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A Historic First

Thanks to the best of the Elmslie United Church's Youth Try, for the first time in over 30 years the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council was represented at the United Church Young People's Fellowship (UCYPF) National Sports Day held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Noranda Sports Complex, Discovery Bay, St. Ann, Jamaica. Cayman's presence was felt on that ground just like the earthquake we felt in Cayman on February 4th. At the end of the event Cayman's medal tally included an impressive collection of 4 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze medals!



The Cayman team with their newly designed banner

The Cayman contingent was led by Mr. Roy McGregor (Youth Minister of the George Town Charge), Ms. Joan Mcfield, Ms. Jennelle McLaughlin and Ms. Chrysannae Mason and consisted of the following youth participants: Hannah Robinson, Johanna Dixon, Renadra Smith-Powell, Nicola McLaughlin, Alyssa Mcfield, T'Keyah Dreckett, Jaydon Mcfield, Jacob Kelly, and Antoine Rockett-McLaughlin.

The youth (including their leaders!) competed in the following categories:

Track Events	Results
Class IV 100m Female	1 st place
Class III 100m Female	6 th place
Class IV 100m Male	1 st Place
Class IV 200m Female	1 st Place
Class IV 200m Male	2 nd place
Youth Leader's Race Male	3 rd Place
400m Female	5 th place
400m Male	4 th place
4X100m Female	4 th Place
4X100m Male	4 th Place
4X200m Male	2 nd Place
Field Events	Results
Lime and Spoon	3 rd and 5 th Place
50m Sack Race	6 th and 8 th Place
50m Potato Race	6 th and 8 th place
Tug-A-War	3 rd Place
Dominoes	1 st Place



The Cayman team was seen off by Rev. L. Christopher Mason (Minister of the GT Charge) and Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield (RDGS-CIRMC)

We thank the leaders, organizers and youth at Elmslie who invested so much time, effort and energy into this ministry. Congratulations to all of them on their well-deserved success!

Rev. Harry Bodden's 50 Years of Faithful Ministry



We thank God for the Rev. Harry Bodden who celebrated fifty (50) years of Ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacraments on January 18, 2020. He is one of the 'distinguished few' Caymanians of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (and its predecessor the Presbyterian Church in Grand Cayman) who responded to God's call to full-time pastoral ministry and served in that capacity.

Rev. Harry was ordained on the 18th January 1970 and over the years has served with distinction in Jamaica in the Whitfield Charge (Manchester) and the Falmouth Charge (Trelawny). He also served briefly at the Hampden, Barrett Town and Mt. Zion Congregations also in Jamaica.

In the Cayman Islands, Rev. Harry served in the Bodden Town /North Side Charge and the East End / Gun Bay Charge. Rev. Bodden is an avid reader and is a deep thinker. A quiet soul, he serves God with faithfulness and has a passion for Christ and the Church. Rev. Harry is always enquiring about his colleagues and regularly keeps in touch with his friends in ministry.

He continues to offer ministry through the 'Worship the Lord', the United Church's radio program in Cayman. For several years he personally sponsored and recorded for broadcast 'Trust in the Lord' which was aired every other Tuesday morning on Radio Cayman.

We truly thank God for Rev. Harry and the ministry he has offered in the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. May God bless Rev. Harry as he continues to serve with grace and truth.

2020 Ash Wednesday Gathering

The UCJCI Synodical Ash Wednesday Convocation will be held in each Region in Jamaica and the Ash Wednesday Gathering in Cayman on February 26, 2020 at the Savannah United Church.

The central theme of this event will be: "*Evangelism: The Heartbeat of the Church.*" It promises to be a day of reflection, fellowship, worship, and bonding among us which will include a Message from our Moderator and a joint technologically-synchronized communion celebration to emphasize and enhance our sense of oneness as the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 15. (Saturday)

Training for Lay Leaders Module 1/Unit 2 – 8:30am - 4:00pm – Council office

February 16. (Sunday) 6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 18. (Tuesday)

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

February 19. (Wednesday)

Deputy Chairs and Secretaries meeting – 5:30pm – Council office



FEBRUARY

16. Ms. April Lewis
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