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PRAY FOR:



- **Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler** who is not well
- **Mrs. Joan Page Bain** whose mother-in-law and brother-in-law have passed on
- **Rev. Raymond and Mrs. Ruth Coke**, whose son, **Samuel Martin**, has passed on
- **Jahreal Lewis**, son of **Francine Dennis-Lewis**, who is recovering from illness

WRMC

Synodical Children's Rally!!

The Western Regional Mission Council's Synodical Children's Rally was a tremendous church- and community-impacting affair on Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019!

With two hundred and eighty-seven (287) children and sixty-one (61) Church School teachers representing twenty-two (22) Church Schools, the Region celebrated the life and contributions of many of their children, with this event aimed at showcasing and developing their gifts

and talents, and shaping them for continued worship of God.

The event began with a Witness March and Parade of Banners bearing the theme: **"WORSHIP! This is how we do it!"** The Trelawny All Stars Marching Band guided the children and teachers through sections of the town of Falmouth, as the music and song engaged and enthralled the crowds on the streets. Indeed, they encouraged the children!

The Church Service followed at **Falmouth United Church**, led by **Ms. Hana**

Smith of Norwood United Church. Young **Akim Bowen of the Lilliput United Church** delivered the message for the Day, challenging the congregation based on **Acts 16:25-36**, to be fearless and fervent in prayer, just as the Apostle Paul and Silas were. He prophesied that their "prison doors" will be opened and they will be set free to worship and make other disciples.

Riverside United Church School was the choir, with forty-five (45) children

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Preacher for the Day, Akim Bowen, of Lilliput United Church



Bible Character depiction by Reneike Robinson of Riverside United Church



Bible Character depiction by Sanya Newby of St. Andrew's United Church

CELEBRATIONS!**WRMC Synodical Children's Rally**

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Rev. Lembe Sivile**May 22****Rev. Garwell Bacchas****May 28***(Continued from Page 1)*

who offered their rendition of the song, "Rejoice", and the theme song "Worship! This is how we do it!" penned by **Mrs. Euphyline Reid**, Chair of the WRMC Church School.

During the second half of the day, the worship was opened to other creative expressions including, music and more singing, mime, dance, dub poetry, choral speech and drama, as well as Banner, Bible Character and Poetry Writing Competitions!

We heartily congratulate our winners! **The Marcia Golding Banner Trophy** was won by **Hampden United Church School**. **The Lineth Redway Bible Character Trophy** was won by **St. Paul's and Riverside United Church Schools**. **The Lesma Brown Witter Poetry Writing Trophy** (for the 7-10 age group) was won by **Toni-Ann Forrester** of **Greenland United Church School**, and **The Richard and Taese Lealofi Poetry Writing Trophy** for age group 11-15 years was won by **Gabrielle Titus** of **Little London United Church School**.

May the creative, inspired children of our Church continue to be blessed and a blessing to their communities! They are, indeed, our future.



The Church School Teachers form a circle around the children and pray for them



The Trelawny All Stars Marching Band leading the Witness March



St. Paul's United (Montego Bay) Church School dancers



The Savanna-la-Mar United Church School children in mime

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

The Law of Influence

What do leaders look like? Do they always *look* powerful, impressive, charismatic? And how do you *measure* the effectiveness of a leader?

One of the most effective leaders of the late twentieth century was anything but impressive upon first appearance. When most people think of Mother Teresa, they envision a frail, little woman dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor. That she was. But she was also a tremendous leader. She had an amazing amount of influence with others. And if you don't have influence, you will *never* be able to lead others.

Leadership is often misunderstood. When people hear that someone has an impressive title or an assigned leadership position, they assume that individual to be a leader. Sometimes that's true. But titles don't have much value when it comes to leading.

True leadership cannot be awarded, appointed, or assigned. It comes only from influence, and that cannot be mandated. It must be earned.

Let's consider some myths about Leadership:

The Management Myth. A widespread misunderstanding is that leading and managing are one and the same. The main difference between the two is that leadership is about influencing people to follow, while management focuses on maintaining systems and processes.

The best way to test whether a person can lead rather than just manage is to ask him or her to create positive change. Managers can maintain direction, but often they can't change it. Systems and processes can do only so much. To move people in a new direction, you need influence.

The Knowledge Myth. Sir Francis Bacon said, "*Knowledge is power.*" If you believe power to be the essence of leadership, then you might naturally assume that those who possess knowledge and intelligence are therefore leaders. That isn't necessarily true. You can visit any major university and meet brilliant research scientists whose ability to think is so high that it's off the charts, but whose ability to lead is so low. Neither IQ nor education necessarily equates to leadership.

