



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:



- Revds. Herbert Redway Snr. & Jr. whose son-in-law and brother-in-law, respectively, **Mr. Neville Lloyd Jackson**, has passed on
- The family of **Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler** who has passed on
- **Rev. Joel Downer** whose father-in-law, **Dr. Noel Johnson**, has passed on

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MODERATOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO WRMC

The Moderator of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans, paid his first official visit to the Western Regional Mission Council (WRMC) from September 12 to 15, 2019.

This was part of a schedule of ten (10) visits to be paid by the Moderator across our four (4) Regions during his two-year term in office.

The visit to the WRMC involved addressing a group of students at the Theodora Training Centre

in Negril, tree-planting at Margaret's House, Negril, and our Green Island Basic School, Hanover, as well as the dedication of the newly built ramp and monument to the Ministers who have served the Stirling United Charge in Westmoreland.

The Moderator also "provisionally licensed" five (5)

Lay Pastors (Anthony Battett, Deltoria Hunt, Andrea Arscott Allen, Noreen Rodney and Khristina Clarke Campbell) at the Council Meeting on September 13.

The visit culminated in his attendance at Lance's Bay United Church's Harvest Service in Hanover, where he delivered the sermon based on Matthew 14:13-21, through which he encouraged the worshippers that God provides and has provided, and the harvest for some will come when we share from that provision. Thank you, Moderator.



Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans, Moderator, UCJCI, cuts the ribbon and dedicates the monument to Ministers who have served Stirling United Charge, Westmoreland. Minister of the Charge, Rev. Richard Lealofi, stands in the background.



Monument at Stirling United Church to Ministers who have served the Charge.



Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans cuts the ribbon and dedicates a newly built ramp at Stirling United Church. Minister of the Charge, Rev. Richard Lealofi (background), stands as witness.

CELEBRATIONS!

Moderator's Official Visit to the WRMC



70:

Rev. Trevor Hylton

October 4

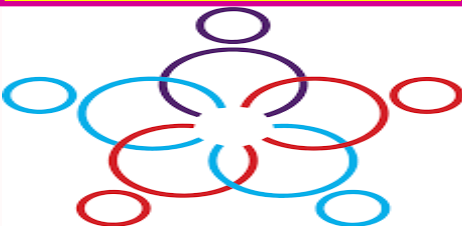
Pastor Alex Hayden

October 5



Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans, Moderator, UCJCI, enjoying his time with the children at Green Island Basic School, Hanover

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).



Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans, Moderator, UCJCI, enjoys soup and a chat with a young boy during his official visit to the WRMC



The Moderator plants a tree after the Service at Lance's Bay United Church, Hanover, while children look on



The Moderator engages the people in prayer at Stirling United Church, Westmoreland

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

What is Different About a Leader?

Leaders seek the guidance of God.

“A leader never lets adversity get him (her) down—except on his (her) knees.” (Jim Williams)

Everyone depends on the leader for answers. *“Where do we go next?” “What’s our goal?” “Should we move ahead or wait?”* It’s the leader who must make the decisions, sometimes choosing between the greater of two goods or the lesser of two evils. Effective leaders have learnt this secret of leadership: they are not alone. When forced to make tough choices, they seek the counsel of the One greater than themselves. They seek the guidance of God.

Their times of prayer signify a spiritual relationship with the Almighty that makes them feel accepted and loved, even when their associates or peers have abandoned them. To them, prayer is not a way out. It is a way through. The strength that is derived from communication with God sustains them through times of adversity.

Leaders have a spiritual support system.

Leaders soar like eagles.

“The most effective way to achieve right relationships is to look for the best in every person, and then help that best into its fullest expression.” (Allen J. Boone)

A leader, by definition, is out in front of others. The leader is the person who rises above the crowd,

pointing the way to worthwhile goals. The leader dreams big dreams. It’s the leader who points to the mountaintop and takes others there.

Leaders are achievers who soar to new heights, who accomplish great things. They are not afraid to go where no one else has gone. They’re willing to abandon the nest, to catch the current no matter where it may take them, to risk everything for a higher purpose. The wind in their face doesn’t hamper them; rather it causes them to climb even higher.

It’s the leader who has the faith to envision the world as being different than it is, and the fortitude to make it so. Leaders are not content with mediocrity. Through eyes of faith, they see a world free from the problems they believe they can solve, and their vision is contagious.

Leaders aren’t afraid to take the leap.

Leaders understand “roll up your sleeves” commitment.

“When building a team, I always search first for people who love to win. If I can’t find any of those, I look for people who hate to lose.” (H. Ross Perot)

Leaders can’t pass the buck. It’s up to them to get the job done, and they know it. But getting the job done often includes personal sacrifice. Leaders understand that

sacrifice begins at the top. When the team works late, they stick with them. When the project bogs

down, they pitch in to help.

Leaders understand that meeting objectives means moving beyond paper and planning. There is a need for the huddle. But the progress down the field happens only after the team breaks huddle. That progress is dependent upon team cooperation—cooperation between the leader and the team, and cooperation between team members.

A spirit of cooperation is birthed in the trenches, where leaders show they are not afraid to contribute their own blood, sweat, and tears to the effort.

Working shoulder-to-shoulder with the team, the leader demonstrates commitment to the goal. Morale rises. Productivity improves. Objectives are met. All of this happens when leaders “roll up their sleeves” and stay until the job is done.

Leaders don’t just lead the team; they are part of the team.

Source: “Minute Motivators for Leaders” by Stan Toler



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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



United Church Men's Fellowship

presents their

34th Annual General Meeting

on **October 5, 2019**
at **Ridgemount United Church**
Mandeville, Manchester

Theme: "Men Living Lives of Christian Witness
and Service, Transforming Lives and Changing
Spaces"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Roderick Hewitt,
President, International University of the Caribbean
Devotions by: Rev. Norbert D. Stephens,
General Secretary, UCJCI

Registration begins at **8:15 a.m.** Cost: **\$1,500**
(including coffee fellowship and lunch)