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

SYNODICAL THEME:  
"Renewal and Transform-  
ation: Discipleship for  
Life"

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## PRAY FOR:



- **Revds. Dave Spence and Millard Edwards** who are recovering from illness
- **Rev. Walter Russell** who is ill
- **Rev. Raymond and Mrs. Ruth Coke** whose son, **Samuel Martin**, has passed on
- **Rev. Dr. Lorna Letts Jones** whose father has passed on

## Savanna-la-Mar United Young Adults Evangelize across Sectors!!

**E**vangelism is the **Heartbeat of the Church**, and that is the conviction that led the young adults of **Savanna-la-Mar United Church** to host their inaugural **Heart of Worship** outreach event.

Held on June 24-28, 2019 at the church, and attended by twenty-three (23) community members and twenty (20) church members, the young adults aimed to interact and share the gospel with the unsaved in various sectors. Those groups included police officers, firemen, post office, pharmacy, and medical personnel, as well as staff of the National Housing Trust (NHT) and the National Insurance Scheme (NIS).

Minister of the congregation, **Rev. Everton Brissett** and **Pastor Merton Jones** not only ministered, but counselled, listened to the expressed needs of the various sectors and casually conversed with them.

The groups welcomed the initiative, and one fruit borne was the request by the fire-

men for **Rev. Brissett** to come into their office and have devotions with the team on a regular basis.

Through this outreach, the church deepened and broadened its connection with the community, and efforts were made to sustain this through the exchange of contact information with the attendees.

The young adults seek to take this initiative even further, by hosting an event to raise US\$1,500 to assist the firefighters to purchase a power saw to assist them to save lives and property.

The work of ministry continues and abounds in the UCJCI. We bless God for our very active young adults!



Rev. Everton Brissett (left), Minister, Savanna-la-Mar United, evangelizes



Leaders and attendees join hands in prayer



Attendees feast on the Word at the event

# CELEBRATIONS!

# LABOUR DAY 2019 HIGHLIGHTS



70:

**Miss Lorraine Howell**  
July 11

**Rev. Tamara Smith-Coleman**  
July 14

## UCJCI VALUES



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

**MISSION AND OUT-REACH**—Seeking always to respond to the hurts and needs of people, giving them hope; always acting justly and being advocates of justice (James 2:15-16, Deuteronomy 16:18-20, Zechariah 7:8-10, Luke 11:42, Luke 4:17-19).



**Below:** It was a Labour of Love!! The Lucea United Church, Hanover, in partnership with Grand Palladium Resort and Spa built a house for a needy community member on Labour Day, May 23, 2019!! Minister, Rev. Glenroy Clarke (top left, third from left), lead the building process. The beneficiary (top right, fourth from left) is flanked by volunteers.



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## LEADERSHIP CORNER

### Teachability: To Keep Leading, Keep Learning

*“Value your listening and reading time at roughly ten times your talking time. This will assure you that you are on a course of continuous learning and self-improvement.”* (Gerald McGinnis)

If a leader already possesses influence and has achieved a level of respect, why should he or she keep growing? The answer is simple: *Your growth determines who you are.* Who you are determines who you attract. Who you attract determines the success of your organization. If you want to grow your organization, *you* have to remain teachable.

Here are five (5) guidelines to help you cultivate and maintain a teachable attitude:

**Cure Destination Disease, If You Have It.** Ironically, lack of teachability is often rooted in achievement. Some people mistakenly believe that if they can accomplish a particular goal, they no longer have to grow. It can happen with almost anything: earning a degree, reaching a desired position, receiving a particular award, or achieving a financial goal.

But effective leaders cannot afford to think that way. The day they stop growing is the day they forfeit their potential—and the potential of the organization. Remember the words of Ray Kroc: *“As long as you’re green, you’re growing. As soon as you’re ripe, you start to rot.”*

**Overcome Your Success.** Another irony of teachability is that success often hinders it. Effective leaders know that what got them there doesn’t keep them there. If you have been successful in the past, beware.

And consider this: if what you did yesterday still looks big to you, you haven’t done much today.

**Swear Off Shortcuts.** Nancy Dornan said, *“The longest distance between two points is a shortcut.”* That’s really true. For everything of value in life, you pay a price. As you desire to grow in a particular area, figure out what it will really take, including the price, and then determine to pay for it.

**Trade in Your Pride.** Teachability requires us to admit we don’t know everything, and that can make us look bad. In addition, if we keep learning, we must also keep making mistakes. But as Elbert Hubbard said, *“The greatest mistake one can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one.”* You cannot be prideful and teachable at the same time. To gain growth, give up your pride.

**Never Pay Twice for the Same Mistake.** Teddy Roosevelt asserted, *“He (She) who makes no mistakes, makes no progress.”* That’s true. But the leader who keeps making *the same* mistakes also makes no progress. As a teachable leader, you will make mistakes. Forget them, but always remember what they taught you. If you don’t, you will pay for them more than once.

**Reflect on this...**

John C. Maxwell said, *“When I was a (child) growing up in rural Ohio, I saw this sign in a feed store: ‘If you don’t like the crop you are reaping, check the seed you are sowing.’”*

*What kind of crop are you reaping? Do*

*your life and leadership seem to be getting better day after day, month after month, year after year? Or are you constantly fighting just to hold your ground? When was the last time you did something for the first time? When was the last time you made yourself vulnerable by diving into something for which you weren’t the expert? Observe your attitude toward growing and learning during the next several days or weeks to see where you stand.*

**To improve your teachability, do the following:**

Observe how you react to mistakes. *Do you admit your mistakes? Do you apologize when appropriate? Or are you defensive?* Observe yourself; and ask a trusted friend’s opinion. If you react badly, you need to work on your teachability.

Try something new. Go out of your way today to do something different that will stretch you mentally, emotionally, or physically. Challenges change us for the better. If you really want to start growing, make new challenges part of your daily activities.

Learn in your area of strength. Read six (6) to twelve (12) books a year on leadership or your field of specialization. Continuing to learn in an area where you are already an expert prevents you from becoming jaded and unteachable.

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

A Teachable Spirit

# 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





Hellshire United Church

# George Kerr

5K RUN WALK & 20K CYCLE

Race starts and ends at the church  
Registration is open to all individuals and teams at [www.georgekerr5k.com](http://www.georgekerr5k.com)

**Thursday August 1, 2019**

<b>RUN/ WALK</b> 6:00AM	<b>ENTRY FEE:</b> Adults \$1500 Minors 9-17 years \$1000 Groups 10 & over \$1200.00	<b>WARM UP</b> 5:45AM
<b>CYCLE</b> 7:00AM		

**AWARDS PRIZES AND SURPRISES.**

MEADOWBROOK UNITED CHURCH 60TH ANNIVERSARY PRESENTS



# COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR



**SATURDAY JULY 20, 2019 10:00AM-4:00PM**

**VENUE: MEADOWBROOK UNITED CHURCH GROUNDS**

**FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS:**

- BLOOD PRESSURE
- GLUCOSE TESTING
- EYE SCREENING
- CHOLESTEROL
- DENTAL CHECKS

**National Insurance Scheme**      **National Health Fund**

**Road Safety**

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# UCYAAM CAMP CONFERENCE

AUGUST 15-18, 2019



**BEING HELD AT:**

**MADGE SAUNDERS CONFERENCE CENTRE**  
Tower Isle, St Mary







Bible Study

Dorms: \$6500.00 Rooms: \$8500.00  
 BANQUET & AWARD ONLY \$1,500.00  
 876-409-4099 OR 854-4014