



UCJCI UPDATE

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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:



- **Revs. Dave Spence and Millard Edwards** who are recovering from illness
- **Rev. Walter Russell** who is ill
- **Rev. Keith Gordon** who is in Mandeville Hospital
- **Miss Lesley Hare** whose sister has passed on

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NERMC

Children's Sports Evangelism

Cluster 7 of our North-Eastern Regional Mission Council has embarked on a table tennis and sportsmanship training programme for children within the cluster, on Saturdays for the month of July 2019!

Eighteen (18) children participated in the first week, while there were twenty-eight (28) participants in the second week.

The training is being led by the **Table Tennis Association of Jamaica**, and the best players will be selected to train with the Jamaican children's

team. Indeed, at the end of the event, a boy and a girl champion will be identified, and a commitment service held!

The sessions, which are held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with lunch provided free of cost, begin with devotions and a workshop on sportsmanship, all hosted by **North Street United Church**.

Already, one of our churches, **Lincoln Kirk United**, has embraced the concept, and has plans to purchase a table ten-

nis board by September 2019 to start their ministry!

A pair of rackets and ball were donated by the **Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels, Regional Deputy General Secretary of NERMC**, and for that, the Church is truly grateful.

The team, ably led by **Mr. Steve Riley, Vice Chair for Children and Youth, NERMC**, will extend the initiative to other clusters; and in the meantime we continue to pray for their great efforts at reaching our children for Christ, and thinking 'outside of the box' while doing so!



Participants having fun!



The children playing table tennis

Rev. Dwight Kelly, Minister of Greendale United Church, leading the children in devotions

CELEBRATIONS!



70:

Rev. Carlene Walford

July 19

Rev. Louis Sully

July 21

Rev. Astor Carlyle

July 23

UCJCI VALUES



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

A LOVING FELLOWSHIP AND UNITY: Strengthening our community of believers in a Christ-like manner, by affirming each other and responding to each other's needs with understanding and compassion, so as to encourage others to be drawn to a life in Christ (Romans 15:17); constantly acting in love towards one another, while acknowledging our diversity, but always seeking the unity of the Church for the building of the kingdom (Romans 14:19, Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 2:11-22, 4:1-16).

The UCJCI Congratulates Pastor Coulbourne-White!!

“On behalf of our Minister, Rev. Jane Kaluba, and all the members of Immanuel and Boscobel United Charge, we congratulate our Elder Patricia Coulbourne-White on being commissioned to the office of Lay Pastor to the Immanuel United Church.

The act of commissioning was executed by Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels, Deputy Regional General Secretary of the UCJCI's North-Eastern Regional Mission Council, on Sunday, July 7, 2019.

It was first Sunday Communion Service, and the participants of the Children's Camp were in attendance, as the Immanuel United Church continues to host the weekly Sunday Services for the campers. How appropriate! The Church was filled, and the campers witnessed this wonderful act in their special service.

We thank God for Sis. “Pat”, as she is affectionately called, even as she takes up this mantle of responsibility; and may the Lord bless her richly.”

(From: Immanuel and Boscobel Charge of United Churches)



Above: Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels, RDGS, NERMC, executing the act of commissioning of Elder Patricia Coulbourne-White. **Below:** Elders offering the right hand of fellowship to Lay Pastor Coulbourne-White (second from right).



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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Passion: Take This Life and Love It

“When a leader reaches out in passion, he (she) is usually met with an answering passion.” (John C. Maxwell)

Experts spend a lot of time trying to figure out what makes people successful. They often look at people’s credentials, intelligence, education, and other factors. But more than most other things, passion makes the difference. David Sarnoff said, *“Nobody can be successful unless he (she) loves his (her) work.”*

If you look at the lives of effective leaders, you will find that they often don’t fit into a stereotypical mould. *Take a look at four (4) truths about passion and what it can do for you as a leader:*

Passion is the First Step to Achievement. Your desire determines your destiny. Think of great leaders, and you will be struck by their passion: the incomparable Jesus Christ whose passion took him to the cross and Martin Luther King Jr. who fought for equality.

Anyone who lives beyond an ordinary life has great desire. It’s true in any field: weak desire brings weak results, just as a small fire creates little heat. The stronger your fire, the greater the desire—and the greater the potential.

Passion Increases Your Willpower. Passion is fuel for your will. If you want anything badly

enough, you can find the willpower to achieve it. The only way to have that kind of desire is to develop passion.

Passion Changes You. If you follow your passion—instead of others’ perceptions—you can’t help becoming a more dedicated, productive person. And that increases your ability to impact others. In the end, your passion will have more influence than your personality.

Passion Makes the Impossible Possible. Human beings are so made that whenever anything fires the soul, impossibilities vanish. A fire in the heart lifts everything in your life. That’s why passionate leaders are so effective. A leader with great passion and few skills always outperforms a leader with great skills and no passion.

Reflect on this...

Despite the power of passion, many people seem to believe that passion is something to be suspicious about. *Is passion a characteristic of your life? Do you wake up feeling enthusiastic about your day? Is the first day of the week your favourite, or do you live from weekend to weekend, sleep-walking through your everyday routine? How long has it been since you couldn’t sleep because you were too excited by an idea?*

If passion is not a quality in your life, you’re in trouble as a leader.

The truth is that you can never lead something you don’t care passionately about. You can’t start a fire in your organization unless one is first burning in you.

To increase your passion, do the following:

Take your temperature. *How passionate are you about your work and life? Does it show?* Get an honest assessment by querying several co-workers and your spouse about your level of desire.

Return to what you first loved. Many people allow life and circumstances to get them off track. Think back to when you were just starting out in your career—or even farther back to when you were a child. *What got you excited? What could you spend hours and hours doing?* Try to recapture your old enthusiasm. Then evaluate your life and career in light of those old loves.

Associate with people of passion. Birds of a feather really do flock together. If you’ve lost your fire, get around some firefighters. *Passion is contagious.*

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

MEADOWBROOK UNITED CHURCH 60TH ANNIVERSARY PRESENTS



COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR



FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS:

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

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

VENUE: MEADOWBROOK UNITED CHURCH GROUNDS

National Insurance Scheme
National Health Fund
Road Safety



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.

UCYAAM CAMP CONFERENCE

AUGUST 15-18, 2019



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

BEING HELD AT:

MADGE SAUNDERS CONFERENCE CENTRE
Tower Isle, St. Mary

Dorms: \$6500.00 Rooms: \$8500.00
BANQUET & AWARD ONLY \$1,500.00
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