

# CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

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# **SEASON OF ADVENT**

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: LOVE

During the first three Sundays (and weeks) of Advent Christians around the world focused on the themes of Hope, Peace and Joy as essential aspects of our faith. Now, that we have arrived to the final week of this season, we complete our spiritual journey and preparation for Christmas by focusing on Love.

The miracle of Christmas is the wonderful love of God which was poured out into this world and into every heart that is ready to receive Jesus. He is the love of God in human form, the Love Incarnate, the embodiment of God's love.

The love of God, Jesus, breathes life into the deepest part of our broken and wayward hearts. It changes and transforms us into a new being, a new creation.

How comforting and empowering to know, to embrace and be embraced by this amazing love. In the midst of our loneliness, confusion, pain, grief, hopelessness and disillusionment He comes and in Him we find acceptance, understanding, healing, hope, peace and joy. Jesus is, indeed, the greatest gift of all! The gift that is priceless, the gift that is freely given, the gift that is so much needed!

Therefore, we celebrate! We celebrate His coming. We celebrate His rich, abundant, and unconditional love not only on Christmas day, but every day of our lives.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

### Girls' Brigade Christmas Social

Savannah and Bodden Town Girls' Brigade Companies joined together on Wednesday Dec 12 for their Christmas social. The evening was enjoyed by all, including our Chaplains, Rev Forrester and Rev Wray.

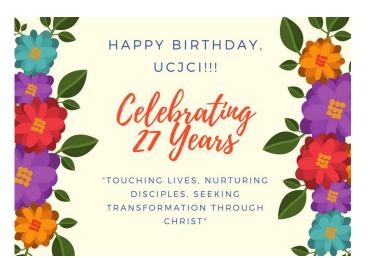






Girls' Brigade Chaplains, Rev Wray and Rev Forrester

# The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands celebrates 27 years!



The UCJCI was formed following a historic ceremony held on the grounds of Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica, on December 13, 1992. This marked the union of the Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman. It was also another step in the journey to fulfil, what we believe, is God's will for the life and witness of God's Church.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to make the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands such a special place. May God continually bless you in abundance.



#### WORSHIP THE LORD -Radio Program-

December 22:	Rev. Donovan Myers
December 29:	Moderator-Rt. Rev. Dr. Cowans
January 5:	Moderator-Rt. Rev. Dr. Cowans

## Confirmation of new members at Robert Young United Church

On Sunday, December 15, 2019 seven new members were confirmed and admitted into the membership at the Robert Young United Church. May God's richest blessings fill their lives and continue working in their hearts and in the congregation.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

December 20 (Friday) Council office closes and will re-open on January 3, 2020

December 21 (Saturday) Seniors' Tea and Outing - 4 pm John Gray

#### Dec. 22. (Sunday) 4th Sunday of Advent (LOVE)

Cantata - 9 am William Pouchie Memorial Cantata - 10:00 am John Gray Memorial Choir Choral - 10:30 am Elmslie Memorial Cantata - 11 am Webster Memorial

December 24 (Tuesday) Christmas Eve Christmas Eve service - 7:00 pm John Gray Memorial Joined Christmas Eve service - 6:30 pm Elmslie Memorial /South Sound

## December 25. (Wednesday) Christmas Day

Services 7 am - East End/Gun Bay United 8 am - Robert Young/Savannah United 8:30 am - William Pouchie Memorial 9 am - Elmslie Memorial /South Sound, Webster Memorial 10 am - John Gray Memorial

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