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

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. Walter Russell who is ill
- Rev. Keith Gordon who is in Mandeville Hospital
- Rev. J. Oliver Daley whose sister-in-law, Mrs. Viva-Louise Daley, has passed on

73 SOULS SAVED AT CHILDREN'S CAMP 2019!!

It was a great and spirited affair! **The UCJCI's Children's Camp 2019** included 112 children from 35 congregations from July 6-12 at Madge Saunders Conference Centre, St. Mary.

It was also a truly inspiring one for both the campers and leaders, and **73 children committed or re-committed their lives to the Lord!** *Heaven rejoiced at the new birth, and so do we!*

A stirring sermon was delivered by camper, **Abigail Davis** of **St. Paul's Lockett Avenue**, at **Immanuel United Church** during the customary special service on the sec-

ond day of camp. Indeed, the message was impactful for the campers, who were encouraged to witness for Christ, and comforted by the truth that they are not too young to do so.

It was there that **Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels, Regional Deputy General Secretary of the North-Eastern Regional Mission Council** issued the altar call, to which most of the

campers responded.

The week was also one of fun, learning and competition. The children participated in bible study, Bible Quiz, creative workshops in dance, music, culinary arts, drama, and art & craft. They also enjoyed "Sip & Paint", during which they painted their camp memento while sipping grape juice.

Further to these, they engaged in a beach trip, praise party, talent show, sports day and Jamaica Night.

It was an unforgettable experience for the campers and leaders who, indeed, give God all the glory for a rich time of varied worship!



Abigail Davis delivering the sermon



Camp Boy 2019, Kishaun Thomas (left photo), and Camp Girl 2019, Subahdra Taylor (right photo), with Mrs. Maureen Henry, Chaplain and Regional Deputy General Secretary, Western Regional Mission Council (WRMC)

CELEBRATIONS!

73 SOULS SAVED AT CHILDREN'S CAMP!!



70:

Rev. Selvin Gray

July 25

Rev. Hyacinth Edwards

July 26



The children enjoying Beach Day!! Some of the campers in the water with Camp Directors, Chrystine Bernard (back, left) and Sajato Powell (adult male). The camper in front is Kaila Radcliffe.

UCJCI VALUES



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

FAMILY—Family is a gift from God. As we grow in relationships, we encounter God through each other, and are strengthened to live for God in the world (Psalm 127:3-5, 128:3-4, Ephesians 5:22-33, 6:1-4).



The children during exercise session



Culinary Arts training for the children!



The Winning Family—Movers for Christ!

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Initiative: An Essential Quality of a Leader

“Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don’t quit.” (Conrad Hilton)

Leaders are responsible for initiating a connection with their followers. But that’s not the only area where leaders must show initiative. They must always look for opportunities and be ready to take action.

What qualities do leaders possess that enable them to make things happen? There are at least four (4).

They Know What They Want.

Oscar Levant joked, *“Once I make up my mind, I’m full of indecision.”* Unfortunately, that’s the way many people actually operate. But no one can be both indecisive and effective. If you are going to be an effective leader, you have to know what you want. That’s the only way you will recognize opportunity when it comes.

They Push Themselves to Act.

There’s an old saying, *“You can if you will.”* Initiators don’t wait for other people to motivate them. They know it is their responsibility to push themselves beyond their comfort zone. And they make it a regular practice.

They Take More Risks. Proactive people always take risks. But one of the reasons good leaders are willing to take risks is that they recognize there is a price for not initiating, too. President John F. Kennedy asserted, *“There are risks and costs to a programme of action, but they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.”*

They Make More Mistakes. The good news for initiators is that they make things happen. The bad news is that they make lots of mistakes. Even though initiating leaders experience more failure, they don’t let it bother them. The greater the potential, the greater the chance for failure. If you want to achieve great things as a leader, you must be willing to initiate and put yourself on the line.

Reflect on this...

Are you an initiator? Are you constantly on the lookout for opportunity, or do you wait for it to come to you? Do you endlessly analyze everything? When was the last time you initiated something significant in your life? If you haven’t pushed yourself lately and gotten out of your comfort zone, you may need to jump-start your initiative.

To improve your initiative, do the following:

Change your mindset. If you lack initiative, recognize that the problem comes from the inside, not from others. Determine why you hesitate to take action. *Does risk scare you? Are you discouraged by past failures? Do you not see the potential that opportunity offers?* Find the source of your hesitation, and address it. You won’t be able to move forward on the outside until you can move forward on the inside.

Don’t wait for opportunity to knock. Go out and look for it. Take stock of your assets, talents, and resources. Doing that will give you an idea of your potential. Now, spend every day for a week looking for opportunities. *Where do you see*

needs? Who is looking for expertise that you have? What unreached group of people is longing for what you have to offer? Opportunity is everywhere.

Take the next step. It’s one thing to see opportunity. It’s another thing to do something about it. Pick the best opportunity you see, and take it as far as you can. Don’t stop until you’ve done everything you can to make it happen.

In 1947, Lester Wunderman was arbitrarily fired from his advertising job in New York. But the young man knew he could learn a lot from the head of the agency, Max Sackheim. The next morning, Wunderman went back to his office and worked just as he had before—but without pay.

Sackheim ignored him for a month, but finally walked up to Wunderman and said, *“Okay, you win. I never saw a man who wanted a job more than he wanted money.”*

Wunderman went on to become one of the most successful advertising men of the century. He is known as the father of direct marketing.

It will take a bold step from you today to reach your potential tomorrow.

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



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



Youth ENCOUNTER



Fellowship Ministry Mission Discipleship Worship Evangelism An Intense Encounter!!!

October 18-21, 2019
Venue and cost to be announced!

UCYAAM CAMP CONFERENCE

AUGUST 15-18, 2019



BEING HELD AT:

MADGE SAUNDERS CONFERENCE CENTRE
Tower Isle, St. Mary

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

Activities: PRAISE AND WORSHIP, HOLY GHOST GYM, AWARDS, Community OUTREACH, Bible Study, Children's Program

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

Thursday August 1, 2019

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

AWARDS PRIZES AND SURPRISES.