



# 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:



- **Rev. Dr. Dave Hazle**, whose uncle, **Mr. Gladstone Hazle**, has passed on. His thanksgiving service will be held on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 12 p.m. at May Pen New Testament Church of God.**
- **Mr. Alja Dias**, whose uncle, **Mr. Dean Campbell**, has passed on.

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# The Pringle Home for Children: A Beacon of Hope

**T**he UCJCI's Pringle Home for Children represents a beacon of hope in the lives its twenty-five (25) girls in residence, and many who have received care in the hands of its able management and staff.

Situated in the hills of Carron Hall, St Mary, the Home was established in 1922 by Rev. and Mrs. James McNee and their daughter, Kathie. The construction of the building was undertaken through the monetary donation of then Custos Dr. John Pringle, in whose honour the Home was named.

The girls' Home was later relocated to its present site, and is licensed to accommodate thirty-six (36) girls of ages four (4) to eighteen (18) years. At present, the youngest resident is eight (8) years old, and the girls are assisted by a team of fifteen (15) members of staff, including housemothers, farm hands, general helpers and the administrative staff, under the leadership of Mrs. Jeanette Rose-Bryan, Director, and Ms. Rachel Pellett, Assistant Director of the Home.

The vision of The Pringle Home for Children is, "To transform the lives of hurting children in a safe and secure family-oriented environment, where faith in God is developed and hope is restored". Their mission, "To provide a loving and nurturing atmosphere where hurts are healed and hope is nurtured, so that the children may maximize their potential and fulfil their purpose with the engagement of all partners", is welcome by the girls. They have come from situations of abuse, neglect, abandonment, and in some cases, without family reference, and with attendant

Chaplain, Rev. Donald Burke, who is the Minister of the Carron Hall United Church, convenes regular spiritual sessions with the girls, and they have been integrated into the worship experience of the church, through music ministry and Youth Fellowship attendance. The girls are also engaged in group and individual counselling, social skills training, and regular recreational activities; and the UCJCI's Women's Fellowship has been a tower of strength to them.

All of the girls attend school, and currently, one of the girls is the Deputy Head Girl at her institution. Quite recently, one of the girls was the Student Council Representative on her school's Board of Governors, and many have been



Pringle Home for Children

awarded medals and other citations for academic excellence. We thank God for all who support the girls, and for the further assistance to the Home, which won the NCB Grant a Wish Promotion through the votes of many well-wishers in December 2019, and is being awarded J\$1Million to aid its work. We give God the glory!!

# CELEBRATIONS!

# PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS



70:

**Rev. Karleen Thomas-Barnes**

**January 2**

**Rev. Alice Blair**

**Rev. Lloyd Reid**

**Miss Ceta Rose**

**January 3**

**Rev. I. Wayne Silvera**

**January 5**



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**Rev. Laddia Young**

**January 8**

**Rev. Naggie Sterling**

**January 14**



## UCJCI VALUES



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

**THE WORK AND WORTH OF ALL PEOPLE**—Displaying unconditional love to all people, acknowledging all in the ministry of Christ, affirming the priesthood of all believers, embracing the gifts of the Spirit, and enabling each person to participate to the fullest extent possible (Matthew 12:28-31, 1 Peter 2:4-10, Ephesians 4:7-13, 2 Corinthians 1:12-14).

**Above:** The UCJCI's Meadowbrook High School's robotics team won **Best Robot Design** (one of five top awards) presented at the 100 Scholars Robotics Alliance FIRST LEGO Regional Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 14, 2019. **Below:** Rev. Gary Harriott, Minister of Bryce United Church, gathered with congregants in the streets of Christiana on December 27, 2019 to issue a **call for peace**, after losing one of their youth, Chevon Bromfield, to violence at Christmas.



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## LEADERSHIP CORNER

### Leadership and the Influence Challenge

**M**ost good leaders believe in themselves and their leadership. They are confident that if others would follow them, then the team would benefit and accomplish its goals. *So why doesn't that always happen? Why don't people who report to them line up to follow?* Because they don't have to. **Leadership is influence.** That's why good leaders work to change their thinking from *"I want a position that will make people follow me"* to, *"I want to become a person whom people will want to follow"*.

