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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 recovering from illness
- **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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UCJCI MEN & YOUTH UNITE!!

Healthy families play together! That was, indeed, what members of the Men's and Youth Fellowships of Meadowbrook United Church (MUC) did on their trip to **Hollywell National Forest Park**, in the hills of St. Andrew, on April 6, 2019!

It was a day of fun, frolic, bible study, meal-sharing, and Power Talk! The connection between the men and Youth was palpable. Throughout the day they found themselves bonding - a significant and community-transforming development and a tremendous way to mark **the church's 60th year!**

Acting Minister, **Rev. Dr. Derik Davidson**, led an engaging and enlightening bible study. The time of meeting, greeting and sharing was based on his vision to create the harmonious and healthy church described in **Psalm 133**. Indeed, the mixture of the wisdom of the more-experienced coupled with the energy and exuberance of the Youth, brought a sense of renewal for both groups.

In recognizing and honouring the principles of the **UCJCI's Child Care and Protection Policy**, four (4) females including two (2) Elders, the Congregational Secretary and Student Minister shared in, and added even more to, the event.

What a wonderful time it was for all who attended! May the seeds of relationship-building, bonding and understanding, as well as the spirit of worship continue to germinate among the men and Youth of the congregation. May they reap a harvest of saved souls, and renewed and transformed lives, that will touch communities and redound to the beautifying of our social and spiritual landscape.

This template of in-reach ministry can, indeed, have far-reaching effects. God be glorified for the work of our hardworking Auxiliary leaders throughout the UCJCI, their teams and members!



Men and Youth of Meadowbrook United Church at Hollywell National Forest Park on April 6, 2019



Rev. Dr. Derik Davidson (second from right), Acting Minister, Meadowbrook United Church, other men and Youth playing a game

CELEBRATIONS!

PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS



70:

Rev. Dr. Gordon Evans
June 20

Rev. Anthony Chung
Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels
June 25



Above: MUC Youth conversing over dominoes at Hollywell National Forest Park

Below: Lay Pastors Thomas Mason (centre) and Ormond Williams (right) being re-commissioned by Ms. Angela Martins, Chair of the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council (CIRMC), to serve in the South Sound and John Gray Memorial United Churches, respectively. It was took place at the Council Meeting at the Savannah United Church Hall on June 15, 2019.

UCJCI VALUES



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

EVANGELISM—Sharing the story of God’s amazing love demonstrated by Jesus Christ in a relevant manner to those without Christ in our community and beyond” (Matthew 28:18-20)



EVANGELISM

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Security: An Indispensable Quality of a Leader

"You can't lead people if you need people."
John C. Maxwell

No one can live on a level inconsistent with the way he or she sees him- or herself. You may have observed that in people. If someone sees him- or herself as a loser, he or she finds a way to lose. Anytime a person's success surpasses their security, the result is self-destruction. That's not only true for followers, but it's also true for leaders.

Insecure leaders are dangerous—to themselves, their followers, and the organizations they lead—because a leadership position amplifies personal flaws. Whatever negative baggage you have in life only gets more difficult to bear when you're trying to lead others.

Insecure leaders have several common traits:

They Don't Provide Security for Others. An old saying states, *"You cannot give what you do not have."* Just as people without skill cannot impart skill to others, people without security cannot make others feel secure. And for a person to become an effective leader, the kind that others *want* to follow, he or she needs to make his or her followers feel good about themselves.

They Take More from People than They Give. Insecure people are on a continual quest for validation, acknowledgement, and love. Because of that, their focus is on finding security, not instilling it in others. They are primarily takers rather than givers, and takers do not make good leaders.

They Continually Limit Their Best People. Show me an insecure leader, and I'll show you someone who cannot genuinely celebrate his or her people's victories. He or she might even prevent them from realizing any victories. Or

he or she might take credit personally for the best work of their team. Only secure leaders can give power to others. *That's the Law of Empowerment.* But an insecure leader hoards power. In fact, the better the people are, the more threatened he or she feels—and the harder he or she will work to limit their success and recognition.

They Continually Limit the Organization. When followers are undermined and receive no recognition, they become discouraged and eventually stop performing at their potential. And when that happens, the entire organization suffers.

In contrast, secure leaders are able to believe in others because they believe in themselves. They aren't arrogant; they know their own strengths and weaknesses and respect themselves. When their people perform well, they don't feel threatened. They go out of their way to bring the best people together and then build them up so that they will perform at the highest level. And when a secure leader's team succeeds, it brings him or her great joy. The leader sees that as the highest compliment he or she can receive for their leadership ability.

Reflect on this...

How well do you understand and respect yourself? Do you know your strengths and feel good about them? Have you recognized your weaknesses and accepted the ones you can't change? When a person realizes that he or she is created with a particular personality type and has unique gifts, he or she is better able to appreciate the strengths and successes of others.

How secure are you as a leader? When your followers have great ideas, do you support them or suppress them? Do you celebrate your people's victories? When your team succeeds, do you give the members credit? If not, you may be dealing

with insecurity, and it could be limiting you, your team, and your organization.

To improve your security, do the following:

Know yourself. If you are the kind of person who is not naturally self-aware, take time to learn about yourself. Take a personality test, such as the ones created by **Myers-Briggs** or **Florence Littauer**. Ask several people who know you well to name your three greatest talents and your three greatest weaknesses. Don't defend yourself when you hear their answers; gather the information and then reflect on it.

Give away the credit. You may not believe that you can succeed if others receive the praise for the job your team is doing. Try it. If you assist others and acknowledge their contributions, you will help their careers, lift their morale, and improve the organization. And you will be effective in leadership.

Get some help. If you cannot overcome feelings of insecurity on your own, seek professional help. Get to the root of your problems with the assistance of a good counsellor, not only for your own benefit but also for that of your people.

Honore de Balzac said, *"Nothing is a greater impediment to being on good terms with others than being ill at ease with yourself."* Don't let insecurity prevent you from reaching your potential.

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



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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
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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...



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KEEP CALM, COUNTDOWN AND REGISTER

3 WEEKS TO GO!

SUMMER CAMP 2019

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