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## OUR MODERATOR'S CHALLENGE

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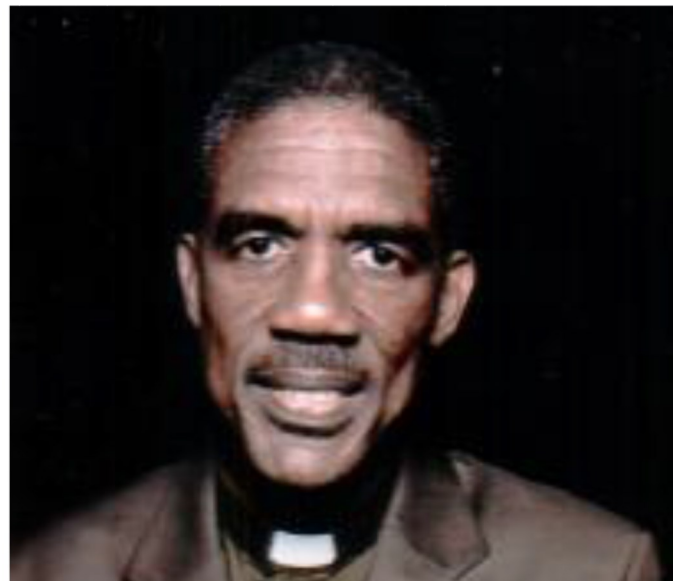
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### PRAY FOR:



- **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
- **Rev. Tara Tyme-Campbell** whose uncle, **Steve Levy**, has passed on

**A**t the **UCJCI's** must be sounded for coordi- crime is abhorrent to the  
**41st Synod**, our nated, collaborative action Christian faith. The  
 newly-installed to save the family, help Church, comprising fol-  
**Moderator**, the adults, especially men, to lowers of this very Prince  
**Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon** become their best selves, of Peace, must therefore  
**Cowans**, offered a and to nurture and educate commit to increasing ca-  
 thought-provoking chal- children, especially boys, to pacity among its ranks in  
 lenge to the effective  
 Church, to stand us in methods of  
 good stead peace  
 for a fruit- building in  
 ful synodi- communit-  
 cal period: ies, with  
 2019-2021! swift, ef-  
 He asserted ffective  
 that the C h u r c h conflict  
 stands for resolution  
 the sanctity practices  
 of family b e i n g  
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 ue of family  
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 erosion of  
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 ues in our  
 societies has been accom-  
 panied by a mushrooming  
 of antisocial behavior and  
 a degeneration of commu-  
 nity. He therefore sug-  
 gested that a clarion call



Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans, Moderator, UCJCI

develop the most desirable private sector organiza-  
 character traits. tions, in their scant regard  
**Rt. Rev. Dr. Cowans** fur- for customer service. He  
 ther stated that the Prince urged the Church to com-  
 of Peace, who is the Head of mit to a kinder, gentler  
 the Church, abhors violence,  
 and the scourge of violent

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**CELEBRATIONS!**

**MT. OLIVET CHARGE BAPTISM**



*70:*

**Rev. Delroy Johnson**  
**May 15**

**Rev. Dr. Lorna Letts-Jones**  
**May 17**

**Mrs. Doreen Barnett**  
**Rev. Kimberley Hines**  
**May 19**

**Rev. Raymond Coke**  
**Rev. L. Christopher Mason**  
**May 20**

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society, in which persons are attend-  
 ed to with dignity, regardless of so-  
 cial status, and institutions are not  
 allowed to bully their clientele.

He further suggested that the Church  
 commits to declare its firm stance on  
 the issue of reparations for slavery.  
 He asked the Church to join hearts  
 and hands across our lands and the  
 Diaspora to urge, through example,  
 the firm establishment of the moral  
 and ethical basis for the case for re-  
 parations to be made to the nations and  
 people of the Caribbean.

Our Moderator also challenged the  
 Church to stand for the stewardship  
 and protection of the natural envi-  
 ronment, even as we face the now  
 well-documented global challenge of  
 climate change and environmental  
 degradation. He asserted that the  
 Church will purposefully act to signal  
 its commitment to changing attitudes  
 to nature, food security, and respon-  
 sible stewardship of land.

We welcome our new Moderator,  
 and look forward to what he will of-  
 fer to the Church in this new synodi-  
 cal period!



Rev. Rohan Kong, Minister, Mt. Olivet United Charge, performs baptism on Good Friday, April 19, 2019. Below are pictured some of the 18 candidates. Fourteen (14) boys from the Mt. Olivet Boys' Home were also baptized!



**APPOINTMENT**



**Rev. Paul DaCosta Pinto** has been appointed **Acting Programme Secretary for the North-Eastern Regional Mission Council's Clusters 1-3** for a period of two (2) years. The Synod Administration Centre warmly welcomes Rev. Pinto to the team!

