

# UCJCI UPDATE

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**OUR VISION: "Touching** Lives, Nurturing Disciples, Seeking Transformation through Christ"

SYNODICAL THEME:

"Renewal and Transformation: Discipleship for Life"

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**PRAY FOR:** 



- Rev. Valerine Reynolds whose mother, Mrs. Daphne Delveta Nelson, has passed on. Her thanksgiving service will be held on November 9, 2019 at William Knibb **Baptist** Church, Trelawny, at 11 a.m.
- The people of Haiti & The Bahamas

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# St. John's United Church Celebrates 135 Years!!

n October 13, 2019, United Church. our St. John's United all the glory!

gation, but also members of other United Churches, and it was indeed a special event.

The celebration included praise through dance, singing, instru-3 mental music, and a very rich reflection, delivered by the Rev. Carlington Keen, Minister of Hellshire

Church, located in His reflection was based on the that has upheld the ministry Hannah Town, King- song with lines, "We have come and continues to move it forston, commemorated the tre- this far by faith, leaning on the ward. They have chosen to mendous milestone of 135 Lord, trusting in His holy lean on the Lord, and their years of ministry! To God be Word, He's never failed me dependence on, and acknowlyet."

The special service of thanks- Rev. Keen powerfully delivered to be made straight. He theregiving was attended by not the message that the congrega- fore charged them to trust in only members of the congretion has come this far, and even God's Word as the light to



Rev. Carlington Keen, Minister of Hellshire United Church, delivering the reflection

while still having farther to go, it is the faith of the saints edgement of, God in all their ways have caused their paths

> their path, and stand with confidence, knowing that God will never fail them.

One hundred and thirtyfive years (135) years of impact it has been for St. John's United Church. and we bless God for the mission of this congregation!



The recessional with Interim Minister, St. John's United Church, Rev. Paul DaCosta-Pinto (back, right)



A section of the congregation

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#### CELEBRATIONS!

### **Evangelism: The Heartbeat of the Church!!**



Rev. Everton Brissett, Minister of Savanna-la-Mar United Church performing baptisms on October 6, 2019. He was assisted by Elder Lloyd Douglas of the congregation.

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Rev. Dr. Marjorie Lewis October 16

Rev. Walter Russell
October 21

Rev. Norbert Stephens Rev. Donald Burke Rev. Herbert Redway Snr. October 22



Mrs. Linnette Vassell, Community Development Specialist and member of Webster Memorial United Church, was awarded the CCRP 2019 Living Legacy Award for her outstanding contribution to national development!



#### **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'."





#### APPOINTMENT

Rev. Otto Menko has been appointed to the position of Programme Secretary and Communications Officer for the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council (CIRMC). His appointment took effect on October 14, 2019. We welcome Rev. Menko to the team, and wish him every success in his endeavours!!



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## **LEADERSHIP CORNER**

### The Freedom Myth about Leadership

ometimes I think people get the wrong idea about leadership. Many people hope that it's a ticket to freedom. It will provide a solution to their professional and career problems. But being at the top is not a cure-all.

Have you entertained the idea that being in charge will change your life? Have thoughts such as these come to mind from time to time?

"When I get to the top, I'll have it made."

"When I finally finish climbing the corporate ladder, I'll have time to rest."

"When I own the company, I'll be able to do whatever I want."

"When I'm in charge, the sky will be the limit."

Anybody who has owned a company or been the top leader in an organization knows that those ideas are little more than fantasies. Being the top leader doesn't mean you have no limits. It doesn't remove the lid from your potential. It doesn't matter what job you do or what position you obtain; you will have limits.

When you move up in an organization, the weight of your responsibility increases. In many organizations, as you move up the ladder, you may even find that the amount of responsibility you take on increases faster than the amount of authority you receive. When you go higher, more is expected of you, the pressure is greater, and the impact of your decisions weighs more

heavily. You must take these If you move up again, let's say to things into account.

good at it. You make sales, work problems, skill sets, and cultures. well with clients, and bring \$5 pany every year.

you may work from home. It instead of increase. doesn't matter if you want to pretty easily.

anymore, because you have to off your potential. work around the schedules of work with their clients. And if Maxwell you're a good leader, you will encourage the members of your team to work using their own style to maximize their potential, making it that much more difficult for you. Add to that the increased financial pressures that the position brings, since you would be responsible for maybe \$25 million in revenue for your company.

the level of a division manager, then the demands on you increase To see how this can play out, let's yet again. And you may now have say, for example, that you have a to work with a number of different position in sales, and you're really departments, each with its own

million in revenue for your com- Good leaders go to their people, connect, find common ground, and empower them to succeed. So in As a salesperson, you may have a some ways, leaders have less freelot of freedom. Maybe you can dom as they move up, not more. work your schedule however you When you rise up in the organizawant. As many salespeople do, tion, your rights actually decrease

work at 5 a.m. or 10 p.m., as long Customers have great freedom and as you serve your clients and can do almost anything they want. company well. You can do things They have no real responsibility to in your own style, and if you drop the organization. Workers have the ball, you can probably recover more obligations. Leaders have even more, and because of that, they become more limited in terms But let's say you become a sales of their freedom. It is a limitation manager over half a dozen people they choose willingly, but they are who do what you used to do. You limited just the same. If you want are now more limited than you to push the limits of your effectivewere before. You can't arrange ness, there is a better solution. your schedule however you want Learning to lead will blow the lid

your six employees, who have to Source: "The 360 Degree Leader" by John C.









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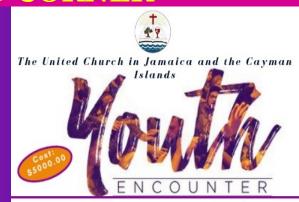
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The United Church's Recording Studio is available

12 Carlton Crescent, Kingston 10 Mondays to Fridays; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



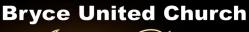
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