



CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

WEEKLY UPDATE

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SEASON OF EASTER – EASTER SUNDAY

LIFE Has the Last Word!

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Please join us as the UCJCI celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ together via an online Synodical Easter Sunday Service on April 12, 2020. Speaker and communion celebrant will be the Moderator, Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans. The service will be streamed live from Webster Memorial United Church (Jamaica) at 8 a.m. Those who can not join in at that time will be able to participate in the service at 11 a.m. via WhatsApp.

It may be fully justified to call 2020 the ‘Year of Covid-19’, for it will undoubtedly leave an indelible mark on everything, from our personal lives to world history; nevertheless, we must bring back into focus our collective and personal mandate, namely, that the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) has declared **2020 the Year of Evangelism!**

If you know anyone without internet connectivity please let them know that they will be able to hear a portion of the Easter sermon on the Worship the Lord Programme on Radio Cayman at 7:45 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Another House Worship liturgy will also be circulated later this week.

Although the global Covid-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented disruptions and drastic changes to our normal daily life, evangelism is still at the core of the Regional Mission Councils’ and Congregations’ activities for 2020.

LET US CELEBRATE!



SYNOODICAL EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

Sermon and Holy Communion by:
Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans,
Moderator, UCJCI

Theme: Life Has the Last Word!

April 12, 2020 | 8 a.m. (live stream) and 11 a.m. (WhatsApp)

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www.youtube.com/webstermemorialunitedchurch

It is of utmost importance that under these trying conditions we become more considerate and more creative in radiating the eternal truth and the boundless love of the gospel message. A lot of people around us – especially those who are debilitated by these extreme circumstances and find it difficult to cope with all the changes and restrictions- need to hear the ‘Good News’ of God’s mercy, presence, love and care even more than ever before, and in this, we all have a crucial part to play.

For evangelism is and always was a ‘personal matter’, a person to person interaction, one reaching out to another with empathy, understanding, encouragement and practical help. Connecting to another one in a Christ-like way is the very essence of evangelism.

In this second quarter of 2020 (April, May, June) we are invited to consider the **Cost of Discipleship** as part of our engagement in evangelism.

The cost of discipleship is both personal and collective, payed not only in money but also in the form of gratitude, obedience, self-denial, willing service and sacrifice of any kind, any time, anywhere, under any and every circumstances. It is unavoidable that in our newfound reality we may have to extend ourselves more in order to share the good news. But fear not, for a true disciple will never run out of resources, for we will always be able to draw on the nondepletable heavenly account of God’s riches.