It's a fallacy to believe that people would automatically follow you if you were a positional leader. Leaders who have actually been on top know that it doesn't work that way. *Do people follow you now?* If they follow you today, then they will follow you tomorrow when you have a better position. But if people don't follow you where you are currently, then they won't follow you where you're going either. The only solution to the Influence Challenge is to become the kind of leader other people want to follow. *And what kind of leader would that be?*

**PEOPLE FOLLOW LEADERS THEY KNOW—LEADERS WHO CARE.** Many people try to move others by criticizing them or trying to "power up" on them. People generally respond by becoming defensive, behaving combatively, or isolating themselves. Protestant reformer John Knox said, *"You cannot antagonize and influence at the same time"*.

On the other hand, if leaders care

about each individual as a person, then people respond well to them. The greater the depth of their concern, the broader and longer lasting their influence. If you go out of your way to care about others and help them, then they will go out of their way to help you when you ask them to.

**PEOPLE FOLLOW LEADERS THEY TRUST—LEADERS WITH CHARACTER.** Thomas Paine said, *"I love the man (woman) that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but he (she) whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his (her) conduct, will pursue his (her) principles unto death."* What gives a leader the strength to exhibit such admirable qualities? The answer is *character*.

We tend to put a lot of emphasis on intelligence and skill. And while those things are important, they cannot substitute for strong character. Trust is the foundation of leadership.

Rod Loy said, *"Too many middle leaders say, 'When I become the leader, I'll change the way I live.' I meet with so many people who are second in command who don't live according to the character code of top leadership. Their thought is, 'I don't have to live by that until I become the visible leader'. My belief is, if I don't live by those high standards, I'll never become the leader. I choose to limit my freedoms—because I understand the sacrifices of the position I one day desire to possess."*

If you desire to overcome the influ-

ence challenge, then develop and exhibit the kind of character that you would find admirable in a top leader.

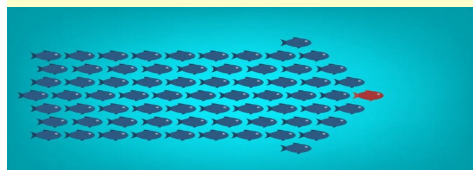
**PEOPLE FOLLOW LEADERS THEY RESPECT—LEADERS WHO ARE COMPETENT.** Respect is almost always gained on difficult ground. A leadership position will help a leader only until difficulties arise. Then the leader must arise to meet those difficulties.

Leaders who are incapable of meeting challenges may desire respect from their followers and peers, but they rarely get it. They may be liked if they possess good character and care for others, but they won't be highly respected. People may treat them kindly, but they won't listen to them. Everyone may have the right to speak, but not everyone has earned the right to be heard.

While poor leaders demand respect, competent leaders *command* respect. Being able to do a job well brings a leader credibility. If you think you can do a job—that's confidence. If you actually can do it—that's competence. And there is no substitute for it.

If you work hard to do all of these things with the people in your organization, you will overcome the Influence Challenge. The whole secret is to think *influence*, not *position*. That's what leadership is all about.

Source: *"The 360 Degree Leader"* by John C. Maxwell



# UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER




## SPORTS DAY FEBRUARY 8 2020

DELIBERATELY NURTURING ANOTHER (D.N.A) FOR CHRIST

NORANDA SPORTS COMPLEX, DISCOVERY BAY, ST. ANN

ADMISSION		EVENTS
\$200 GENERAL	\$100 CHILDREN UNDER 12	TRACK & FIELD FOOTBALL NETBALL ETC

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8 AM

LUNCH WILL BE ON SALE



UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS  
YOUNG ADULTS ACTION MOVEMENT

## STREET EVANGELISM 2020

### WESTERN REGION

FRIDAY JANUARY 3, 2020 @ 6:00pm

BECKFORD PLAZA (Beside Brumalia House)

### SOUTHERN REGION

JANUARY 11, 2020 @ 6:00PM

JAMES HILL UNITED COMMUNITY

### NORTH EASTERN REGION

FRIDAY JANUARY 24, 2020 @ 6:00PM

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# SingPhony

## 39 "SING DI CHORUS, CLAP YU HAND"

In dedication to the music of our Musical Mentor, and Composer Extraordinaire Noel George Dexter.

43<sup>rd</sup> Duke Street, Kingston  
Sunday, January 19, 2020  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

This is an open invitation to all to come and "Sing De Chorus"-of as many hymns, choruses, songs as possible, as we give thanks to God for the wonderful legacy of his musical servant.

