



# UCJCI UPDATE

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

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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.
- **Mr. Alja Dias**, whose uncle, **Mr. Dean Campbell**, has passed on.

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# Synodical Ash Wednesday Convocation!!

**O**n February 26, 2020, all Regions of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands will host their Synodical Ash Wednesday Convocation, under the theme, "*#Evangelism: The Heartbeat of the Church*"!!

In each location, the event will be rich with inspiring worship, a message from our Moderator, the **Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans**, communion celebration, special programmes for children, youth, men and women, break out groups discussions on evangelism to the said categories of persons, and a sermon.

The Convocation in the **Southern Regional Mission Council** will be held at **Clarendon College** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with speaker, **Rev Lembe Sivile**, Minister of the **Low River Charge of United Churches, Trelawny**. The sub-theme will be, "*Energized to Evangelize*", and the afternoon breakout group

discussions will centre on the United Church topics, "*Men in Family*", "*Mighty Man of Valour: Dawg, Don or Disciple?*" and "*Men on a Mission*", and a street march by youth of the Region to **Salem!**

The Convocation in the **Western Regional Mission Council** will be held at **West Jamaica Seventh Day Adventist Conference Centre, Mt. Salem, St. James** from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with speaker, **Rev. Donovan McPherson**, Minister of **Eltham United Church, St. Catherine**. There will also be breakout groups for discussions on evangelism and ministry presentations in song, dance and drama from the children, youth and adults.

The Convocation in the

**North-Eastern Regional Mission Council** will be held at **Boulevard Baptist Church, Kingston**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with speaker, **Rev. Norbert D. Stephens**, General Secretary of the **United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands**, and also with breakout groups for discussions on evangelism.

The Convocation in the **Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council** will be in the form of a Council Prayer Gathering at **Savannah United Church** from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with speaker, **Rev. L. Christopher Mason**, Minister of the **George Town Charge of United Churches**, and break out group discussions on evangelism to children, youth, men, and women.



Young men minister at Convocation 2018

Please pray for our **Convocation**, that there will be a move of the **Holy Spirit**, to bring transformation beyond the walls of our churches, to touch the lives of persons in our communities, for the ultimate holistic peace of our nations.

**CELEBRATIONS!**

**PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Hellshire United Church's Christmas treat for children and senior citizens



70:

*Rev. Bevin Miller*

*January 25*

*Mrs. Joyce Williams*

*January 26*

**UCJCI MISSION**



**Mission Statement**

“The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) exists to bear holistic development of all persons and God’s creation through life-giving worship and evangelism, social and educational engagement, personal empowerment, advocacy and faith formation toward a just and peaceful society and the ultimate experience of God’s kingdom.”



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## LEADERSHIP CORNER

### From Perks to Price

I've met a lot of people who desire to become leaders. I often ask them why they want to be leaders. Sometimes their answers reveal that their motivation is really about the perks of leading. They want to be in control. They want others to do what they say. They want a nicer office. They want a higher income. They want a better parking place.

When I started out as a young leader, my thoughts were similar. I was enamored with my title of pastor. It conveyed to me that I was the shepherd of the flock, and I thought people would automatically follow me because they needed me. They would rely on me for direction and be grateful for everything I did for them. It seemed simple.

Then reality hit. The people of the church were kind to me, but they didn't automatically follow me. The title that I expected to be so important didn't come with any of the perks I anticipated. I learned that I would have to learn influence along the way.

Now I lead because of what I can do for other people. That's the best motivation to lead others. It took time to get there, but I made the shift from being focussed on what I can receive as a leader (the perks) to what I can give as a leader (the price).

Take a look at the kinds of questions leaders ask themselves based on where they focus:

Leaders who focus on *perks* ask the questions:

*"What will I receive?"*

*"How will this decision affect me?"*

*"How long will this take me?"*

*"What will you give me to stay in the game?"*

Leaders who focus on *price* ask the questions:

*"What can I give?"*

*"How will this decision affect others?"*

*"How far can we go?"*

*"What must I give to stay in the game?"*

Focussing on perks won't take you anywhere worthwhile, because deep inner fulfilment never comes from perks. What they offer is ultimately hollow. And they have never helped a leader to reach his or her potential. Leaders who focus on perks end up misusing their leadership, and because they love perks more than people, they are continually tempted to misuse people to receive, maintain, or improve their perks.

While many of the specifics of the price will be unique to each individual leader, there are some common costs that every leader needs to take into account. Consider these three that should be a part of every leader's shift from perks to price:

**REALITY—LEADERS RECOGNIZE THAT EVERYTHING WORTHWHILE IS UPHILL.** Let me define the reality of your leadership potential: *it's uphill all the way*. No one ever coasted to success. No successful person has ever experienced accidental achievements.

As I prepare to lead, I think of the words *hope* and *hard*. *Hope* empowers me to believe that I can make the climb. It fuels me with energy to continue when I get tired. And it enables me to speak hope into the lives of the people who are journeying with me.

While I love the encouragement of *hope*, I also value the level-setting word *hard*. It balances my expecta-

tions and prevents me from being naively optimistic. I remind myself that the leadership journey is often difficult. Much of success lies in possessing right expectations.

**EXAMPLE — LEADERS ACKNOWLEDGE THEY MUST CLIMB THE HILL FIRST.** All people with leadership ability have one perspective in common: they see things *before* other people do, and they see *more* than other people do. However, what sets great leaders apart from all other leaders is this: they act *before* others and they do *more* than others. Great leaders face their uncertainty and doubt, and they move through it to pave the way for others. And because they are willing to pay the price first and often pay more than others do, they can say with moral authority, *"Follow me."*

**CONSISTENCY—LEADERS UNDERSTAND THEY NEVER GET TO STOP CLIMBING.** Early in my leadership, I thought that if I led well for a season, I could earn the right to take shortcuts and quit making sacrifices. I thought I could pay the price for a little while, be done paying, and then enjoy the good life—the perks that came with having paid a price. That created a blind spot in my leadership and led to "destination disease". I thought I could arrive at a time, place, and situation that would give me the greatest of all perks—recognition without responsibility.

There is no such place—unless you give up leadership. What I've discovered is that I had to give up to go up, and I have to give up even more if I want to stay up!

Source: "Leadership" by John C. Maxwell

*Sacrifice*

# 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	TRACK & FIELD
\$100 CHILDREN UNDER 12	FOOTBALL
	NETBALL ETC

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8 AM

LUNCH WILL BE ON SALE

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## NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

Saturday February 1, 2020

St Andrew High School for Girls  
Starts 8:00am

Per fellowship  
Registration fee: 1,000  
Affiliation fee: 500



# SPORTS DAY

## St. John's United Church

Big People Ting: Man an Woman Argument

# WHAT IS LOVE?

Come let's talk up di tings dem

**SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2020**

Starts At 6PM

Discussion Forum Chair : Rev. Paul DaCosta-Pinto

