



# CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

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### Moderator's 2021 Easter Message



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Easter message comes to you in a period in which we have experienced at least a year of pandemic conditions. The corona virus has altered so much of life as we know it with much uncertainty, discomfort and illness and for some the specter of death has been a haunting reality. We grieve with those who grieve the passing of

their loved ones and we stand in solidarity with those who currently face significant health challenges, whether caused or exacerbated by the direct or indirect impact of the pandemic.

This Easter message is meant to remind us together that at the heart of our faith is the astounding reality of a God who chooses to live in and among people, bearing and experiencing the challenges of human life and who is in every sense acquainted with grief. Jesus knows all about our trials. Our God does not recoil in the face of trouble.

Jesus' life on earth is the seminal example of how to face disaster. With fortitude, He bore the cross and emerged on the other side of death.

Yes, emerged victoriously!

The Christian faith is a Resurrection Faith. It is founded on this amazing fact that, for the sake of the world, God in person engaged the human experience, confronted trials, faced the reality of death and then declared for all who would hear that death does not have the last word. The Lord and Giver of Life declares to us that it is Life that has the final word.

*"The world will see Me no more, but you will see Me, Because I live, you will live also" (John 14v 19)*

Jesus' glorious resurrection, more than a unique event to be recalled once per year, is meant to propel in each of His followers a fresh, bold, new way of looking at life and an unparalleled, refreshing option of how to choose to live. Jesus' resurrection means that we can live, hopefully.

Each of us individually and the Church collectively have the privilege of living in the perpetual Resurrection Hope.

In these most difficult times, even when circumstances appear disastrous, God's word to us is Life.

We give God thanks for the speedy development of safe and effective vaccines and for the continued faithful work of the medical, other scientific and support personnel who selflessly strive to provide health care in this extended period of trial.

You and I as Christians have been at the forefront of demonstrating in our societies, by both word and action, what it means to be our brother's and sister's keepers. Compassionate and disciplined responses amid this crisis must continue to be our witness to God's grace in the world.

I urge you to hold fast to the Resurrection Hope and, like our Leader, emerge, having bourn our cross, to live, indeed to live more abundantly. A brighter day dawns. God bless you all.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans  
Moderator

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### CPHS 2021 Prayer Space

*By Mrs. Bertranne Abrams-Menko  
Teacher, RE/PSHE Subject Leader*



This year marked the 7th annual Prayer Space event at Cayman Prep Primary School. During this time, the students, teachers, staff and parents were given the opportunity to openly engage in an "Underwater" themed Prayer Space set up in the school's Library. This year, the theme was Shout for Joy, using the theme song, "Shout to the North and the South" (which all the children learned and could even sing the chorus in sign

language!) and the memory verse: Psalm 89:12 “The north and the south, You have created them; shout for joy at Your name.”



This is a special ministry and a much-anticipated time in the school year. The students were excited for the opportunity to see what the space had to offer and to learn, think and be still while adults relished the peace and tranquillity that the Prayer Space brings. The Library area was transformed into a haven of peace for 10 days, with areas for praying in different ways. Students could offer prayers of thankfulness and praise; pray for issues or people around the world; pray for themselves and their families; and had opportunities for time to be still and share their dreams with God; listen to music; ask for forgiveness; ask God BIG questions and recognize their own beauty in God’s eyes. Staff are often overwhelmed by the students’ insightfulness and selflessness in terms of their offered prayers and comments and humbled by their responses, their tenderness and kindness, and ultimately their desire to learn and want to know more about who God is.

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## Baptisms & Reception of New Members in the George Town Charge



On March 27, 2021, twenty persons received the Sacrament of Baptism in the George Town Charge. They have been waiting

patiently for the arrival of this special day since last Spring when their baptism was put on hold due to the restrictions introduced on the island to curb the spread of the pandemic.



*(The reception of new members at Elmslie UC)*

Among those baptized and received into membership were several children and youth. We wish God’s continuing blessing upon the ministry in both the Elmslie and South Sound Congregations under the leadership of the Rev. L. Christopher Mason.



*(The reception of new members at South Sound UC)*

## Savannah UC Youth Discipleship Group

*By Ms. Camile Watt (Youth Minister)*

On Saturday, March 27, 2021, the Savannah United Church Youth Discipleship group ventured to Kaibo Beach Park in Northside for a time of fishing and fellowship.

The afternoon started with a little talk and prayer by Mr. Chester Hurlston, then the teens were guided to the ocean to cast their lines. There were eight leaders and Nineteen teens in total.

The group was refreshed with a tasty meal of fish and fritters with bun and cheese after which we made our way to the Grape Tree Cottage for an evening of bonfire, spiritual reflections.

After enjoying some smores by the bonfire, the teens tuned into an intriguing testimony time with Mr. Reuben Barnes followed



by a time of reflection. Each person was asked to write their confessions and burn them in the bonfire.



(The group – Fishing Trip – Recommitment Service)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 7 (Wednesday)**

Finance & Property MAT Meeting - via Zoom - 6:30pm

**April 10 (Saturday)**

Lay Leaders Certificate Course Day 4/13 – via Zoom

**April 11. (Sunday) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

42<sup>nd</sup> Synod of the UCJCI begins – via Zoom – 1:00pm

**April 18. (Sunday) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

42<sup>nd</sup> Synod of the UCJCI concludes – via Zoom – 4:00pm



on Radio Cayman 89.9  
every Sunday at 7:45 am

**April 11, 2021**

Rev. Euthman Wray &  
Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield

# WILL YOU STAND IN THE GAP

**A call to Corporate Repentance**

EZEKIEL 22:30  
**"I LOOKED FOR SOMEONE AMONG THEM WHO WOULD BUILD UP THE WALL AND STAND BEFORE ME IN THE GAP ON BEHALF OF THE LAND SO I WOULD NOT HAVE TO DESTROY IT. BUT I FOUND NO ONE."**

## R Y/Savannah United Church

### Youth Ministry

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## Youth LMK-26P

## Open Air Fellowship

On the Savannah United Church Grounds

**April 30, 2021**

Starting at 7:30pm-9:30pm

Guest Speaker: Pastor Cassius Feare

Special Guest Performer: MICHELLE T

GT/SS

EE/GB

BT/NS

W.B

WEBSTER MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

# Tea Party

APRIL 24, 2021 | 3PM TO 7PM

266 BODDEN TOWN RD.

Tickets: \$10.00

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## A Call to Prayer

Every Wednesday

12 noon—1:00 pm

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