



# CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

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### A Word of Thanks

Those involved in youth ministry are much too familiar with the constant ups and downs, highs and lows of engaging young people. On some days it feels extremely rewarding and on others it is the most frustrating, challenging experience one can imagine; and that is under normal circumstances!

How about now, when the world and our personal lives have been turned upside-down? Certainly, the highs and lows have been amplified manifold. Yet, in the midst of global and local turmoil, life goes on, albeit with adjustments.

Our Youth Ministers and those in their company who are engaged in children and youth ministry have gone above and beyond their 'duty' as they rose to the challenge thrust upon them without warning, providing vital ministry in these crucial times. Despite the limitations placed upon them by the restrictions, they responded with ingenuity and creativity to reach out and 'journey' with our children and youth in these past months by utilizing online platforms and other meaningful ways. And they had to do this while they themselves were restricted to their homes and had to cope with the many challenges of isolation like everyone else.

Dear Youth Ministers and many volunteers of children and youth ministry, we thank you for your invaluable service, for your passion, commitment and dedication. We would like you to know that we love you and appreciate what you do in Christ's service. Do not be discouraged by perceived failures in your efforts. These are very difficult times for everyone. Take time to recharge spiritually, mentally and physically. Remember that you are not alone. Find and offer encouragement, hope and understanding among your fellow servants. Finally, keep an open mind and heart for the new ways and new things that God is preparing.

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love God, who have been called according to God's purpose."*

*Romans 8:28*

### Cautiously Emerging

As Covid-19 restrictions are gradually eased there is now more opportunity to much needed face-to-face interactions. Although with limitations due to regulations and space, our churches have opened their doors for corporate worship and resumed some of their 'pre-Covid' activities as well.

The long months of social isolation and distancing has brought into sharp focus what we all knew deep down in our hearts, that nothing can replace real, face-to-face human contact. There are many helpful and capable alternatives that can work effectively for a time, however, they are but temporary substitutes.

With great care and attention to detail the children and youth in our churches are slowly brought out into the 'open' to do what they enjoy the most: being together.



*On Saturday August 1, seven primary age youths from Savannah United Church visited the Parrot Sanctuary in East End...*



*...enjoying the outing and sharing love with some furry friends, too.*

Our churches are constantly looking for ways to reach out to their surrounding communities and share God's love in a practical way.



Sorting the school supplies at Savannah U.C. to be donated to needy fellow student at Clifton Hunter High School

On Friday August 7, a group of 24 teens from Savannah U.C packaged and delivered 25 'Back to School Bags' filled with school supplies to the Clifton Hunter High School.



The group and their leaders with Clifton Hunter High School Principal Dr. Richard Wildman.

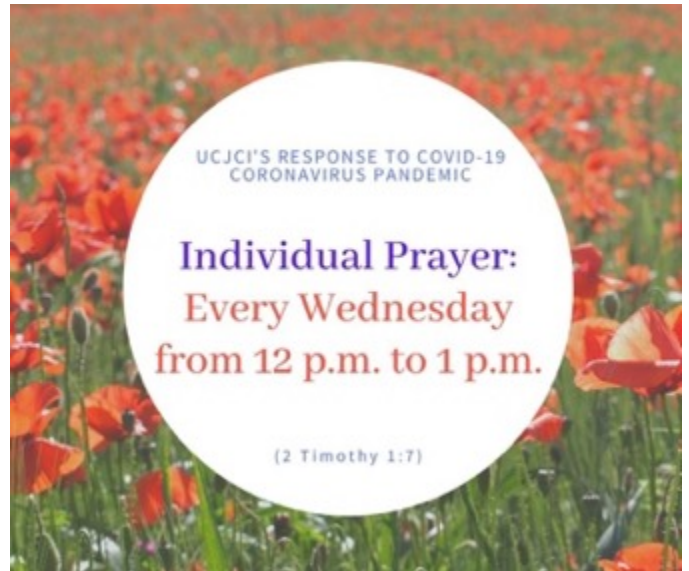


The group of teens from Savannah U.C at the Parrot Sanctuary in East End...



...and later in the afternoon playing a team driven game of Laser Tag at Strike Zone in George Town

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on Radio Cayman 89.9  
every Sunday at 7:45 am  
**August 16.**  
Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield

**August 16. (Sunday) 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**All local United Church congregations are open-** Please contact the offices for details.

**Worship Services** are also available via video links.

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