**

**March 16**

**Rev. Herbert Redway Jr.**

**March 17**



Our Youth Marching through the Streets in the SRMC!



Worship leaders at the NERMC Gathering!



The congregation at the SRMC Gathering!



General Secretary, Rev. Norbert Stephens, addressing the congregation at the WRMC Gathering!



Rev. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield, RDGS, CIRMC, addressing the Gathering!



A section of the congregation at the WRMC Gathering!



Pastor Wendell McKoy worships with the children at the NERMC Gathering!



The Youth Session at the SRMC Gathering!

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## LEADERSHIP CORNER

### Wisdom for the Great Leader

#### Leaders have a sense of humour.

*"Humour is to life what shock absorbers are to automobiles."* (Stan Toler)

Good leaders know how to laugh and are willing to laugh at themselves. Since they have a firm grip on who they are and what they are about, they aren't threatened by the understanding that their associates are keenly aware of their foibles, and probably have had a laugh or two at their expense.

Good leaders know that a bit of measured silliness can break the bondage of prolonged seriousness. A carefully chosen, well-placed joke or humorous story can instantly reverse the negative mood of a meeting. Humour is also effective in breaking down the walls between leadership and the team. A shared joke with the team may not only calm a tense situation, it can also create rapport and cultivate trust. When the leader laughs, the team shares a sense of relief. The greatest leaders are content with themselves and are able to smile.

#### Leaders model leadership.

*"I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day."* (David O. McKay)

Some of the greatest lessons in leadership are seen and not heard. The classroom of daily life is one of the most ideal settings for learning about directing others toward their goals. Lessons learnt there have the edge of being more practical and fundamental, than those found in a textbook alone. Actual work or ministry situations are the greatest of all illustrations.

Good leaders don't just preach about

excellence; they practice it. The qualities they desire in their associates are qualities that they have modelled in their own lives. They have a good work ethic. They're punctual and diligent. They keep their word and finish the job they've started. They're efficient. Leaders share knowledge and experience by their actions, as well as their words.

#### Leaders love to celebrate.

*"...Celebrate just living."* (Amanda Bradley)

A leader will pick just about any reason to throw a party. He or she knows that nothing builds morale like a celebration, no matter how small. Whether it's a box of chocolates, a picnic in the park, or a surprise afternoon off, leaders understand the motivating force of publicly acknowledging a job well done.

Leaders celebrate a good performance by the team, the completion of a goal, or even the completion of one objective. They take delight in honouring the corporate achievements of those who have worked together in achieving a common goal. There are many ways to say, *"Great work, team!"* And good leaders will use as many of those ways as possible.

Leaders delight in honouring individual achievements as well. They recognize the hard work of an individual by a public and tangible commemoration of the effort.

Leaders have personal celebrations, too. They affirm people at every opportunity, by celebrating birthdays, extracurricular achievements, or family milestones. They write, call, or send a gift. Leaders have a

heart for honouring others.

#### Leaders are observers.

*"A leader is the one who climbs the tallest tree, surveys the entire situation, and yells, 'wrong jungle!'"* (Stephen Covey)

What is the leader doing while the team is hard at work? *Watching*. But don't confuse watching people work with doing nothing. Good leaders are keen observers—they're alert.

First, they watch their team members. They are alert to see who produces and who doesn't. They watch for weakness in order to strengthen, and they watch for strengths in order to capitalize on them.

Second, they study the process. They want to see what works and what doesn't. They are alert to tired methods and outdated machinery. They value the introduction of new routines for accomplishing established tasks. They know that fresh methods will result in new outcomes.

Third, they are alert to the upcoming leadership in the organization. They notice those who have a passion to excel. Leaders know that by observing the interaction of skills and personalities, outstanding personalities will evolve with the potential to take the organization to the next level. Very little escapes the notice of a good leader. That's because good leaders have both eyes wide open.

*Source: "Minute Motivators for Leaders" by Stan Toler*



# UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER



## #UCYAAM

UNITED CHURCH YOUNG ADULTS ACTION MOVEMENT

# INGATHERING OF THE REGIONS

## "LET'S GET IN THE ACT"

ASSERTIVE CHRISTIANS TRANSFORMING lives



**SPEAKER: REV. ALICE BLAIR**

**DANCE, MUSIC, SPOKEN WORD**

**VENUE: RIDGEMOUNT UNITED CHURCH**

**DATE: MARCH 16, 2019 @ 4 PM**

**CONTRIBUTION: \$300**

**PRIZES AND SURPRISES!!!**

# YOUTH CONVENTION 2019



**Guest Speaker: Bishop Leslie Pinnock**

Guest Artist will be announced soon....

DATE: Saturday, April 20, 2019

VENUE: Kendal Camp and Conference Centre

TIME: 8:30 A.M.



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