



# 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:



\*The family of the  
Hon. Rev. Ashley  
Smith, OJ, CD, JP,  
who has passed on.

\*Rev. Nevroy  
Francis, whose  
grandmother, Mrs.  
Eva Cunningham-  
Johnson, has  
passed on.

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## Webster Memorial Says "Thanks" to the Champions of the COVID-19 Pandemic

**O**n July 19, 2020, among the first responders rendering their service to Webster Memorial United Church (Jamaica) who were specially invited to Jamaica during the the 8 a.m. service, many in COVID pandemic". commemorated a day to affirm and thank the first responders to the COVID-19 pandemic, those they regarded as, "The Healers of the Nation".

Medical personnel, including nurses, doctors, ambulance drivers, porters, pharmacists, lab technicians, as well as sanitation workers, the police and security agents were

uniform. These champions were lauded by Rev. Astor Carlyle, Minister of the Charge, on behalf of the congregation, for their "indomitable, courageous and compassionate spirit...in

Also specially invited guests, Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, and Leader of the Opposition, Dr. Peter Phillips, MP, delivered special messages of appreciation.

In delving into the theme of the sermon, "Jesus, Healer of Broken Bodies", Rev. Carlyle shared from



Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, and Leader of the Opposition, Dr. Peter Phillips, MP, join in the service of thanksgiving.

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Rev. Astor Carlyle, Minister of the Webster Memorial Charge of United Churches, delivers the sermon.

## STANDING COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS OF SYNOD

The ministry and mission of the **United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands** is undertaken through the work of **Synodical Committees**. These committees are made up of representatives from each Area Council, as well as individuals with experience and expertise in particular areas. Committees meet to carry out the plans approved by the Synod, and to make reports on the progress of their work.

There are **5 Standing Committees: Constitution and Doctrine, Church and Ministry, Finance, Property, and Strategic Planning for Mission**.

The **Children's and Youth Commissions** give focused attention to discerning the times and determining the UCJCI's Children's and Youth Ministry direction, in response to the need to be contextually-relevant and impactful. They provide direction to the setting of goals in the Church's ministries to persons between 0 and 12 years (Children's Ministry), and 13 to 25 (Youth Ministry).

The **Education Commission** is responsible for the management of our schools, and ensuring that the polity and ethos of the UCJCI are reflected in our schools.

## Webster Memorial Says "Thanks" to First Responders

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**St. Mark 2:1-12**—the story of the crippled man seeking help, whose companions stood in the gap for him. In creating an analogy of the man as our country, JAMAICA, Rev. Carlyle identified the man's companions as our nation's medical personnel and frontline workers. *"Over and over", he said, "our first responders have proven to this nation that they are a veritable bridge between our condition and our cure. With limited resources, you position brain and brawn, resources of intellect and elbow grease, standing as the glue preventing utter collapse of this nation."*

Rev. Carlyle said further that the same traits that the companions exhibited to the man, are the same that we as Jamaicans are called to display to break free from our crippling realities as a nation. He challenged the congregation to hold to the traits of compassionate cooperation and companionship, and to avoid shutting up their 'bowels of compassion' from those who need help. He challenged, *"Let our claims to care for persons be matched with actions that speak twice as loudly. Let us honourably serve with ears attentive to the cries of our sisters and brothers... and feet that operate in concert with minds to genuinely find solutions."* We thank God for these champions of a noble cause!



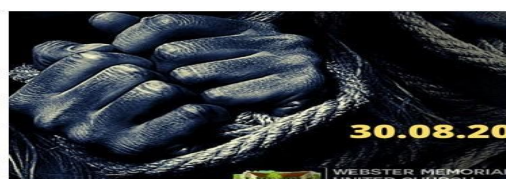
First responders exit the sanctuary.

**WEBSTER MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH**  
invites you to an  
**ONLINE TRANSFORMATIVE WORSHIP**  
EXPERIENCE

**THEME: RELEASED FROM LOCKDOWN**

**WHEN: SUNDAY AUGUST 30 @ 3:30 P.M.**  
**PRE-EVENT @ 3:00 P.M. (PRAISE & WORSHIP)**

**DO YOU KNOW**  
**ANYONE IN BONDAGE?**



**INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS...  
COME FOR A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE**

**MAKING**  
**DISCIPLES**  
*being*  
**DISCIPLES**

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## LEADERSHIP CORNER

### The Leader's Daily Dozen (Part 1)

If you're willing to work at making your organization a place where leaders lead and do it well, you'll need to shift your focus from leading the people, finding leaders, developing leaders, empowering the leaders while they lead the organization, to *servicing* the leaders as they lead the organization.

