



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
- The family of **Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler** who has passed on
- The family of **Mr. Keith Goldson**, who has passed on

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16 SOULS SAVED at Pacesetters Camp 2019!!

With one hundred and thirty-two (132) campers, the UCJCI's Pacesetters Teens 1 Camp was, indeed, a memorable and impactful event!

Held from July 20-26, 2019 at Madge Saunders Conference Centre, St. Mary, under the theme, "Disciples on di Move", the teens, aged 14-17 years, were enriched by spiritual, emotional, social, and physically beneficial activities.

Their outreach to the St. Mary Infirmary deepened their sense of altruism. There, they worked to improve the physical appearance of the property, and in-

teracted with the patients. To the further delight of the campers, this year's Camp Boy was Jowayne Fearon of Duke Street United Church, and the Camp Girl was Elizabeth Benjamin of Webster Memorial United Church. They were chosen by the camp leadership based on outstanding values, attitude, and behaviour; while a special Campers Choice Award was

introduced this year, based on the campers' choice of the most outstanding camper. The winner was Victoria Pusey of Boulevard United Church.

Pacesetters Teens 1 Camp 2019 was yet another reminder of the vast opportunities that exist in the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands to liberately nurture young people to fulfill their God-given purpose, and to positively contribute to nation-building.

We thank God for our dedicated and hardworking camp planners and leaders. God is glorified in them.



The campers at the beach



The campers involved in "School Uniform Praise Party"

CELEBRATIONS!



70:

Rev. Dr. Roderick Hewitt
August 30

Mrs. Rose Wedderburn
August 31

Mrs. Karen Francis
September 2

UCJCI VALUES



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

EVANGELISM—Sharing the story of God’s amazing love demonstrated by Jesus Christ in a relevant manner to those without Christ in our community and beyond (Matthew 28:18-20).



UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER

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EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE**



NOW IS THE TIME

HOST PASTOR:
Rev. Carlington Keen

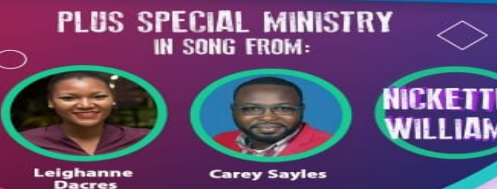


FOCUS SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 6:2

5 Sundays of September 2019
Nightly Crusade at 7:00 pm
(Prayer each night at 6:30 pm)

4 Wednesdays of September 2019
Mid-Day Prayer/Meditation

SPEAKERS:



**PLUS SPECIAL MINISTRY
IN SONG FROM:**

PRAISE TEAMS:

Etham, Portmore, Mt. Carmel & Hellshire United Churches

VENUES:

Week 1, 2, 4 & 5:
Hellshire United Church
Week 3:
Hellshire Heights Community Centre

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Leaders are Missional

Leaders march to the mission.

“The growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership.” (Harvey S. Firestone)

Good leaders have little trouble organizing the tasks for any given day. *“What matters most?”* is the question they ask. *“What will contribute to the mission?”* they want to know. Everything else is secondary. A good leader is single-minded in pursuit of the goal. He or she will not be distracted by activities that are not mission-focused.

Ineffective leaders are drawn by lesser concerns. They entangle themselves in the mundane at the expense of the more important. Consequently, as they chase after unimportant details, they sound an uncertain note to their team members.

Good leaders know what counts, and they do it. Their energies are focused on the things that matter, those that are central to the mission of their organization. Their daily calendars reflect their commitment to the core purpose. Lesser chores are either delegated or dropped. Leaders have a one-track heart.

Leaders identify core values.

“Try not to become a person of success, but rather, a person of value.” (Albert Einstein)

There’s a reason why some organi-

zations are marked by honesty and integrity, while others aren’t. In either case, it’s because the leader has set the tone and identified the core values for the team.

“Honesty matters more than success.” “We keep our word.” “We believe in serving others.” Those are the principles of a good organization, principles that have been set by a leader who has modelled them in his or her life. Leaders cannot expect their organization to exemplify principles that they don’t espouse themselves. And neither should they expect it from their associates.

“Winning is the only thing that matters.” “Do whatever it takes to reach the goal.” Those are the principles of a poor organization, and they probably reflect the values of its leader. Poor character qualities have a way of entering the organization through its leadership.

Every organization has core values. Some are negative and unproductive. Others are positive and productive. The leader decides what they will be. Leaders create the culture and ethic for the organization, and subsequently for the entire team. Leaders care about character.

Leaders listen and respond.

“Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.” (Proverbs 16:20)

All leaders listen—sooner or later. Good leaders listen early.

They are responsive to honest feedback and good suggestions.

Leaders listen to their “customers”. Whether in business or ministry, they know that they have a product to sell to the public. What does the customer want? Effective leaders not only listen, they respond by going the extra mile in trying to meet customer needs.

Leaders listen to their team. What do the team members need? What are their suggestions for greater organizational efficiency? How are they relating to the leadership? To each other? By carefully listening and responding, the leader can make quick improvements that will dramatically affect the organization.

Leaders listen to other leaders. Like a golfer learning from the previous putt on the green, a leader “goes to school” on the experience of others.

“Minute Motivators for Leaders” by Stan Toler

