



UCJCI UPDATE

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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:



Jamaica, which has seen its first confirmed case of the **coronavirus**; and against the further spread of the disease.

The world economy which is threatened by the spread of the coronavirus.

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Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Synodical Ash Wednesday Convocation (SRMC) Energizes

“Energized to Evangelize”, the sub-theme of the Synodical Ash Wednesday Convocation 2020 held in the Southern Regional Mission Council, under the broader theme, “Evangelism: The Heartbeat of the Church”, became a reality for those gathered for a day of inspiring worship and fellowship!

Held on February 26, 2020 at Clarendon College in Chapelton, Clarendon, approximately one thousand five hundred (1,500) persons, including children and youth, gathered from across the congregations in the region.

With special emphasis on evangelism to men, the event attracted significant numbers of men, with the **Lowe River Charge of United Churches** bringing forty-two (42) men and winning a prize of \$50,000 from the Council Office for so doing!

The congregation partook of a special message from our Moderator, Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans, in which he encouraged those gathered to demonstrate Christ’s love with all per-

sons, wherever they go. Delivering the sermon of the day, was Rev. Lembe Sivile, Minister of the Lowe River Charge of United Churches. Expressing that the struggles of life and ministry are real and that life can be painful, frustrating and harsh, he asserted that we can make life better for ourselves and others by using the gifts strategically given to us by God to pursue our God-given journey.

He charged those gathered to exude passion on the battlefield of life, maintain peace and joy, smile despite negative circumstances, be disciplined, keep working, watch and pray, as *Jesus is the source of our strength and His strength is sufficient.*

The children and youth were engaged in separate activities throughout the day. Approximately one hundred (100) youth, led by the **Golden Eagles** marching band, marched to Sa-

lem United Church for a session of praise, charge and commitment.

Three (3) energizing and thought-provoking afternoon group discussions were held under the topics, “The Man in the Family”, “Men on a Mission”, and “Mighty Man of Valour: Dawg, Don or Disciple”.

Indeed, bringing it all together and giving the closing charge, was Rev. J. Oliver Daley, Chairman of the Council, who admonished the gathering that the wind of the Spirit is moving through the UCJCI, and God desires to hear the words, “Count on Me,” from each of us.

He asserted that, in the same way that, without a pulse and a heartbeat, there is no life, and that an irregular heartbeat threatens life, so it is with a Church that does not evangelize. He emphasized that indeed, “Evangelism is the Heartbeat of the Church”, and we therefore need passion, courage and a positive attitude and mindset to be “Energized to Evangelize”. Praise God for a fruitful day!



Men are prayed for at the altar by Rev. Khereen Wilson Bailey, Minister of Andrews Memorial United Church

CELEBRATIONS!

SYNODICAL ASH WEDNESDAY CONVOCATION (SRMC)



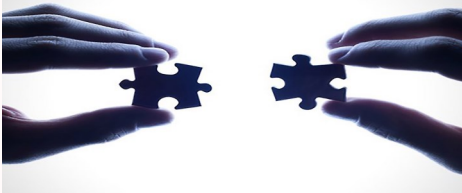
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Rev. Egbert Harvey
March 11

Rev. Edmond Folkes
March 16

Rev. Herbert Redway, Jr.
March 17

UCJCI PARTNERSHIPS



The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands maintains special international relations with the **Council for World Mission (CWM)**, **The Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM)**, **The World Council of Churches (WCC)**, **The World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC)**, and are ecumenical partners with **The Church of Scotland**, **The United Reformed Church in the UK**, **The United Church of Canada**, **Presbyterian Church USA**, **The United Church of Christ in the USA** and **Global Ministries** among others.



A section of the congregation in worship



From left: Rev. Khereen Wilson Bailey, Rev. Lembe Sivile, Rev. J. Oliver Daley, and Mrs. Rose Wedderburn (RDGS, SRMC) in worship



Golden Eagles marching band leading the procession of the youth to Salem United Church



Praise and worship leaders from Andrews Memorial, Ebenezer and Mineral Heights United Churches



The youth march to Salem United Church



The children's session underway

Send comments and news about your congregation to: ucjciupdate@gmail.com

LEADERSHIP CORNER

Model the Behaviour You Desire

When a leader's identity and actions are consistent, the results he or she gets are consistent. When they are inconsistent, then so are the results.

Just as consistency can create power in your personal life, it can also create power in your leadership. Leaders set the tone and the pace for all the people working with them. Therefore, they need to be what they want to see. Let me explain how this works.

YOUR BEHAVIOUR DETERMINES THE CULTURE. Your culture determines whom you attract. If you desire to instill a particular value into your organization's culture, then you need to ask yourself whether it is an identifiable behaviour among the people of your organization—starting with yourself. And the only way to change the culture is to change your behaviour.

