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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, Millard Edwards and Walter Russell who are recovering from illness
- Rev. Keith Gordon who is ill
- Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler who is ill
- The family of Mr. Keith Goldson, who has passed on. His thanksgiving service will be held on August 23, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Webster Memorial United Church.

45 TEENS SAVED at Discovery Camp 2019!

It was a soul-stirring mix of evangelistic mission, fellowship, worship and caregiving at the UCJCI's Discovery Teens 2 Camp 2019, held from July 27 to August 2, 2019 at Madge Saunders Conference Centre, St. Mary!

This combination was an enactment of our Synodical sub-themes for this year, and they were embraced by the 175 campers and 35 leaders who attended the event, and acted as true "Disciples on di Move", as was the camp's theme.

Forty-five (45) teens com-

mitted or re-committed their lives to the Lord during a move of the Spirit at a truly inspiring commitment service, led by Pastor and Evangelist Elon Talmie.

The campers worshipped at the Immanuel and St. Andrew's United Churches, respectively, while having intensified worship experiences on a daily basis on campus.

They enjoyed an All White Jesus Party, Battle of the Sexes Quiz (with the males emerging as winners), scavenger hunt, sports, Emancipation celebrations, workshops in budding and grafting, cake-making and decorating, jam

-making, floral arrangements, pickle-making, computer repairs, and public speaking!

Peta-Ann Gentles of St. Paul's United Church, Montego Bay, was Camp Girl, and Camp Boy was Michael Campbell of Mannings Hill United Church. The winning Family was the Pollinators.

Able led by the camp leadership team, the campers not only committed to Christ, but to a life of fellowship and witness, that resounded in the Ocho Rios community, where they took this witness. To God be the glory for our youth!



Commitment Service, led by Pastor Elon Talmie



Camp evangelists pray with a passer-by in Ocho Rios



Tug-of-War!!!



The campers in prayer during the commitment service

UCJCI VALUES

DISCOVERY TEENS 2 CAMP 2019!!!



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).



Above: Campers at their Banquet; *Below:* Some members of the Evangelism Ministry



SEAFIELD UNITED CHURCH BAPTISM



Rev. Donald Burke, Minister of Seafield United Church, leads the service

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Charisma: The First Impression Counts

“How can you have charisma? Be more concerned about making others feel good about themselves than you are making them feel good about you.” Pastor Dan Reiland

Most people think of charisma as something mystical, almost undefinable. They think it’s a quality that comes at birth or not at all. But that’s not true. Charisma is the ability to draw people to you. And like other character traits, it can be developed.

To make yourself the kind of person who attracts others, you need to personify these pointers:

LOVE LIFE.

People enjoy leaders who enjoy life. Think of the people you want to spend time with. How would you describe them? Grumpy? Bitter? Depressed? Of course not. They’re celebrators, not complainers. They’re passionate about life. If you want to attract people, you need to be like the people you enjoy being with.

PUT A “10” ON EVERY PERSON’S HEAD.

One of the best things you can do for people—which also attracts them to you—is to expect the best of them. I call it putting a “10” on everyone’s head. It helps others to think more highly of themselves, and at the same time, it also helps you. Benjamin Disraeli said, *“The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him (her) his (her) own.”* If you appreciate others, encourage them, and help them reach their potential. They will love you for it.

GIVE PEOPLE HOPE.

All great leaders know that

hope is the greatest of all possessions. If you can be the person who bestows that gift on others, they will be attracted to you, and most persons will be forever grateful.

SHARE YOURSELF.

People love leaders who share themselves and their life journeys. As you lead people, give of yourself. Share wisdom, resources, and even special occasions.

When it comes to charisma, the bottom line is other-mindedness. Leaders who think about others and their concerns before thinking of themselves exhibit charisma.

Reflect on this...

How would you rate yourself when it comes to charisma? Are other people naturally attracted to you? Are you well liked? If not, you may possess one of these roadblocks to charisma:

Pride. Nobody want to follow a leader who thinks he or she is better than everyone else.

Insecurity. If you are uncomfortable with who you are, others will be, too.

Moodiness. If people never know what to expect from you, they stop expecting anything.

Perfectionism. People respect the desire for excellence, but dread totally unrealistic expectations.

Cynicism. People don’t want to be rained on by someone who sees a cloud around every silver lining.

If you can stay away from these qualities, you can cultivate charisma.

To improve your charisma, do the following:

Change your focus. Observe your interaction with people during the next few days. As you talk to others, determine how much of your conversation is concentrated on yourself. Determine to tip the balance in favour of focusing on others.

Play the first impressions game.

Try an experiment. The next time you meet someone for the first time, try your best to make a good impression. Learn the person’s name. Focus on his or her name. Be positive. And most important, treat them as a “10”. If you can do this for a day, you can do it every day. And that will increase your charisma overnight.

Share yourself. Make it your long-term goal to share your resources with others. Think about how you can add value to five people in your life this year. They can be family members, colleagues, employees, or friends. Provide resources to help them grow personally and professionally, and share your personal journey with them. When our agenda is to focus on others, not ourselves, that is charisma.

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



Some of the Discovery Teens 2 Camp 2019 Leaders

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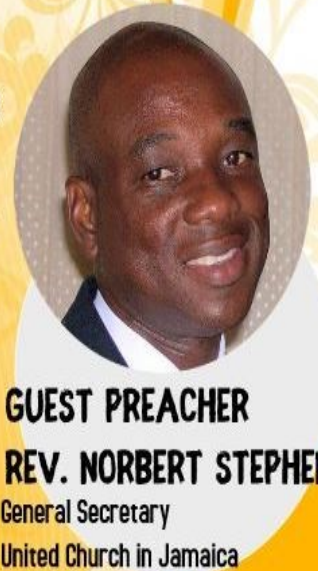
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St. John's United Church

Presents

NEWNESS..
*Mind, Spirit, Attitude,
Ethics*

August 25
September 29
October 27
November 24



**Worship
begins
5:30 PM**

GUEST PREACHER
REV. NORBERT STEPHENS
General Secretary
United Church in Jamaica
and the Cayman Islands



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!

The United Church in Jamaica
and the Cayman Islands



North-Eastern Regional Mission
Council's *Men's Fellowship*

will host their
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
on **Saturday, August 24, 2019** at **King's
Gate United Church**
49 Hope Road, Kingston 10
10 a.m.

All members of the Men's Fellowships in the
Council are invited to attend.
Election of Officers for the 2019-2021 period
will take place at the event.
Annual dues are payable on or before August
24, 2019, in addition to outstanding amounts.