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OUR VISION: "Touching
Lives, Nurturing Disciples,
Seeking Transformation"

SYNODICAL THEME:
"Renewal and Transfor-
mation: Discipleship for
Life"

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PRAY FOR:



- Revds. Dave Spence and Millard Edwards who are in hospital
- Rev. Godfrey Meghoo, whose brother, Alvin Meghoo, has passed on
- Rev. Raymond and Mrs. Ruth Coke, whose son, Samuel Martin, has passed on
- Rev. Walter Russell who is ill

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MEADOWREST MEMORIAL GARDENS Honours its Marketers!!

On 55 acres of rolling, lush countryside, in rustic, easily accessible terrain in St. Catherine, Jamaica, lies Meadowrest Memorial Gardens, established and operated by the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands since 1994.

The success of this enterprise has, in no small part, been attributable to the relations and business generated by the Funeral Directors who patronize and assist to promote the burial site.

It has therefore been the tremendous pleasure of the leadership of the Gardens to celebrate them at brunch—the

Annual Funeral Directors' Brunch—every year since November 2001.

This year's event was held on April 9, 2019 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel with representatives of approximately fifty (50) Funeral Homes;

among whom 36 Funeral Directors were specially honoured for their outstanding contribution to the Meadowrest Memorial Gardens business enterprise.

As the primary business entity of the United Church Mission Enterprise (UCME), customer service has been a pivotal factor that has driven and enhanced the cemetery's operations.

Implicit in this competitive strategy has been a responsiveness to the needs of customers, which has resulted in the recent establishment of Platinum Premium Vaults and a Columbarium. Indeed, the leadership

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Meadowrest Memorial Gardens



Premium Platinum Vault at Meadowrest Memorial Gardens

CELEBRATIONS!



70:

Rev. Margaret Downer-Messias

June 5

Rev. Dr. Ralph Hoyte

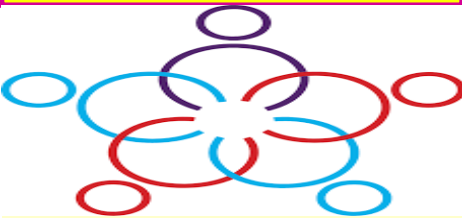
June 6

Dr. Jane Dodman

Mr. Carlyle Nesbeth

June 8

UCJCI VALUES



“In seeking to live out our calling, we particularly value and are committed to:

Relationship with God, so we may know God and relate to God as a person, rather than an impersonal force, knowing Jesus to be Lord of our lives, so we may grow in grace and in the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Mark 12:29-31, Matthew 3:16-17, Romans 8:1-17)



MEADOWREST MEMORIAL GARDENS

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culture at the enterprise has been one of collaboration and listening to their partners; and arising from that paradigm has emerged ideas on best-development strategies for the Gardens. Indeed, even with enhanced parking, the beautification of the Gardens has, by no means, been compromised, as this is a major selling point of the Gardens.

Also critical to the work of the team at the Gardens, has been the faithful service of the Grief Counsellors who reach out to bereaved families within three (3) months of the thanksgiving service. While lauding the Funeral Directors, the Counsellors were also shown appreciation, some being in attendance at the function.

It was a wonderful affair, with dining, live entertainment, and the awarding of many of those who diligently market our product!

Our **General Secretary, Rev. Norbert D. Stephens**, in his greeting, challenged the attendees to envision the future funeral service industry. He highlighted the need for change, and encouraged those gathered to consider that, collectively we can do better. Indeed, he asserted that each player in the marketplace is a part of that change.

Guest Speaker, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, congratulated the team at **Meadowrest Memorial Gardens** for this annual event. He also challenged the Directors to think about what the future holds for the sector; and to build on and expand it. He assured the audience that the best practices discussions have started.

There was much food for thought at the event; and we recognize that through our operations of **Meadowrest Memorial Gardens**, we are impacting the lives of people at a vulnerable juncture in their lives. The high calling to “*mourn with those who mourn*” found in **Romans 12:15**, is ours, and Meadowrest, through innovative customer-friendliness and responsiveness, continues to generate revenues for the UCJCI, which aid in the further execution of the ministry and mission of Christ. To God be the glory!



General Secretary, UCJCI, Rev. Norbert D. Stephens (left), presents the 2018 Meadowrest Most Business Award to House of Tranquility at the function. Mr. Joseph Cornwall Snr., Owner (right), receives the award.

