

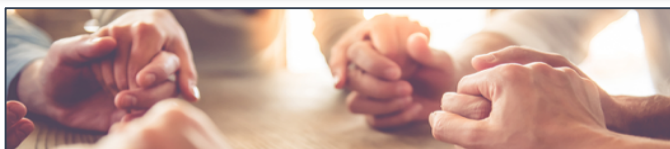


# CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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### The Evangelist as Intercessor

by Rev. Louis Sully

Please read Ephesians 1:15-18

The world's present situation has a psychological impact on people in many ways. That includes people who want to travel for leisure, for business, to visit friends and relatives. Those who are grieving find themselves isolated without any physical contact—the world seems to stop. There is a physical detachment that is not only troubles the mind of people but also creates confusion, fear, emotional distress, uncontrolled tears, and sickness. As much as we speak of technology, 5 G network, etc., we are underequipped to deal with this pandemic. If there is a time that we need each other the most, it is now. Now it is time to put aside all our differences to tend to each other.

Paul in Ephesians 1 gives us some guideline as to how we can tend to one another. In verse 15 he says,

*“ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.”*

As difficult as it is for us, we are encouraged to remember others in prayer. He continues in verse 17:

*“I keep asking God to give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation to know him better.”*

You see, having the knowledge of who Christ is will enable us to tend and pray for others with confidence and conviction. Believers ought to have the disposition of godly knowledge and insight at all time if they are to grasp the greatness of the hope that is in Christ. In verse 18, he says,

*“I pray so that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so you may know the hope that God has call you to.”*

That spiritually enlightened mind is an indication of your understanding and appreciation for the hope in Christ that will enable you to live in obedience to Him.

During this difficult time, I want to suggest a few things:

#### We ought to pray for each other

You may not have been affected by any sickness, but indirectly we all have been a victim of the pandemic. It created uncontrolled fears, stress, emotional distress, nervous breakdown, and confusion which could also be the result of the lack of faith in the Lord Jesus for many. Recently I visited an 83-year-old lady, who stated in our conversation that she was confused, and she did not have faith anymore. All this because of the pandemic and the number of people dying. There is no vaccine to help those who are affected, and she was unable to do the things she wanted to do.

How do you journey with those who are in the same or similar situation? We are underequipped to deal with this pandemic. Therefore, we have the ultimate responsibility to lift each other up in prayer. When we pray, we bring our fears, our emotional distress, and all our issues to the Lord Jesus. We read in Matthew 11:28-29

*“come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul.”*

We ought to pray for each other because prayer has power over everything.

#### How important is it to pray?

Some people think that prayer is a waste of time, but James 5:16 says that the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective, so when a righteous man prays for others who are discouraged and disillusioned, that prayer meets their inner needs. When we pray to the Lord, we obtain freedom from fear and anxiety, strength for our soul, wisdom, understanding, and peace.



*“Cast all your anxiety upon him because he cares for you.” (1Peter 5:7)*

It is important to pray because it brings inward strength, the knowledge of God's love, the knowledge of God's will, discernment, spiritual understanding, patience, deliverance, and steadfastness.

**When we pray for others we intercede on their behalf.**

In the book of Lamentations, the prophet lament for the people in 3:31-32 and 49-5

*“My eyes flow unceasingly without relief until the Lord looks down from heaven and sees. What I see brings grief to my soul. For men are not cast off from the Lord forever. Though He brings grief, He will show compassion so great is his unfailing love.”*

Paul in Ephesians says:

*“I have not stopped giving thanks for you and remembering you in my prayers, I keep asking for God to give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, and the eyes of your heart maybe enlightened to the hope he has called you to.”*

We are living in difficult times and we need each other to be able to make it through. Hence the reason we ought to pray for one another, because prayer has power over everything. It is important to pray because it brings inward strength, the knowledge of God’s love, the knowledge of God’s will, discernment, spiritual understanding, patience, deliverance, and steadfastness. And when we pray, we intercede for others. As you go through your trials, your affliction, your confusion we want you to know that we are praying for you. As Paul says we always remember you in our prayers.

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**PRAYER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT CONVERSATION OF YOUR DAY. TAKE IT TO GOD BEFORE YOU TAKE IT TO ANYONE ELSE.**

**Savannah United Church Youth**

by Ms. Camile Watt

On Saturday November 14, 2020, the Savannah United Church hosted their very first SPA Day with the teens of the Youth Discipleship Group. The evening started with presentations, “Nurturing the Physical and the Spiritual Woman” by Camile Watt (Youth Minister) with the girls and “Man Talk” by Mr. Mark Hull with the boys.



At the end of the presentations, the females received two parcels each of personal hygiene care packages compliments of the Cayman Pharmacy Association. Two Sunday School Classrooms were transformed into A Spa and the girls were given the option of having a ten-minute upper body massage, a pedicure or a manicure all done by Youth Leaders. While the girl’s waited, they were entertained with team challenge games and refreshments in the Hall.



“Man Talk” lead by Mark Hull. Other leaders: Dr. Delano Barrett, Kemar Ferron and Mrs. Donnett Barrett

The boys were scheduled to go fishing but due to bad weather it was postponed. The evening was well spent, and the boys also had fun playing games.



Games with mixed group







## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 29, 2020 6:00pm  
East End United Church

Guest preacher Rev. Mary Graham  
Theme: **In Everything Give Thanks!**

Please make every effort to attend this special service. Please confirm/apologize so that we can organize transportation. A special offering will be taken for the Savannah United Women's Fellowship in support of The Francis Borden Girl's home.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 21. (Saturday)

**'Darkness to Light' Training**—9:00-11:30am Savannah UC

November 22. (Sunday) 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 23. (Monday)

**Council Executive mtg.** via Zoom – 6:30pm

November 28. (Saturday)

**'Child Care & Protection Policy' Workshop** – 9:00-11:00am via Zoom

November 29. (Sunday) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (HOPE)

November 30. (Monday)

**Council mtg.** – 6:00pm



on Radio Cayman 89.9  
every Sunday at 7:45 am

**November 22, 2020**  
Rev. Louis Sully



(CCPP)

## Child Care & Protection Policy

### WORKSHOP

For all those assisting in children and  
youth ministry who have not been trained

November 28, 2020 9:00 — 11:00am

To register please contact your minister or the  
Council office at 947-1963 or [cirmc.info@gmail.com](mailto:cirmc.info@gmail.com)

### 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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