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## LEADERSHIP CORNER

### What Drives Your Life?

**E**veryone's life is driven by something. Most dictionaries define the verb "drive" as "to guide, to control, or to direct." Whether you are driving a car, a nail, or a football, you are guiding, controlling, and directing it at that moment. *What is the driving force in your life?*

Right now you may be driven by a problem, a pressure, or a deadline. You may be driven by a painful memory, a haunting fear, or an unconscious belief. There are hundreds of circumstances, values, and emotions that can drive your life. Here are five (5) of the most common ones:

**Many people are driven by guilt.** They spend their lives running from regrets and hiding their shame. Guilt-driven people are manipulated by memories. They allow their past to control their future. They often unconsciously punish themselves by sabotaging their own success.

**Many people are driven by resentment and anger.** They hold on to hurts and never get over them. Instead of releasing their pain through forgiveness, they rehearse it over and over in their minds. Some resentment-driven people "clam up" and internalize their anger, while others "blow up" and explode it onto others. Both responses are unhealthy and unhelpful. Resentment always hurts you more than it does the person you resent.

**Many people are driven by fear.** Their fears may be a result of a traumatic experience, unrealistic expectations, growing up in a high-control home, or even genetic predisposition. Regardless of the cause, fear-driven people often miss great opportunities because they are afraid to venture out. Instead they play it safe, avoiding risks and trying to maintain the status

quo. Fear is a self-imposed prison that will keep you from becoming what God intends for you to be. You must move against it with the weapons of faith and love.

**Many people are driven by materialism.** Their desire to acquire becomes the whole goal of their lives. This drive to always want more is based on the misconceptions that having more will make them happier, more important, and more secure, but all three ideas are untrue. Possessions only provide temporary happiness.

**Many people are driven by the need for approval.** They allow the expectations of parents, spouses, children, teachers or friends to control their lives. Many adults are still trying to earn the approval of unpleasable parents. Others are driven by peer pressure, always worried about what others might think. Unfortunately, those who follow the crowd usually get lost in it. We may not know all the keys to success, but one key to failure is to try to please everyone. Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24).

#### THE BENEFITS OF PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIVING

**Knowing your purpose gives meaning to your life.** We were made to have meaning. This is why people try dubious methods, like astrology or psychics, to discover it. When life has meaning, you can bear almost anything; without it, nothing is bearable.

**Knowing your purpose simplifies your life.** It defines what you do and don't do. You simply ask, "Does this activity help me to fulfil one of God's purposes for my life?" Without a clear purpose you have no foundation

on which you base decisions, allocate your time and use your resources. You tend to make choices based on circumstances, pressures, and your mood at the moment. People who don't know their purpose try to do too much—and that causes stress, fatigue, and conflict.

**Knowing your purpose focuses your life.** It concentrates your effort and energy on what's important. You become effective by being selective. The Bible says, "Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants" (Ephesians 5:17).

**Knowing your purpose motivates your life.** Purpose always produces passion. Nothing energizes like a clear purpose. On the other hand, passion dissipates when you lack purpose. It is usually meaningless work, not overwork, that wears us down, saps our strength, and robs our joy.

**Knowing your purpose prepares you for eternity.** Many people spend their lives trying to create a lasting legacy on earth. They want to be remembered when they're gone. Yet, what ultimately matters most will not be what others say about your life, but what God says. All achievements are eventually surpassed, records are broken and tributes are forgotten. A wiser use of time is to build an eternal legacy. One day you will stand before God and He will do an audit of your life. Fortunately, God wants us to pass this test.

Source: "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren



# UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER

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"

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# 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

## CERTIFICATE & SHORT COURSES



### Technology in the Classroom

**Description**  
 Would you like to engage your students in the classroom with very exciting and motivating activities? Have you ever wondered what kind of online activities that can be appealing to your students? This course will train you on how to effectively use Technology in the classroom. From using avatars to creating your own movie, this course is only the tip of the iceberg. There are a plethora of websites and online tools that can be of tremendous help to you.

**What Will I Learn?**  
 1) Create aimed movies  
 2) Create comics for teaching purposes  
 3) Make their own educational avatars  
 4) Apply technology in the classroom effectively

**Dates**  
 November 23, 2018  
 February 18, 2019  
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 June 20, 2019

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## CERTIFICATE & SHORT COURSES

### Counselling Children & Adolescents



**Description**  
 This course is for those who want to become a professional counsellor specialising in their work with children, it is focused on a basic introduction to the theories and accepted therapies associated with counselling to children.

**What will I learn?**  
 1) How to work with children and teenagers.  
 2) Understand what is 'child bullying' and 'child abuse'  
 3) Understand Grief and bereavement  
 4) What language to use in counselling children and teenagers  
 5) Conflicts and stress in children and adolescents  
 6) How to open your own 'online' or 'offline' practice  
 And so much more!

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