YOUR ATTITUDE DETERMINES THE ATMOSPHERE. Have you ever worked for someone who had a *glass-is-half-empty* kind of attitude? No matter what the circumstances, the outlook was gloomy. It is night and day different from working for someone whose attitude is upbeat and optimistic. The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

The leader's attitude is like a thermostat for the place he or she works. If the leader's attitude is good, the atmosphere is pleasant, and the environment is easy to work in. But if the leader's attitude is bad, the temperature is insufferable. Nobody wants to work in an environment that is overheated or icy cold.

YOUR VALUES DETERMINE THE DECISIONS. Roy Disney said, *"It's not hard to make decisions when you know what your values are."* Not only is that true, but I'd add that it's also not hard to stay

with the decisions you make when they are based on your values. Decisions that are not consistent with our values are always short-lived.

Whatever you embrace will come out in the decisions of your people. If you value shortcuts, then your employees will make decisions that value speed over quality. If you are insensitive to others' feelings, then your team will make decisions that don't take people's feelings into account. If you exhibit even the slightest tolerance for dishonesty, then someone on your team will think it is okay to make decisions that violate the standards of integrity.

YOUR INVESTMENT DETERMINES THE RETURN. Just like in the world of finance, the only way you get a return with people is to make an investment in them. The seeds you sow determine the harvest you reap. Our problem is that we often focus on the reaping rather than the sowing. What's worse than training your people and losing them? Not training them and keeping them.

YOUR CHARACTER DETERMINES THE TRUST. *Do people trust you?* Are the people who work with you quick to believe that you have their best interests at heart? Or do they question your intentions and weigh your motives when you introduce them to a new idea? The answers to those questions can be traced back to your character.

Trust is not given nor can it be assumed simply because you have a leadership position with others. Trust has to be earned, and it usually comes when you are tested. Whether you pass or fail the test is almost always determined by your character. When it comes to trust, the only passing grade is 100 percent. If people can't trust you all the time, then they will consider you untrustworthy.

YOUR WORK ETHIC DETERMINES THE PRODUCTIVITY. I love the story of the old Scotsman who worked hard and expected the people he led to do the same. His workers would tease, *"Hey Scotty, don't you know that Rome wasn't built in a day?"* *"Aye, I know that,"* he would answer. *"But I wasn't the foreman on that job."*

Leaders truly do set the tone on the job when it comes to productivity. Team members soon feel very uncomfortable if they are lax in their work ethic but they can see their leader working diligently. Team members who possess strong character quickly feel prompted to pick up the pace.

YOUR GROWTH DETERMINES THE POTENTIAL. Your leadership, if it is not continually growing, can be a lid to the potential of your people. *Why?* Because you teach what you know, but you reproduce what you are. You can't give people what you do not have. If you want to increase the potential of your team, you need to keep growing.

In the story of David, King of Israel, what many don't know is that in the years before he ascended the throne, David drew warriors to him and created a strong private army. And those warriors became like David, to the point where several of them also became giant killers.

Though the results are not always that dramatic, it is always true that followers become like their leaders. They are influenced by their leader's values. They adopt their working methods. They even emulate many of their quirks and habits. That's why we must always be aware of our own conduct when examining the behaviour of the people who work under our lead. If you don't like what your people are doing, first take a look at yourself.

Source: "The 36-Degree Leader" by John C. Maxwell

CORONAVIRUS FEATURE

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF CORONAVIRUS INFECTION



Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub



Cover nose and mouth when coughing with tissue or flexed elbow

Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms



Thoroughly cook meat and eggs



Avoid contact with wild or live farm animals



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UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER

Bryce United Church
Coleyville, Manchester, JA
Presents a
Mothers Day Fundraising Dinner
Called

Blessings On Mom

Sunday
MAY 10
2020
@ 2:30pm - 7:00pm

Treat Mom Like Royalty

Verona
Ingleside Recreation Centre,
Ingleside Dr & Badminton Ter
Mandeville, Manchester, JA

\$4,000 For Adults
\$2,000 For Children Under 12

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Other Prizes & Giveaways
Sponsored by All Island Catering
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Believers Conference 2020

TORRINGTON UNITED CHURCH
35a Slipe Road, Kingston 5

March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20
PRaise & WORSHIP	REV. NORBERT STEPHENS faith	REV. ASTOR CARLYLE worship	REV. SYLVAN HINDS evangelism	REV. PAUL DACOSTA PINTO life	GAMES NIGHT

March 15 - 20, 2020 6:00 PM Nightly