If you're ready to revolutionize your organization, then start the process by adopting what I call the "Leader's Daily Dozen". Every morning when you get up and get ready to lead your organization, make a commitment to these twelve power-unleashing activities.

**PLACE A HIGH VALUE ON PEOPLE.** The first shift for turning your organization into a leader-friendly environment must occur inside of you. You only commit yourself to things you value. And fundamentally, if you don't value people, you will never create a culture that develops leaders.

Most top leaders focus on two things: the vision and the bottom line. But between the vision and the bottom line are all the people in your organization. What's ironic is that if you ignore the people and only pay attention to these other two things, you will lose the people and the vision (and probably the bottom line). But if you focus on the people, you have the potential to win the people, the vision, and the bottom line.

**COMMIT RESOURCES TO DEVELOP PEOPLE.** Events are

great for creating lots of energy and enthusiasm, but if you want to facilitate growth, you need resources. They are better for development because they are process-oriented. You can take them with you. You can refer back to them. You can dig into the meat and skip the fluff—and you can go at your own pace.

**PLACE A HIGH VALUE ON LEADERSHIP.** I love what General Tommy Franks said about the ultimate leaders in the middle of the military—the sergeants:

*"The months in the desert had reinforced my longstanding conviction that sergeants really were the backbone of the Army...If a non-commissioned officer is dedicated to his troops, the squad or section will have hard, realistic training, hot food when it's available, and the chance to take an occasional shower. If a sergeant is indifferent to the needs of his soldiers, their performance will suffer, and their lives might be wasted."*

**LOOK FOR POTENTIAL LEADERS.** If leadership is on your radar and you value it, you will continually be on the lookout for potential leaders. Here are ten characteristics to look for in potential leaders:

They make things happen.  
They see opportunities.  
They influence the opinions and actions of others.  
They add value to you.  
They draw winners to them.  
They equip other eagles to lead.

They provide ideas that help the organization.

*They possess an uncommonly great attitude.*

They live up to their commitments.

*They show fierce loyalty to the organization and the leader.*

**KNOW AND RESPECT YOUR PEOPLE.** As you find leaders and develop them, you will get to know them better as individuals.

There are some characteristics that are common to all leaders that you should keep in mind as you take them through the development process:

People want to see results.

*People want to be effective—they want to do what they do well.*

People want to be in the picture.

*People want to be appreciated.*

People want to be a part of the celebration.

As you select people to develop, work to strike a balance between these universal desires and the individual needs of your people. Try to tailor the development process for each individual as much as you can.

*(To be continued in next week's Issue of the UCJCI Update.)*

Source: "The 360-Degree Leader" by John C. Maxwell



# UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER



UCJCI CAMP MINISTRY presents

**Virtual SUMMER LINK-UP** for

**Children and Junior Campers**

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 9, 2020

THURSDAY  
AUGUST 13, 2020

Time: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Theme: **CONNECTED**

*Activities:*

- ✓ Supper Bible Story
- ✓ Face Time
- ✓ Cyber Cafe
- ✓ Tik Tok for Jesus
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Virtual Games
- ✓ Voice Out
- ✓ Cross Talk
- ✓ Beach Day
- ✓ Kids Praise

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UCJCI CAMP MINISTRY presents

**Virtual SUMMER LINK-UP** for

**Teens and Youth Campers**

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 9, 2020

THURSDAY  
AUGUST 13, 2020

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Theme: **CONNECTED**

*Activities:*

- ✓ Praise and Prayer
- ✓ What about the WORD?
- ✓ Breakout Groups
- ✓ 3 day Challenge (Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok)
- ✓ Commitment Service
- ✓ Advocacy Raising the Prophetic Voice
- ✓ What's Up Deep Down!

GET CONNECTED AND SUBSCRIBE TO GOD

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**REGISTER AT: <http://ucjci camp form.manageyourchurch.com/>**

When completing the form, please do not place spaces between the digits of your telephone number, or use commas, apostrophes, etc.

## COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS FEATURE

UCJCI'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

**Individual Prayer:**  
Every Wednesday  
from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

(2 Timothy 1:7)

UCJCI'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

**POINTS FOR PRAYER**

- \* A stop to the spread of the disease.
- \* Healing for those who are infected with the disease.
- \* Strength, comfort and peace for the loved ones of persons who have died from the disease.
- \* Encouragement for the children who are confused and fearful during this time.
- \* That persons will draw closer to God, and families draw closer to each other, during this time.
- \* That all persons will take this matter seriously, and responsibly take the necessary precautions.
- \* Support for our healthcare systems and workers who are on the frontlines.
- \* Safety of all elderly persons, those with comorbidities and our tourism workers.
- \* Provision for the needy and those who have lost, or will lose, their jobs.
- \* Our local and world economies.