The Pioneer Myth. Another misconception is that anyone who is out in front of the crowd is a leader. But being first isn't always the same as leading. To be a leader, a person has to not only be out front, but also have people intentionally coming behind him or her, following their lead, and acting on his or her vision. Being a trendsetter is not the same as being a leader.

The Position Myth. As mentioned earlier, the greatest misunderstanding about leadership is that people think it is based on position, but it's not. It is possible for a person to lose his or her title or position, but continue to be the leader. Stanley Huffy affirmed, "*It's not the position that makes the leader; it's the leader that makes the position.*"

That being the case, why do some people emerge as leaders while others are unable to influence people. Several factors come into play:

Character—Who They Are. True leadership always begins with the inner person.

Relationships—Who They Know. You are a leader only if you have followers, and that always requires the development of relationships—the deeper the relationships, the stronger

the potential for leadership.

Knowledge—What They Know. Information is vital to a leader. You need a grasp of the facts, an understanding of dynamic factors and timing, and a vision for the future. Knowledge alone won't make someone a leader, but without knowledge, no one can become one.

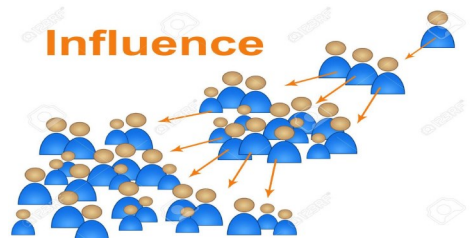
Intuition—What They Feel. Leadership requires more than just a command of data. It demands an ability to deal with numerous intangibles. Leaders seek to recognize and influence intangibles such as energy, morale, timing, and momentum.

Experience—Where They've Been. The greater the challenges you've faced as a leader in the past, the more likely followers are to give you a chance in the present. Experience doesn't guarantee credibility, but it encourages people to give you a chance to prove that you are capable.

Past Success—What They've Done. Nothing speaks to followers like a good track record.

Ability—What They Can Do. The bottom line for followers is what a leader is capable of. They want to know whether that person can lead the team to victory. People have to believe that you can deliver. Remember the leadership proverb that says, "*He who thinks he leads, but has no followers, is only taking a walk.*"

Source: "*The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*" by John C. Maxwell



UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER

THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS



SUMMER CAMP 2019

"Youth Campers" Something new and different is coming your way. LOOK OUT!

THEME: DISCIPLES ON DI MOVE

DATES

- Children's Camp: July 6 - 12 (Ages 8-10)
- Junior Camp: July 13 - 19 (Ages 11-13)
- Pacesetter Teens: July 20 - 26 (Ages 14-17)
- Discovery Teens: July 27 - August 2 (Ages 14-17)
- Young Adults Conference: August 15-18 (Ages 21-40)

Camp Fee \$8700.00
Please note that the fee for Young Adults Conference is a separate cost

**Venue: Madge Saunders Conference Center
Tower Isles, St Mary.**

Come and experience Spiritual Growth, Mission and Fellowship

Boulevard United Church

SHOUT DI PRAISE

SUNDAY 26 MAY

FEATURING

SOUL TOUCH MINISTRY & 7 PRAISE TEAMS



MINISTRY STARTS AT 5:30 PM

ADMISSION BRING FRIENDS

@ 15-21 APPLETON AVE RGN 20
OFF WASHINGTON BOULEVARD

The United Church Senior Citizens' Home
"The Villa"

Under the Distinguished Patronage of
Rev. J. Oliver Daley and Dr. Juliet Daley
is honoured to present

Touch of Elegance

A unique evening of musical entertainment

Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Ridgemount United Church,
53 Main Street,
Mandeville, Jamaica

**Contribution: \$2,000-Adult
\$1,000-Student with ID/Child
\$2,500 & \$1,500
at the door**

Tickets Available at the Ridgemount United Church Office

All proceeds to benefit "The Villa"

CERTIFICATE & SHORT COURSES



Art Therapy

Description
This course is designed for adults, but is transformational for any age. ANYONE can use art therapy exercises NO ARTISTIC ABILITY IS REQUIRED! And, all art therapy activities taught in this course use simple, inexpensive materials that you can easily grab from around your house and get started using this powerful tools to create more joy, peace, and harmony in your life right now!

What Will I Learn?
1) Use art therapy techniques to increase your happiness, manage your emotions in a positive way, and feel more confident!
2) Use art therapy techniques to reduce your stress and heal emotional pain.
3) Use art therapy techniques to increase your self-awareness, intuition, and self-expression.

Dates
November 23, 2018
February 18, 2019
April 13, 2019
June 20, 2019

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