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2020 World Day of Prayer Zimbabwe



The 2020 World Day of Prayer service focusing on Zimbabwe was held last week Friday at the Elmslie Memorial United Church from 12:00-1:00pm.

The theme of the service was based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given. "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk," said Jesus. We are empowered to take up our mats. No more waiting powerlessly on the mat. This is the time for change!



The service was made special by the presence of the members of the local Zimbabwean community, including Pastor Naison Pedzisai who in his message spoke about the work of God's Spirit being present and active in the 'here and now' and can bring about real and fundamental change in personal lives and in society. A time of fellowship with refreshments followed the service in the hall provided by the host congregation.

OPERATION ANDREW



In the June 2019 meeting of the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council the decision was made to use as an evangelistic tool an outreach idea called 'Operation Andrew' which was employed by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in its crusades for many years with great effectiveness.

The concept of Operation Andrew is based on John 1:42 which reads: "And he (Andrew) brought him (Simon Peter) to Jesus." As disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ we are all called to be like Andrew and have a zeal and desire to bring others to Him.

'Operation Andrew' is composed of five (5) simple steps to help believers identify those who need Jesus Christ, pray for them daily, build bridges of friendship, share the gospel, and help them grow in their new relationship with the Lord.

Here are the 5 steps to assist you in reaching others for Christ.

LOOK AROUND: Your mission field is right where you live, work, or go to school. Identify and make a list of those who need Jesus Christ, and commit to praying for them regularly.

LOOK UP: God changes people through prayer. Pray each day for those on your list, that God will give you opportunities to share His love with them.

LOOK OUT: Seek for ways to cultivate friendships with each person on your list. Spend time with them. An invitation to dinner, a sporting event or other activity will build relationships, which can open the way to talk about Christ.

LOOK FORWARD: Engage them and share with them what Jesus Christ means to you and how He transformed your life. Invite them to Bible study, church, fellowship, etc.

LOOK AFTER: Continue to love, pray and spend time with them whether they accept Jesus Christ or not (yet). Be faithful, consistent and authentic. Let your life match your words!

CORONAVIRUS

Today, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that the Coronavirus (Covid-19) is now a global "pandemic". A pandemic is when an infectious disease spreads easily from person to person in many parts of the world.

The leadership of the Cayman Island Regional Mission Council of the UCJCI is following both global and local developments as well as local official advisories around the clock.

As part of precautionary measures the Cayman Prep and High School has already implemented a scheme for a four (4) stage response.

The Rev. Norbert Stephens, General Secretary of the UCJCI has issued the following information to all Regional Mission Councils:

"A select Committee comprising of persons from all four Regions in Jamaica and Grand Cayman, including health professionals, met ... (on) March 10, 2020, to make preparations for the possible advent of the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) in our two nations.

The Committee explored issues related to congregational worship (including Communion), Regional and Synodical gatherings, Regional offices and institutions which operate under the auspices of the UCJCI. Consequently, a number of decisions and actions were agreed upon, which will be shared with the wider UCJCI in the form of a Resource Kit. This Resource Kit will include approved material for use in UCJCI's congregations, offices and institutions as well as proposed protocols, actions and interventions at all levels.

We intend for you to receive this kit via this medium by or before the end of the work day ... (on) March 11, 2020.

We continue to encourage you to take preventative measures, to pray, and to be proactive as together we seek to minimize fear and despair within our churches and the communities which we serve.

It was the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 2:17 who declared "For God has not given us a Spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Let us live and act by the said Spirit of God."

Reduce the risks of Coronavirus infection

Clean hands with soap & water, or an alcohol based hand rub.

- Wash your hands**
 - After sneezing or coughing
 - When caring for the sick
 - Before, during & after you prepare food
 - Before eating
 - After toilet use
 - When hands are dirty
 - After handling animals or animal waste
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing & sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow**
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms**

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If you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing **seek medical care immediately** and share previous travel history with your healthcare provider.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14. (Saturday)

Training for Lay Leaders Module 1/Day 4 (Strategic Planning for Church Growth) – 8:30am - 4:00pm – Council office

March 15. (Sunday) 3rd Sunday of Lent

(also the beginning of Girls' Brigade Week)
Girls' Brigade Council Service – 10:30am - Elmslie United Church

March 16. (Monday)

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

March 21. (Saturday)

Training for Lay Leaders Module 1/Day 5 (Communication skills) – 8:30am - 4:00pm – Savannah United Church



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