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Lay Leadership Training 2020 Module 1 Unit 1

On Saturday, January 18, 2020 the new, restructured Lay Leadership Training programme commenced in all four Regional Mission Councils of the United Church. In our own Regional Mission Council 19 persons started the course representing almost all our nine congregations.



Unit 1 offered the following three sessions:

1. The spirituality of the leader
2. Spiritual gifts and the discernment of God's call
3. The role of the lay leader in congregational life

The presenters of these sessions, Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield (RDGS for CIRMC) and Rev. Euthman Wray, minister of the Savannah Charge guided those present through the biblical and church historical imperatives and precedents calling every member of the Body of Christ to grow in their faith and make themselves available for God's purposes regardless of their age, gender, education or occupation.

In addition to natural talents and acquired training and skills each believer has received one or more spiritual gifts which must be put to good use for the glory of God. Our service offered to the church is not an option, it is a mandate as well as a tremendous honor and the source of great blessings for those offering and receiving it. Session 2 offered invaluable help to the trainees to discover or confirm their spiritual gifts.



Unit 2 of Module 1 will be held on February 15 focusing on 'The Leader as Evangelist, Disciple-Maker and Mentor'.

A Surprise Visit by Rev. Ogston

Two Sundays ago a nice surprise awaited the members of the George Town Charge as one of its former ministers and his wife returned for a visit after many years.



The Rev. Edgar Ogston (from the Church of Scotland) served in the charge between 1983-1987 and has many fond memories of the time he and his wife Jean spent working in the UCJCI. The Cayman Council is grateful for their ministry among us and we wish God's continuing blessing upon their life and service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 25. (Saturday)

Council Meeting – 9:00am – Elmslie

January 26. (Sunday) 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Women's Fellowship Sunday (beginning of WF Week)

January 27. (Monday)

NATIONAL HEROES DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

February 1. (Saturday)

Women's Fellowship Annual Breakfast – 8:00am - GT Yacht Club

Church School Teachers MAT – 11:00am Council office

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL BREAKFAST

February 1, 2020 8:00 am
George Town Yacht Club
Cost: \$25.00



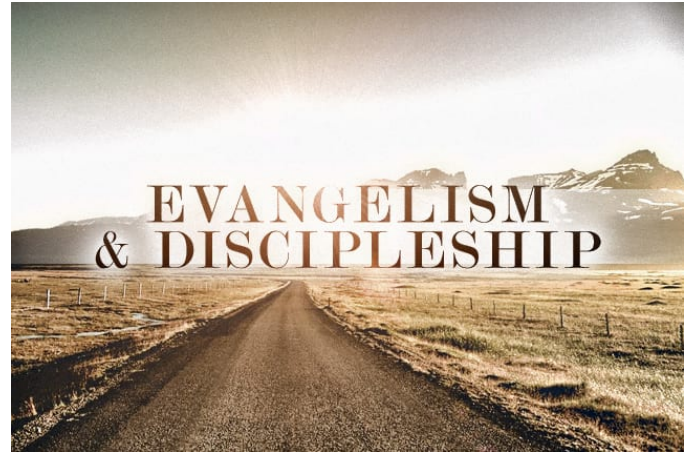
-on Radio Cayman 89.9 every Sunday at 7:45 am-

January 26 Women's Fellowship Team
February 2 Mr. John Macmillan

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2020 -UCJCI YEAR OF EVANGELISM

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) has declared **2020 as the Year of Evangelism**. Evangelism will therefore be at the core of the Regional Mission Councils' and Congregations' activities for 2020. For this level of evangelism to be achieved there must be a commitment by the leadership, members and adherents of the UCJCI to grasp a deeper level of understanding of what it means to be evangelical and how to make this central to our identity.



Throughout 2020 **Evangelism** will be reflected in the following quarterly themes: **Spirituality of the Disciple, the Cost of Discipleship, Stewardship and the Disciple as Evangelist.**

Evangelism is the response to the Call of Christ to bear witness ([Acts 1:8](#)). In biblical categories, witnessing involves making visible what is otherwise invisible. Among the many ways we can bear witness to Jesus is through loving our fellow believers. In preaching the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus in our evangelism, we are also helping to make visible the invisible reality of Christ. Celebrating the Lord's Supper proclaims visibly the Lord's death until He comes again (1 Cor. 11:26). We reveal to the world that we belong to our Savior when we love not only other Christians (John 13:34-35) but those whom Christ has placed before us. So our evangelism is manifest in the proclamation of the Word, the fellowship we share in the fellow Christians but our love for all of humanity.

