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PRAY FOR:



- **Mrs. Wihelmina Hewitt, who lost her father, Leonard Mahony**
- **Rev. Astor Carlyle, who lost his uncle**
- **Rev. Dr. Richmond Nelson, who lost his brother in law**

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, has for years had a strong reputation for its diligent attention to the needs of others outside the immediate congregation. It is in part, a legacy of the antecedents who came together to make the United Church the Church it is today.

Did you know that the UCJCI has fostered in Jamaica and Cayman, three (3) Universities/Colleges; 8, Secondary or High Schools, 50, Primary and All Age Schools, 8, Preparatory Schools, and 120, Early Childhood Educational Centres or Basic Schools?

Maintaining contact and influence through **chaplaincy** is a mission that is taken seriously and encouraged by the Church.

Also significant, as reported at the 2017 Synod, is the assistance being given to the children to perform at their best through planned **Home Work Centres**.

The Cayman Regional Mission Council (CIRMC) reports for instance of a vibrant **After School Programme** hosted by the **John Gray Memorial** and **Savannah United** combined, with eighty six (86) children on roll!

In today's **UPDATE** however- we will take a look at outreach beyond our shores particularly that done by the churches in Cayman.

OUTREACH TO HAITI.



Ms. Angela Martins © and company sending boxes containing clothing and shoes for infants to adults; bedding, diapers, baby wipes, formula, and non-perishable food items and personal toiletry items for men and women.

CIRMC's outreach to Haiti, can only be described as 'timely', especially given the nature of the severe onslaughts of nature experienced there in recent years.—Elmslie in Cayman in particular and the CIRMC, remain committed to the support of **Nurse Joan Page Bain**. Through the instrumentality of **Mrs. Olive Miller**, the USD \$20,000 needed for the purchase of a motor vehicle for Nurse Bain. was realized.

In the aftermath of '**Hurricane Matthew**,' the Cayman Council through its Chair, **Ms. Angela Martins**, sent ninety two (92) boxes of supplies to Haiti.

In addition, Congregations in Council and the Cayman Prep and High School, donated US \$14,826.26 to the cause.

A work team led by **Rev. Louis Sully** and including **Dr. Elizabeth McLaughlin, Nurse Alice Jane Ebanks** and Educator **Sue Trull** visited Haiti in November 2016 and conducted several mobile clinics.

Nurse Joan Page Bain has been using her skills as a Nurse Practitioner serving in the areas near Les Cayes in the southwestern end of Haiti, which is an area devastated by '**Hurricane Matthew**'. Joan works in these communities as a Health and Nutrition professional offering assistance to community groups, schools and churches as a part of a team of missionaries.

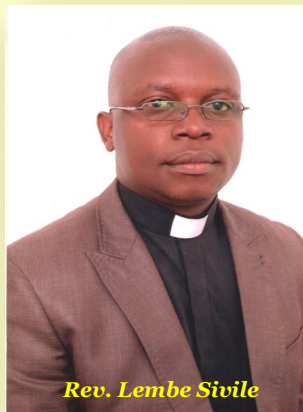
Congregations in Jamaica have also given support to the people of Haiti, underscoring our commitment as a Church to meeting the needs of the disadvantaged through outreach. The UCJCI is strong on outreach!



WELCOME TO UCJCI!

The United Church welcomes two Ministers from Zambia who will serve as Partners in Mission.

They are: **Rev. Lembe Sivile** and his wife, **Mrs. Cynthia Mvita Sivile**;



Rev. Lembe Sivile



Mrs. Cynthia Sivile

and **Rev. Jane Kaluba**



Rev. Jane Kaluba

■ **Rev. Sivile is 35 year old, who with his wife Cynthia have three children; two boys, Zenelanji and Salifyanji, 7 years and one year old respectively and one girl, Ndjani (5 years).** He is a Minister of the Word and Sacraments who has served the United Church of Zambia for 9 (nine) years.

He began his ministry in **January 2008**, and was ordained in April 2010. He has a BA in Theology which he received from the University of Western Cape in South Africa, from which he graduated in March 2008.

Rev. Sivile is also trained in **Psychosocial Counselling and Para-legal issues and is an adept Strategic Planner.**

■ **Rev. Jane Kaluba, is a graduate with a Bachelor of Theology received from the United Church of Zambia Theological College in Kitwe, Zambia in collaboration with the Western Cape University of South Africa.**

Ordained in 2007 she thereafter transferred to Livingston where she served between 2008-2015. She pursued a Masters degree in Theology 2008-2009 majoring in Practical Theology.

Rev. Kaluba was Minister for three congregations and four preaching points with a total of 5,000 communicants in Livingston .

Apart from being a Minister of the Word and Sacraments, Rev. Kalumba was actively involved in community development, working with women, especially widows and orphaned children.

She has also served as a member of the District HIV/AIDS Task Force which has helped her to interact with other stakeholders including the Government in creating 'HIV competent communities'. She is accompanied by her niece Suwilanji Mwansa (6 yrs).

Both **Revs. Sivile and Kaluba** arrived in Jamaica last Saturday and will serve in Jamaica, as Ministers of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands for a period of **four years.**

They are currently about to start **four weeks of orientation** before placement in a Charge.

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Mr. Kent Cameron
 August 26;
Rev. Dr. Roderick Hewitt
 August 30
Mrs. Rose Wedderburn,
 August 31.

ORDAINED AND LAY MINISTRY.

Persons interested in the Ordained or Lay Pastoral Ministry of the United Church are invited to a meeting on Saturday, September 16, 2017, at Ridgemount United Church, Mandeville, at 9:30 a.m.

Interested persons are being invited to indicate their interest by sending an email to:

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