



# CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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### Always Reforming

by Rev. Otto Menko

When thinking about Reformation, we instantly recall the names of Martin Luther, John Calvin and the five ‘Solos’:

Sola scriptura (by Scripture alone)

Sola fide (by faith alone)

Sola gratia (by grace alone)

Solus Christus (Christ alone)

Soli Deo gloria (glory to God alone)

These, in a certain sense, sum up the essence of the Reformed Faith which emerged from the 1517 reformation. However, there is another aspect of Reformation that is lesser known but equally important. It is expressed in the Latin slogan, “*Ecclesia reformata et semper reformanda secundum verbum Dei*”,

#### “The church Reformed and always reforming according to the Word of God”.

This was coined by Jodocus van Lodenstein, a Dutch reformer, more than 100 years after the ‘giants’ of reformation, Luther, Calvin and Zwingli, passed on. It serves as a reminder that reformation is not something that once is done, it’s done for all. Reformation is an ongoing process. Once the Church disengages from it in order to hold on to practices, forms, structures and traditions uncritically, it is reformed only in name or in doctrine, but not in its essence. Yes, even a Church steeped, rooted in reformed theology can become ‘un-reformed’.

Reformation is not about the church seeking to be relevant, to be more contemporary, or staying current with the issues of the present age. Reformation is not about switching to more efficient marketing and management tools, devising and implementing new methodologies, exploring how to fit into the latest trends or creating a new image.

True reformation is about the daily, personal transformation of the believer. Reformation begins with the believer, in the heart, mind and soul of the individual as one seeks and submits to the authority and life-transforming power of the Word of God, aligning one’s faith and deeds to it. This, in turn, may ‘trickle’ upward and set in motion more wide-spread transformation and

eventually, may lead to systemic reformation, as it happened in Luther’s case.

What began as a personal transformation slowly turned into a systemic transformation. However, when this process is turned backwards, it doesn’t work. When grand schemes of systemic reformation are introduced, - even with the best intentions – they typically fail to reach and touch the individual. These initiatives may succeed in terms of becoming part of the system, guiding or regulating procedures and methods of operation and ministry but seldom translate into one’s personal transformation.

Reformation is a process. It has a beginning but no end. It is shedding what God deems corrupt and morphing into what God deems desirable and necessary, all in the light of God’s Word.

We, the Church must seek to be reformed if we want to be true to our call. The great challenge is to find ways to motivate and inspire church members, believers to engage in the process personally and consistently, with a deep seated desire to become more Christ-like for God’s glory and for the sake of ministry.

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### Congratulations!

The CIRMC wish to extend heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Diane Montoya who has been appointed as a Member of Programme Reference Group of the Council for World Mission (CWM) for the period October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024 representing the Caribbean region. We wish God’s blessing on her and her ministry.



Women’s Fellowship members at Elmslie UC gathered for the ‘Day of Prayer and Fasting’ on Sunday October 18, 2020.

## October Older Persons' Month



On October 16, 2020 several of EE and GB seniors were in attendance at the East End Senior Breakfast, organized by the Department of Children and Family Services as part of the Older Persons' Month activities.



## 2020 Ambassadors of Older Persons' Month (CIRMC)

*(as published in the 10/13/2020 edition of Cayman Compass)*

### Trevor Eyston Watler (Gun Bay United Church)



Trevor Eyston Watler was born on 2 Sept. 1936 in Gun Bay, close to the home he built and still lives in to this day. A family man, he was married to his schooldays sweetheart Vernicia née McLaughlin, his wife and soul mate for 55 years, raising four children together.

At 18 years old, Mr. Watler joined National Bulk Carriers and retired from an eventful life at sea after 28 years. Undaunted by the less than ideal studying conditions while a seaman, he studied every opportunity he got: sitting the Second Assistant

exam in Cape Town, the First Assistant exam in Kingston and the Chief exam in Mobile, Alabama, all while his ship was in dry dock. This single-mindedness (passing each exam at first sitting) meant that he valued getting an education and the sacrifices acquiring such knowledge takes. Such drive later led to him playing a pivotal role in helping youngsters reach their own career goals.

### Jane Ramoon (Elmslie United Church)



Jane Ramoon, affectionately known in the community as 'Aunt Jane', was born 22 May 1940. As the oldest of seven maternal siblings, in a close-knit family, she has always had a nurturing nature. In fact, her protectiveness not only benefitted her younger brothers and sisters, but extended beyond their yard

and out into the wider central George Town community.

In earlier years, Ms. Ramoon earned the nickname of 'Mother Hen', for her knack of ensuring that all the children were taken care of at any social function that was taking place.

## Cayman Prep & High School Priority Registration

If you have a child that is either hoping to join us in KG in 2021/22 or attends another pre-school, primary school, high school or is home-schooled and you would like them to potentially join Cayman Prep and High School in the 2021/22 academic year please note our **priority application deadline is October 31 2020.**

Only children who do not currently attend Cayman Prep should complete an online application form (available on our website [www.cayprep.edu.ky](http://www.cayprep.edu.ky))

If you have already applied, you do not need to do this again. If you are not sure if you have applied, please call the Primary School on 949-5932 or the High School on 949-9115. Alternatively email [hsadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky](mailto:hsadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky) or [psadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky](mailto:psadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky)

Priority status on our wait list is available to:

1. Children who are Members, or who are children or grandchildren of Members of the United Church, in good standing (requires Church letter)
2. Children of active adherents of the United Church (requires Church letter)
3. Children of current permanent staff of the School
4. Children who have a sibling in the School

5. Children who have previously had sibling/s in the School
6. Past students and children of past students of the School
7. Others in order of receipt of completed application form and application fee.

