



UCJCI UPDATE

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

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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:



*Rev. Raymond and
Mrs. Ruth Coke,
Rev. Godfrey and
Mrs. Lynette
Meghoo on the pass-
ing of Mrs. Mary Man-
garoo, sister to Ruth
and Lynette.

*The family of Rev.
Keith Gordon, who
has passed on.

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UCJCI CARE PACKAGES DISTRIBUTION

Through a kind do-
nation from the
**Presbyterian
Church USA**
(PCUSA) in collaboration
with the **Caribbean and
North America Council
for Mission**
(CANACOM), the **United
Church in Jamaica and
the Cayman Islands**
(UCJCI) received funds in
a COVID-19 response to
the needs of the poor and
vulnerable, and in particu-
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 pro-
ject 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
principal support has lost
their job or income as a
result of the COVID-19
pandemic.

Administered by the Re-
gional Mission Councils,
the distribution was done

through local UCJCI congre-
gations, and **four hundred
and sixty (460) persons**
**benefitted directly from
the initiative.**

Each grocery basket of love
was estimated to value Two
Thousand Five Hundred Ja-
maican Dollars (J\$2,500.00)
or USD Eighteen (US\$18),
with the total cost of the pro-
ject being Five Hundred
Thousand Jamaican Dollars
(J\$500,000) or Three Thou-
sand Six Hundred and Forty
US Dollars (US\$3,640.00).

In our **Southern Regional
Mission Council**, sixty (60)
grocery baskets were distrib-
uted to sixty (60) families,
benefitting one hundred and
forty seven (147) persons,
including the elderly and
children, and persons who
had lost their job or income
due to the pandemic.

In our **Western Regional
Mission Council**, fifty (50)
grocery baskets were distrib-
uted to fifty (50) families,
benefitting one hundred and
fifty-nine (159) adults and
children, including persons
previously employed to the

tourism sector who had
become unemployed due to
the impact of the pandem-
ic.

In our **North-Eastern Re-
gional Mission Council**
(NERMC), sixty-two (62)
grocery baskets were dis-
tributed to sixty-two (62)
families, benefitting eighty
-nine (89) persons, includ-
ing children. The persons
who benefitted had either
the breadwinner lose his/
her job or their income was
significantly reduced, and
in some cases, their previ-
ous condition was made
worse by the pandemic.

In our **Cayman Islands
Regional Mission Coun-
cil**, thirty (30) grocery gift
vouchers valued at
KYD25.00 each were pur-
chased and distributed to
both members and non-
members of the UCJCI,
with approximately 65 per-
sons 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!*

CELEBRATIONS!

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70:

Rev. Dr. Derik Davidson
September 16

Rev. Henley Bernard
Dr. Norma Smellie
September 20

Rev. Kraig DeLeon-
Diedrick
September 21



Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels, RDGS, NERMC, hands a care package to Pastor Elmore Hall of Friendship Brook United Church for distribution in his congregation.

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).

Care packages—The Southern Regional Mission Council



Care packages in the Western Regional Mission Council

Grocery gift voucher in the Cayman Islands 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

Send comments and news about your congregation to: ucjiupdate@gmail.com

LEADERSHIP CORNER

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

Growing organizations 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 YOU 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 Rosenthal 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



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 co-morbidities 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



Southern Regional Mission Council
invites you to join our Online Evangelistic Services

"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/UCMwFvwm0QfwZ7bSSU6uBxEg>
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmoXgjfqRK8WGoKfoTthw>

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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