

UCJCI UPDATE

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OUR VISION: "Touching Lives, Nurturing Disciples, Seeking Transformation through Christ"

SYNODICAL THEME:

"Renewal and Transformation: Discipleship for Life"

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PRAY FOR:



*Rev. Raymond and Ruth Coke. Mrs. Rev. Godfrey and Lynette Mrs. and Lynette.

has passed on.

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UCJCI CARE PACKAGES DISTRIBUTION

from Church (PCUSA) in collaboration the initiative. with the Caribbean and North America Council Mission (CANACOM), the United Church in Jamaica and Cayman Islands (UCJCI) received funds in a COVID-19 response to the needs of the poor and vulnerable, and in particu-3 lar those who have been dislocated by the ravaging effects of the crisis.

Commenced in May 2020 and completed in July 2020, the objective of project was to provide, across Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, grocery baskets of essential food items for 200 families and elderly persons who have either lost their jobs or whose In our Western Regional pandemic.

*The family of Rev. Administered by the Re-Keith Gordon, who gional Mission Councils, the distribution was done previously employed to the

hrough a kind do- through local UCJCI congre- tourism sector who had the gations, and four hundred become unemployed due to Presbyterian and sixty (460) persons the impact of the pandem-USA benefitted directly from ic.

> was estimated to value Two (NERMC), sixty-two (62) Thousand Five Hundred Ja- grocery baskets were dismaican Dollars (J\$2,500.00) tributed to sixty-two (62) or USD Eighteen (US\$18), families, benefitting eighty with the total cost of the pro- -nine (89) persons, includject being Five Hundred ing children. The persons Thousand Jamaican Dollars who benefitted had either (J\$500,000) or Three Thou- the breadwinner lose his/ sand Six Hundred and Forty her job or their income was US Dollars (US\$3,640.00).

> In our Southern Regional Mission Council, sixty (60) worse by the pandemic. grocery baskets were distributed to sixty (60) families, In our Cayman Islands benefitting one hundred and Regional Mission Counforty seven (147) persons, cil, thirty (30) grocery gift including the elderly and vouchers children, and persons who KYD25.00 each were purhad lost their job or income chased and distributed to due to the pandemic.

Meghoo on the pass- principal support has lost Mission Council, fifty (50) ing of Mrs. Mary Man- their job or income as a grocery baskets were distribgaroo, sister to Ruth result of the COVID-19 uted to fifty (50) families, benefitting one hundred and fifty-nine (159) adults and children, including persons

In our North-Eastern Re-Each grocery basket of love gional Mission Council significantly reduced, and in some cases, their previous condition was made

> both members and nonmembers of the UCJCI, with approximately 65 persons directly benefitting from the initiative. Elderly persons, as well as those experiencing job loss due to the pandemic, children and indigent persons all benefitted. God be praised!

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CELEBRATIONS!

Birthday

70:

Rev. Dr. Derik Davidson September 16

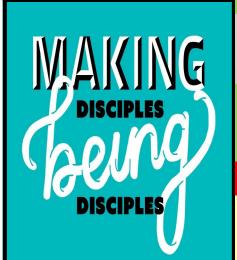
Rev. Henley Bernard Dr. Norma Smellie September 20

Rev. Kraig DeLeon-Diedrick September 21

UCJCI VALUES

In seeking to live out our calling, we particularly value and are committed to:

Evangelism: Sharing the story of God's amazing love demonstrated by Jesus Christ, in a relevant manner, to those without Christ in our community and beyond (Matthew 28:18-20).



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Care packages—The Southern Regional Mission Council distribution in his congregation.



Care packages in the Western Regional Mission Council



HOUSE WORSHIP LITURGIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

SEPTEMBER 20 Yahweh Machsi / The Lord My Refuge

SEPTEMBER 27 Yahweh Shalom / The Lord is Peace

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Leading Successfully at One Level Is a Qualifier for Leading at the Next Level

organizations rowing are always looking for good people to step up to the next level and lead. How do they find out if a person is qualified to make that jump? By looking at that person's track record in his or her current position. The key to moving up as an emerging leader is to focus on leading well where you are, not moving up the ladder. If you are a good leader where you are, I believe you will be given an opportunity to lead at a higher level.

As you strive to become the best leader you can be, keep the following things in mind:

LEADERSHIP IS A JOURNEY THAT STARTS WHERE YOU ARE, NOT WHERE WANT TO BE. You can't get anywhere until you first know where you are. Leadership is similar. To know how to get to where you want to go, you need to know where you are. To get where you want to go, you need to focus on what you're doing now. Ken Rosenthals said, "Each time you decide to grow again, you realize you are starting at the bottom of the ladder." You need to have your eyes fixed on your current responsibilities, not the ones you wish to have someday. I've never known a person focused on yesterday to have a better tomorrow.

GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES COME ONLY AFTER HANDLING SMALL ONES WELL.

When I teach at a conference or go to a book signing, people sometimes confide in me that they desire to write books too. "How do I get start-

ed?" they ask. "How much writing do you do now?" I ask in return. Some tell me about articles and other pieces they are writing, and I simply encourage them; but most of the time they sheepishly respond, "Well, I haven't really written anything yet." "Then you need to start writing," I explain. "You've got to start small and work up to it."

Leadership is the same. You've got to start small and work up to it. A person who has never led before needs to try to influence one other person. Someone who has some influence should try to build a team. Just start with what's necessary.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Start doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." All good leadership begins where you are. It was Napoleon who said, "The only conquests which are permanent and leave no regrets are our conquests over ourselves." The small responsibilities you have before you now comprise the first great leadership conquest you must make. Don't try to conquer the world until you've taken care of things in your own backyard.

LEADING AT YOUR CURRENT LEVEL CREATES YOUR RESUME FOR GOING TO THE NEXT LEVEL. When you go to see a doctor for the first time, you are usually asked a lot of questions about your family history. In fact, there are usually more questions about that than there are about your lifestyle. Why? Because family history, more than anything

else, seems to be what determines your health.

When it comes to leadership success, history is also similarly disproportionate. Your track record where you work now is what leaders will look at when trying to decide if you can do a job. If you want to get the chance to lead on another level, then your best chance for success is to lead well where you are now. Every day that you lead and succeed, you are building a resume for your next job.

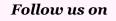
WHEN YOU LEAD VOLUNTEERS WELL, YOU CAN LEAD ALMOST ANYONE. If

you want to test your own leadership, then try leading volunteers. Why is that so difficult? Because with volunteers, you have no leverage. It takes every bit of leadership skill you have to get people who don't have to do anything to do what you ask. If you're not challenging enough, they lose interest. If you push too hard, they drop out. If your people skills are weak, they won't spend any time with you. If you can't communicate the vision, they won't know where to go or why.

Taking action—and helping others to do the same in a coordinated effort—is the essence of leadership. Do those things where you are, and you won't remain long there.

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

ALWAYS LOOK FOR WAYS TO EXPANDI











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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
- * 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 nec<mark>essar</mark>y 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, those in quarantine and those who have lost, or will lose, their jobs.
 - * Our local and world economies.



UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER

WORD FOR TODAY



"Get Connected with Jesus"

Sunday, September 13-Sunday, September 20, 2020 6:00-7:30 p.m. nightly



https://www.facebook.com/ridgemountunitedchurch/

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMwFvwm0QfwZ7bSSU6uBxEghttps://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmoXgjifqRK8WGoKfoTthnw

SOMETIMES

WHEN YOU'RE IN A DARK PLACE
YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN BURIED,

BUT ACTUALLY YOU'VE BEEN PLANTED.

Christine Caine

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