



UCJCI UPDATE

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Lives, Nurturing Disciples,
Seeking Transformation
through Christ"

SYNODICAL THEME:
"Renewal and Transfor-
mation: Discipleship for
Life"

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PRAY FOR:



* Persons in **Jamaica** and the **Cayman Islands** who suffered trauma and property damage from the recent earthquake.

* **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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#Evangelism: The Heartbeat of the Church

The dream of hosting an evangelism training programme for the Western Regional Mission Council (WRMC) became a reality when it was launched on October 5, 2019 at St. Paul's United Church (Montego Bay)!

Twenty-two (22) persons attended the event, including Regional Deputy General Secretary, WRMC, Mrs. Maureen Henry; and clergy members, Minister of the St. Paul's Charge of United Churches, Rev. Tara Tyme-Campbell; and Minister of the Negril Charge of United Churches, Rev. Kimberly Hines.

Other attendees were from Mt. Pisgah, Retrieve, Salt Spring, Falmouth, Campbell Memorial, Norwood, St. Paul's, Negril Charge, Lilliput, and Farm

Heights United Churches.

After a successful launch, twenty-two (22) persons were registered in the programme and subsequent classes were held: One (1) in October, two (2) in November, with nine (9) remaining, which will continue until June 2020 at St. Paul's United Church (Montego Bay).

In the semester just ended, the participants were engaged with the topics: "What is Evangelism?" and "Why Evangelize?" under the facilitation of the Revs. J. Oliver Daley and Lembe Sivile. In

the upcoming semester, which will begin on February 15, 2020, participants will be taught "How to Evangelize".

In that session, participants will go beyond the walls of the classroom, to be engaged on the mission field where they will complete their practicum, while being supervised.

The programme is funded by contributions of J\$1,000 by participants towards course materials and lunch, and by other persons who have chosen to donate to the programme.

We wholeheartedly thank Ms. Maxene Jones, WRMC Vice-Chair, Evangelism and Church Planting, and her hardworking team for their faithful efforts to create this opportunity for impactful ministry for persons in the Region, honing in on the mission undergirding our declaration of 2020 as "The Year of Evangelism". To God be the glory!!



WRMC Evangelism training session at St. Paul's United Church, being led by Rev. Lembe Sivile, Minister of the Lowe River Charge of United Churches

CELEBRATIONS!

PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS



70:

Rev. Paul DaCosta-Pinto
January 29

Mrs. Annie Lyew
January 30

Ms. Sandra Collins
Rev. Roy Dodman

Mr. Patrick Newman
February 2

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.”



Above: Rev. Astor Carlyle (right), Minister of Webster Memorial United Church, and Pastor Ann Shaw pray for Rev. Alex Hayden (centre), newly-ordained Minister of Duke Street United Church, upon receiving a robe and stole as gifts from the Webster congregation (from which he candidate) during Webster’s Christmas service in 2019. **Below:** Christmas Service 2019 at London Ridge United Church, St. Catherine.



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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Lighten Your Leader's Load

Responsibility weighs heavily on leaders. The higher they are in an organization, the heavier the responsibility. Leaders can give up many things. They can delegate many things. The one thing that the top leader can never let go of is final responsibility.

As a team member, you can do one of two things for your leader. You can make the load lighter, or you can make it heavier.

When it comes to lifting your leader's load, motives do matter. I'm recommending that you lift up, not suck up. A good leader can tell the difference between someone who really wants to help and someone who is trying to curry favour.

There are many positive benefits that can come from helping to lift your leader's load. Following are a few of those benefits.

Lifting shows you are a team player.

Lifting shows gratitude for being on the team.

Lifting makes you part of something bigger.

Lifting increases your value and influence.

As you read about the various ways that lifting your leader's load can help you, perhaps several ways you could help came to mind. But just in case you aren't sure of where to begin, please allow me to give you several suggestions.