If you have any questions, please call the High School on 949-9115 or Primary School on 949-5932 or email [hsadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky](mailto:hsadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky) [psadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky](mailto:psadmissions@cayprep.edu.ky)

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The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands Lay Training Institute presents

# Built to Bend

'A series of Webinars designed to help build a resilient church to meet the challenges of COVID -19.'

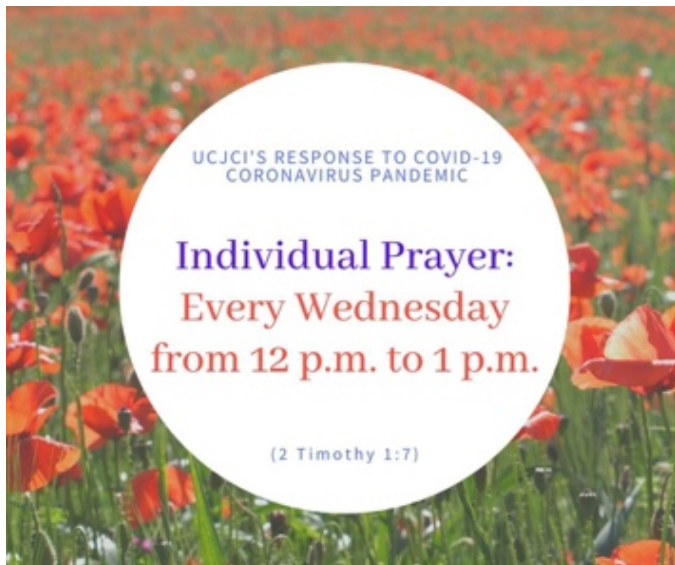
Saturdays 10 am - 12 noon in October and November

- Navigating the Digital Space (e.g. YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Zoom) - October 17
- Developing Content for Social Media - October 24
- Livestreaming Worship Services - October 31
- Producing a Worship Service for Livestreaming - November 7

**Presenters**

- Mrs Heneka Watkis Porter
- Rev. Kraig DeLeon Diedrick
- Ms Marlene Thomas.

WEBINARS ARE FREE TO PARTICIPANTS. JOIN BY ZOOM.  
Register through the UCJCI regional office closest to you.  
Zoom link will be provided on registration.  
GET CONNECTED AND STAY CONNECTED!



UCJCI'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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

(2 Timothy 1:7)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 24. (Saturday)  
**'Built to Bend' webinar** via Zoom – 10:00am-12:00 noon  
**YLNE Executive mtg** – 2:00pm Council office

**October 18. (Sunday) Reformation Sunday**

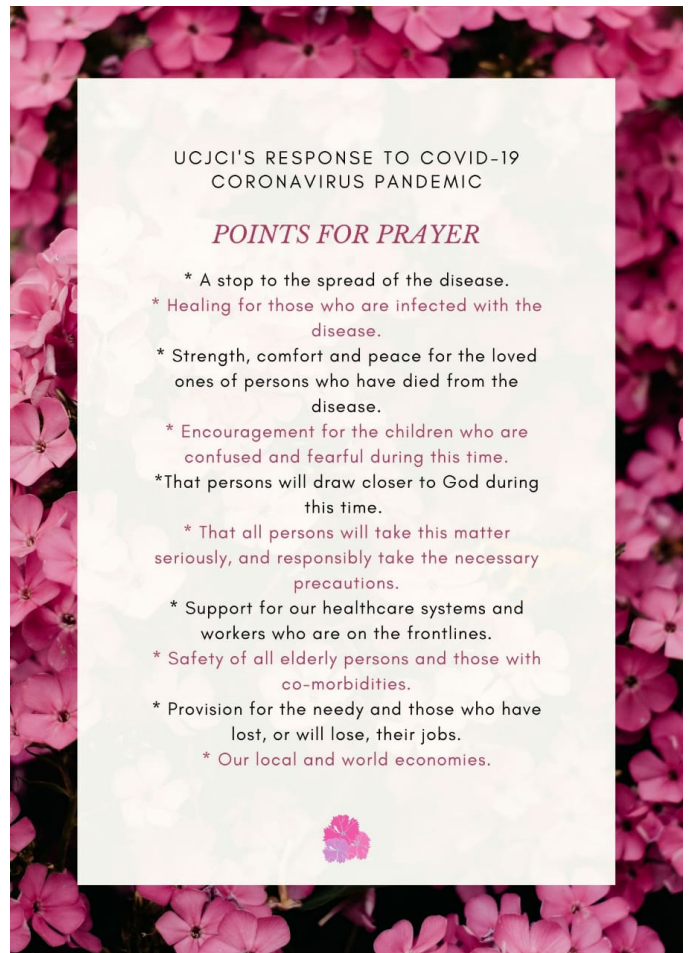
October 31. (Saturday)  
**'Built to Bend' webinar** via Zoom – 10:00am-12:00 noon

**November 01. (Sunday) 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



on Radio Cayman 89.9  
every Sunday at 7:45 am

**October 25, 2020**  
Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield



UCJCI'S RESPONSE TO 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 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 and those with co-morbidities.
- \* Provision for the needy and those who have lost, or will lose, their jobs.
- \* Our local and world economies.

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