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

The Servant Leader

“The true leader serves. Serves people. Serves their best interests, and in so doing will not always be popular, may not always impress. But because true leaders are motivated by loving concern rather than a desire for personal glory, they are willing to pay the price.” (Eugene B. Habecker)

When you think of servanthood, do you envision it as an activity performed by relatively low-skilled people at the bottom of the position totem pole? If you do, you have a wrong impression. Servanthood is not about position or skill. It’s about an attitude.

You have undoubtedly met people in service positions who have poor attitudes toward servanthood: the rude worker at the government agency, the waiter who can’t be bothered with taking your order, the store clerk who talks on the phone with a friend instead of helping you.

The best leaders desire to serve others, not themselves. ***What does it mean to embody the quality of servanthood?*** A true servant leader:

Puts others ahead of his own agenda. It is more than being willing to put your agenda on hold. It means intentionally being aware of your people’s needs, available to help them, and able to accept their desires as important.

Possesses the confidence to serve. The real heart of servanthood is security. Someone who thinks he or she is too important to serve, is someone who is basically insecure. How we treat others is really a reflection of how we think about ourselves. The Law of Empowerment says that only secure leaders give

power to others. It’s also true that only secure leaders exhibit servanthood.

Initiates service to others. Most people will serve if compelled to do so. And some will serve in a crisis. But you can really see the heart of someone who initiates service to others. Great leaders see the need, seize the opportunity and serve without expecting anything in return.

Is not position-conscious. Servant leaders don’t focus on rank or position. Instead, being the leader gives him or her a greater sense of obligation to serve.

Serves out of love. Servanthood is not motivated by manipulation or self-promotion. It is fuelled by love. In the end, the extent of your influence depends on the depth of your concern for others. That’s why it’s so important for leaders to be willing to serve.

Reflect on this...

Where is your heart when it comes to serving others? Do you desire to become a leader for the perks and benefits? Or are you motivated by a desire to help others?

If you really want to become the kind of leader who people want to follow, you will have to settle the issue of servanthood. If your attitude is to be served rather than to serve, you may be headed for trouble. If this is an issue in your life, then heed this advice:

Stop lording over people, and start listening to them.

Stop role-playing for advancement, and start risking for others’ benefit.

Stop seeking your own way, and start

serving others. Jesus Christ said that the greatest among us is the servant of all.

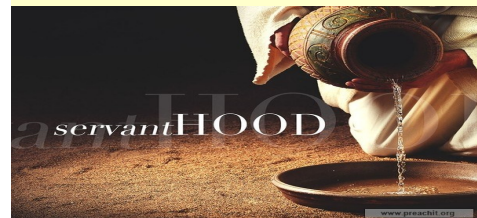
To improve your servanthood, do the following:

Perform small acts. When was the last time you performed small acts of kindness for others? Start with those closest to you: your spouse, children, parents. Find ways today to do small things that show others you care.

Learn to walk slowly through the crowd. The next time you attend a function with a number of clients, colleagues, or team members, make it your goal to connect with others by circulating among them and talking to people. Focus on each person you meet. Make your agenda getting to know each person’s needs, wants, and desires. Then later when you go home, make a note to yourself to do something beneficial for half a dozen of those people.

Move into action. If an attitude of servanthood is conspicuously absent from your life, the best way to change it is to start serving. Begin serving with your body and your heart will eventually catch up. Sign up to serve others for six months at your church, a community agency, or a volunteer organization. If your attitude still isn’t good at the end of your term, do it again. Keep at it until your heart changes.

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



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PRESENTS ITS

ONE DAY

Believers' Convention

THEME "SET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER" 2 KINGS 20:1

...SPEAKERS...



MORNING SESSION
REV. RANSFORD SMIKLE
SPALDINGS GOSPEL ASSEMBLY



HOST MINISTER
REV. ROHAN A KONG



AFTERNOON SESSION
REV. NORLEEN JACKSON
SANTA CRUZ UNITED CHURCH

STARTS AT 10AM

SUNDAY JUNE 30 2019

MOUNT OLIVET UNITED CHURCH
WALDERSTON, MANCHESTER

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!
COME WITH YOUR PRAISE, EXPECT A BLESSING...

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

CERTIFICATE & SHORT COURSES

Supervisory Management

Description

Learn how to create and implement a management control system for any area of any business in any industry and then to manage that area making it leaner, faster and better all the while highlighting your success for the world to see. We all want to grow in our management careers.

The Manager who sits in his/her chair the longest with the most paper on the desk is rarely the one promoted. It's usually the one who takes whatever and whomever is given and makes it BETTER! The one who succeeds where everybody else fails is the manager on the career fast track.

Dates

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

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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

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