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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:



- Rev. Dave Spence who is 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
- Revds. Walter Russell and Millard Edwards who are ill

EVANGELISM THE #HEARTBEAT OF THE CHURCH

No activity or movement will be as effective in changing the social, economic and political landscape of Jamaica and the world than Evangelism. *It is the heartbeat of God, and the highest call of Christ's Church.*

Jesus' parting words to His disciples were, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20).

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands has determined that a commitment to winning souls for Christ is of paramount importance in our activities. This is our continuing quest.

We believe that it is critical to continue to lift our vision and adapt to the changing evangelistic methods, while being creative and innovative, given our specific contexts.

We must speak the language of the people we seek to reach, and understand their sub-cultures and patterns of thinking. There

is no one-size-fits-all approach to this mission, but it is a mission for all of us.

It means going to where the people are, and may even include using the social media platforms positively and spiritually for a wide reach.

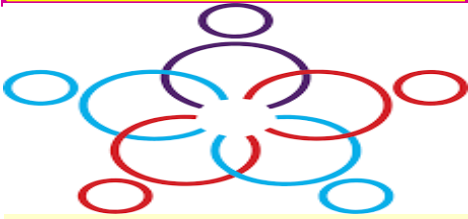
Let us endeavour to teach the relevance of the Gospel to a society that is asking "Is the Gospel relevant?" knowing that it offers the promise of transformed lives. Let us keep our heart beating!



Above: Lucea United Church baptism on Good Friday, April 19, 2019, led by the Minister, Rev. Glenroy Clarke (right).

Street Service by Baillieston United Church on March 31, 2019. Sixty persons including community members attended.

UCJCI VALUES



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

The Bible—The preaching, teaching, studying and obeying of God’s Word as the supreme rule of faith and life (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Matthew 4:1-11, Ephesians 6:10-17).

Spiritual Disciplines (Prayer, Fasting, Worship, etc.) - Personally and corporately communing with the Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit attributing honour and seeking after God’s heart to be empowered for ministry (Psalm 95:1-6, Matthew 6:5-18).



WRMC UCYPF OUTREACH DAY!!



Above: Members of the Western Regional Mission Council’s UCYPF visited and shared with members of the disabled community at Copse in Hanover on May 18, 2019, as an Outreach Day activity!



The UCJCI’s Mona Preparatory School won the Tourism Product Development Company Limited’s (TPDCo.) Tourism Quiz Competition on June 10, 2019! Above: The winning team being presented with the championship trophy by Executive Director of the TPDCo., Dr. Andrew Spencer.

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

The Discerning Leader

“Smart leaders believe only half of what they hear. Discerning leaders know which half to believe.” (John C. Maxwell)

Discernment can be described as the ability to find the root of the matter, and it relies on intuition as well as rational thought. Effective leaders need discernment, although even good leaders don't display it all the time. For example, read this comment made by a leader:

“I think there is a world market for about five computers.” Thomas J. Watson, Chairman of IBM (1943)

Discernment is an indispensable quality for any leader who desires to maximize effectiveness. It helps to do several important things:

Discover the Root Issues. Leaders of large organizations must cope with tremendous chaos and complexity every day. They are never able to gather enough information to get a complete picture of just about anything. As a result, they have to rely on discernment. Discernment enables a leader to see a partial picture, fill in the missing pieces intuitively, and find the real heart of the matter.

Enhance your Problem Solving. If you can see the root issue of a problem, you can solve it. The closer a leader is to his or her area of gifting, the stronger his or her intuition and ability to see root causes. If you want to tap into your discernment potential, work in your areas of strength.

Evaluate Your Options for Maximum Impact. Discernment isn't relying on intuition alone, nor is it relying only on intellect. Discernment enables you to use both your spirit and your head to find the best option for your people and your organization.

Reflect on this:

Are you a discerning leader? When faced with complex issues, can you readily identify the heart of the matter? Are you able to see root causes of difficult problems without having to get every bit of information? Do you trust your intuition and rely on it as much as you do your intellect and experience? If not, you need to cultivate it. Value non-traditional thinking. Embrace change, ambiguity, and uncertainty. Broaden your horizons experientially. Your intuition will only increase with use.

To improve your discernment, do the following:

Analyze past successes. Look at some problems you solved successfully in the past. What was the root issue in each problem? What enabled you to succeed? If you can capture the heart of the matter in a few words, you can probably learn to do it with future issues.

Learn how others think. Which great leaders do you admire? Pick some whose profession or gifting is similar to yours, and read their biographies. By learning how other discerning leaders think, you can become more discerning.

Listen to your spirit. Try to recall times when your spirit/intuition “spoke” to you and was correct (you may or may not have listened to it at the time). What do those experiences have in common? Look for a pattern that may give you insight into your intuitive ability.

Take-Away

For a long time, the Swiss had a lock on watchmaking. They built the best watches money could buy, and by the 1940s, they produced 80 percent of all watches worldwide. In the late 1960s, when an inventor presented an idea for a new type of watch to the leaders of a Swiss watch company, they rejected it. In fact, every Swiss company he approached had the same negative reaction.

Believing his design had merit, the man took it to a company in Japan. The name of the organization was Seiko, the design of the watch was digital, and today, 80 percent of all watches use a digital design. One discernment-driven decision can change the entire course of your destiny.

Source: “The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader”

DISCERNMENT IN LEADERSHIP

Leading Where the Spirit is Moving

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


THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2019

TRANSFORMERS FOR CHRIST



ROMANS 12: 2 - "BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND..."

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!

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

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PRESENTS ITS

ONE DAY Believers' Convention

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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...