DO YOUR OWN JOB WELL FIRST. Willie Mays said, *"It isn't hard to be good from time to time in sports. What's tough is being good every day."* When you are good every day,

you do the first important step in lifting your leader's load—you prevent him or her from having to lift yours.

WHEN YOU FIND A PROBLEM, PROVIDE A SOLUTION.

In an organization I led many years ago, I seemed to have a whole bunch of people who continually dumped problems on my desk and then went away to look for more problems. I instituted a rule. Anyone who brought a problem to me wanting help with it had to also come up with three potential solutions before coming to see me. Did I do that because I didn't want to help them? No, I did it because I wanted them to learn to help themselves. They quickly became creative and resourceful. As time went by, they needed less help and became better decision makers and leaders.

TELL LEADERS WHAT THEY NEED TO HEAR, NOT WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR.

Because of their intuition, good leaders often see more than others see, and they see things before others do. Why? Because they see everything from a leadership bias. But if the organization they lead gets large, they often lose their edge. They become disconnected. What is the remedy to this problem? They ask the people in their inner circle to see things for them.

Most good leaders want the perspective of people they trust. Burton Bigelow said, *"Very few (leaders) want to be surrounded by 'yes' men (women). Their greatest weakness often is the fact that 'yes' men (women) build up around the (leader) a wall of fiction, when what the (leader) wants most of*

all is plain facts." One of the ways to become a person whom leaders trust is to tell them the truth.

STAND UP FOR YOUR LEADER WHENEVER YOU CAN.

Helping your leaders means supporting them and standing up for them whenever you can. Colin Powell said, *"When we are debating an issue, loyalty means giving me your honest opinion, whether you think I'll like it or not. Disagreement, at this stage, stimulates me. But once a decision has been made, the debate ends. From that point on, loyalty means executing the decision as if it were your own."*

ASK YOUR LEADER HOW YOU CAN LIFT THE LOAD.

It's good to anticipate what your leader may need or want. It's even better to come right out and ask. If you are doing your own job and doing it well, chances are your leader will be glad to tell you how you can help.

Don't be like the person who walks into an organization and says, *"Here's what I know; sit down and listen."* But instead, be like the person who says, *"What do I need to know? We'll work on this together."* Seek to serve the leader and add value to them, and to lift their load if you can.

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



UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER



United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands
Renewal and Transformation: Discipleship for Life

SYNODICAL *Ash Wednesday* CONVOCATION 2020

Evangelism: The Heartbeat of the Church
FEBRUARY 26, 2020

WESTERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

VENUE: West Jamaica Seventh Day Adventist Conference Centre, Mt. Salem, St. James | TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SPEAKER: Rev. Donovan McPherson, Minister, Eltham United Church

NORTH-EASTERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

VENUE: Boulevard Baptist Church, 2 Washington Boulevard, Kingston 10 | TIME: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
SPEAKER: Rev. Norbert D. Stephens, General Secretary, UCJCI

SOUTHERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

VENUE: Clarendon College, Chapelton, Clarendon
TIME: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | SPEAKER: Rev. Lembe Sivile,
Minister, Lowe River Charge of United Churches

CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

VENUE: Savannah United Church, Grand Cayman
TIME: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | SPEAKER: Rev. L. Christopher Mason,
Minister, George Town Charge of United Churches

ADMISSION: FREE!! COME FOR RENEWAL AND INSPIRATION!!

Worship, Message from our Moderator, Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans, Communion celebrations & Sermon.
Special programmes for children, youth, women and men, and afternoon group discussions on evangelism!!

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 FOOTBALL NETBALL ETC
\$100 CHILDREN UNDER 12	

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8 AM

LUNCH WILL BE ON SALE

North Eastern Regional Mission Council's

**SYNODICAL
ASH WEDNESDAY
Convocation**

February 26, 2020

**THEME:
Evangelism:
The Heartbeat of the Church**

Boulevard Baptist Church
2 Washington Boulevard, Kingston 10
@ 9:00 a.m.