



UCJCI UPDATE

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

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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. J. Oliver Daley** whose sister-in-law, **Mrs. Viva-Louise Daley**, has passed on

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40 CHILDREN SAVED at Junior Camp 2019!!

Under the theme, "Disciples on di Move", the UCJCI's Junior Camp 2019 was a soul-saving event! Forty (40) children between the ages of 11 and 13 years, committed or re-committed their lives to the Lord at the camp, held from July 13-19, 2019 at Madge Saunders Conference Centre, St. Mary.

With 118 children in attendance, the camp catered to the holistic needs of the participants, with church service at Immanuel United Church, worship in the Arts, exercise sessions, enlightening separate girls and boys talk sessions, family time, mission to an infirmary, beach trip, sports day, praise party, and lip sync competition!

On each day, one of our Synodical sub-themes for 2019 was

practiced: *Worship, Caregiving, Fellowship, or Mission.*

A highlight of the event was the selection of **Jamarion Rainford from Meadowbrook United Church as Camp Boy**, and **Twayna Wilson of Immanuel United Church as Camp Girl!** They were truly outstanding. May we now work to daily reinforce the lessons taught to our campers.



Altar Call led by Rev. Sylvan Hinds, Chaplain



Artwork created by the children



Junior Campers 2019!!!

CELEBRATIONS!

40 CHILDREN SAVED AT JUNIOR CAMP 2019!!!



70:

Rev. Millard Edwards
Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler
August 12

Rev. Euthman Wray
August 13

UCJCI VALUES



VALUE STATEMENT

“The United Church represents a people called by God, to love and worship God as Creator, Jesus the Saviour and the Holy Spirit the Comforter; to make a difference in people’s lives by actively loving and serving those around us; to bring the good news of the Gospel to all people; to nurture each other in faith; to pursue God’s justice and peace in all areas of life, so that ‘God’s kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven’.”



Girls talk time with Camp Director, Mrs. Heneka Watkis-Porter



Boys talk time with Rev. Gary Harriott, Camp Father, and Rev. Sylvan Hinds, Chaplain



Camp Leaders!



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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Wisdom Pointers for the Effective Leader

Leaders celebrate the special days of team members.

“Unless we think of others and do something for them, we miss one of the greatest sources of happiness.” (Ray Lyman Wilbur)

Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, births—these events mark the passage of life. Good leaders are aware of the life stages of their team members. By celebrating these special days, they affirm their team members’ value.

It’s not difficult. The office get-well card, for example, is not an administrative chore. It’s a tangible way to say, *“I care about this incident in your life because I care about you.”* The office birthday party is not an excuse to stop work. It’s a team-building activity. It’s a morale booster. By recognizing the milestone, the leader is showing the honoree and the attendees that they are important on a personal level, not just at an organizational level.

Births, deaths, weddings—because these events in the lives of the organization’s team are so important, effective leaders make them a priority. If a personal visit is possible, it is far preferred over a “Hallmark moment.” Every opportunity to celebrate an accomplishment or life transition communicates concern to the team.

Leaders blame quietly.

“Leaders praise loudly and blame softly.” (Catherine the Great—adapted)

From time to time, the best interest of the organization is served by a leader’s reprimand of an associate. How that task is handled is a mark of effective leadership. There’s an old proverb that says, *“Do not use a hatchet to remove a fly from your friend’s forehead.”*

Effective leaders are tactful. While praise is given in the hearing of others, rebuke is made in private. They never berate or belittle their associates. Their critique is always wrapped in a blanket of kindness. Seldom will the harsh treatment of a team member result in better performance. Bitterness, not “betterness”, is usually the result.

Also, leaders know that the critique is more effective when it is “sandwiched” between compliments. Recognizing the good qualities of an associate makes the reminder of a problem area much easier to digest.

Always, the critique is made for redemptive purposes. It is to raise the performance level of the team member—to point out the weakness in order to turn it into a strength. A good leader protects the self-esteem of the team.

Leaders take time for their families.

“It is a wise father who knows his child. But maybe it’s a very wise child who takes time to know his or her father.” (Anonymous)

Good leaders don’t build an empire on the backs of their children.

They recognize that their responsibility to family must come before their commitments to a vocation, or even their desire to succeed. Leaders understand that the happiness of their homes directly influences the happiness of their work. So they make the time and the effort to contribute to that happiness.

Leaders take time to communicate with their spouses. They don’t leave their listening ears at the office. They share their dreams, update their spouses on their organizational plans, and seek their spouses’ advice. They treat their spouses better than their most trusted associates.

Leaders are available for their children. They know when to leave the office and head for the ballpark. They know how to push the pause button on their plans and productivity. Leaders give more than passing attention to birthdays and report cards. They don’t send representatives to the school play.

Leaders make sure that, of all the people who compete for their attention, their families get first priority. Leaders guard home base.

“Minute Motivators for Leaders” by Stan Toler



UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER



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

- PRAYERS
- HOLY GHOST
- GYM
- Community OUTREACH
- AWARDS
- Children's Program
- Bible Study
- PRaise AND WORSHIP

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



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PRESENTS...

ANNUAL EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

UNDER THE THEME:

"Set Your House In Order"

AUG. 11-18 2019

BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM NIGHTLY

DYNAMIC SPEAKERS:

REV. SHELDON GIVANS - BISHOP STENNETH DAVIS
PASTOR GREGORY MITCHELL
PASTOR WENDELL MCKOY

A Blessing Awaits You!!!

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