



CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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New Chair and Vice Chairs of Council

The **Rev. Rohan Forrester** was elected as the **Chair of the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council** at a Special Council meeting held on Tuesday February 4, 2020. Rev. Forrester is the Minister of the Webster Memorial and the William Pouchie Memorial Congregations and the Chaplain of the Cayman Prep and High School – Primary site. Rev. Forrester was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on November 14, 2002. He has been serving as a Minister in the Cayman Islands since September 2010.

Rev. Forrester replaces **Ms. Angela Martins** who served faithfully and well as Chair of Council from January 2015 – January 2020. Council wish to express our deep gratitude to Ms. Martins for the depth of her commitment and her leadership of the Council in these five pivotal years.

Council also elected three new Vice Chairs. **Dr. E. Elizabeth McLaughlin**, Elder and Congregational Secretary of the Elmslie Memorial Church was elected as the Vice Chair for Leadership. She will spearhead in this Council the Mission Action Team that is responsible for the UCJCI 'S Training of Lay Leaders.

The **Rev. Donovan Myers**, Minister of the John Gray Memorial Church was elected as the Vice Chair for Discipleship, a position formerly occupied by Rev. Forrester. This is another critical area of Church Growth and development and the Mission Action Team 's mandate includes the work and ministry of the Men, Women and Young Adults in our Region.

The **Rev. L. Christopher Mason** is the new Vice Chair for Evangelism and in this year when the UCJCI has declared that 'Evangelism is the heartbeat of the Church', this Mission Action Team, led by Rev. Mason will be introducing 'Operation Andrew' as one of the tools of evangelism.

Rev. Mason replaces the Rev. Alice Blair who served ably and well in the capacity of Vice Chair for Evangelism since January 2018.

The Chair will name in short order a new Member-at large to replace Dr. McLaughlin who has now become a Vice Chair. This Executive, as per the UCJCI Constitution, will continue the term started in 2018 and there will be a full slate election in the January 2021 meeting of Council.

Women's Fellowship Annual Breakfast



The 2020 Women's Fellowship Week of the CIRMC-UCJCI culminated in the Annual Breakfast which was held on February 1, 2020, Saturday at the George Town Yacht Club and was attended by close to 60 persons. Guest speaker of the event, Rev. Euthman Wray in his address referred to 2 Timothy 2:19 where we read, "The Lord knows those who are his," and he highlighted the importance of a personal relationship with God as the foundation of true discipleship. Knowing God personally and intimately is an indication of living consciously and purposefully in God's presence all the time.



Only then can we bring glory to God as we reflect God's own nature to the world. Women can reveal God's glory in ways that is unique to their gender, (as can men). When we -men and women- seek God in every aspect of our lives, we will be able to fulfill our call and play complementary roles as we carry out the mission we received from Jesus.

2020 -UCJCI YEAR OF EVANGELISM

‘The Spirituality of the Disciple’

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) has declared **2020 as the Year of Evangelism.**

As we continue our focus on the theme of **Evangelism** we turn our attention to the central thought of the first quarter: **The Spirituality of the Disciple.**

The **Spirituality of the Disciple** must include the capacity to love others and at the heart of our love for others inside and outside of the church must be our **ability to forgive.** Persons have been deeply hurt even by the very church and so many struggle with this aspect of the faith as there is a constant need for self-preservation. We then to avoid those we find it hard to forgive but by so doing tamper with our faith and fail to set an example for others. If we are to evangelize, let us set aside the spirit of unforgiveness and allow the love of Christ to constraint us. Spirituality is not stagnant but is rather dynamic and engaging.


 THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

Ash Wednesday Gathering

**Theme: “Evangelism:
The heartbeat of the Church”**

Quiet Meditation: 7:30 am Small Group Discussion: 8:15 am
 Worship and Holy Communion 9:30 am

Location: Savannah United Church

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6. (Thursday)

2021 Synod Planning Committee meeting – 6:00pm –
Council office

February 9. (Sunday) 5th Sunday after Epiphany

BETHESDA COUNSELLING CENTRE *Let's Stay Together*



An opportunity to invest in the future of your relationship.

Feb. 14 {6 pm-9pm} and Feb. 15 {9am-3pm}, 2020
at the

Prospect Youth Center

\$50 per couple (books included)

Meals & Snacks provided

To Register - Phone: 946-6575 or Email: Bethesda@candw.ky



Worship the Lord

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

February 9 Mr. Bryan Bothwell

February 16 Ms. April Lewis

Special Reminders

Youth Leaders Training



Friday February 28, 2020
@ 6:00pm

For all

Youth Leaders/Volunteers
&
Sunday School Teachers

Venue: Savannah United Church

For more information, please call 947-6071 or 929-0330