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Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council POPULAR REPORT

Highlights from Council Meeting held on September 25, 2021.

A regular meeting of the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council was held via Zoom on Saturday, September 25, 2021, with nineteen Delegates in attendance, representing the nine Congregations in attendance. Mr Ransford Myers was introduced as a new delegate from the William Pouchie Memorial United Church.

Devotion, which was led by the Chair, Rev Rohan Forrester focused on 'Receiving Hope and Sharing Hope'. The General Secretary, the Rev. Norbert Stephens attended the meeting and presented the Synod's September 2021 Remit.

A Moment of Silence was observed for the Rev Dr Major Norman Francis who made his transition on September 12, 2021. He was the former lecturer and United Church Warden at the United Theological College of the West Indies.

The General Secretary and the Chair of the Church and Ministry Committee, Rev Euthman Wray informed the Council that there are three Candidates for Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, namely Mrs. Anna Kay Henry McGregor, Ms Sandra Collins, and Mr Wendell McKoy. They will be ordained in November 2021.

The Council has received approval from the Central Mission Council to name the building that houses the Conference Area and the Dormitories at the Prospect Youth Centre, the Olive Miller Memorial Building. The event to name the building will be held on November 15, 2021.

Rev Donovan Myers returned to full pastoral duties on September 1, 2021. Rev Sully will end his Council appointed tenure at John Gray on September 30, 2021. The RDGS ended her tenure on July 31, 2021.

The East End/ Gun Bay Charge remains vacant, and the Charge Profile is being developed under the leadership of the Interim Minister and the Lay Pastor.

In response to the community spread of the positive COVID-19 cases, Council has provided all Congregations with protocols in alignment with the Cayman Islands Government protocols.

There has been a marked decline in the number of persons attending in-sanctuary worship.

All the Mission Action Teams provided reports to the Council. The following matters were raised:

Youth and Children

- Church School at Robert Young Memorial – this is being explored by the Minister and Congregation.
- The Summer Camps were well attended, and all Charges held Vacation Bible School.
- The After School Program has resumed at the John Gray Memorial Church with over forty students in attendance.
- SASEP- the After School Program continues at the Savannah United Church with twenty-nine students in attendance.
- YLNE- Plans are in place for the Youth Council Sports Night and the Annual Christmas Dinner for the young people.

Discipleship

- Work being done to develop the ministry to the Young Adults and Men in the Council.
- Thursdays in Black -in response to this WCC/UCJCI adopted campaign against domestic violence, the Women's Fellowship has purchased black polo shirts for members to wear on Thursdays and on other occasions. Members of the Council decided that each Congregation should join in supporting the campaign and invite Members of the Congregation to acquire polo shirts with the UCJCI logo and the Thursdays in Black slogan.

Evangelism

- Council participated in the three events organized by the Synod's **Evangelism Committee** -the Evening of Comfort on June 27, 2021, the Evening of Testimony on July 25, 2021, and the Week of Evangelistic Services on September 21, 2021. These can be viewed on the UCJCI YouTube Channel.
- **Back to Church Sunday** was held on September 12, 2021, but with only 696 persons in attendance. A note was taken of the fact that the COVID-19 community spread had an impact on the attendance.

Mission

Cayman Prep and High School

- Council thank Pastor Ormond Williams for his tenure as the Chair of the Board of Governors of the Cayman Prep and High School. Mrs Sheena Thompson has been Acting Chair since August 15, 2021. Council appointed **Rev. Donovan Myers** as Governor, and he will assume the position of Chair

as of November 1, 2021. **Mr Craig Smith** was appointed Governor and Treasurer.

- The UCJCI Ethics Prize for the 2020-2021 academic year was awarded to **Janani Kumar** and was presented by the Vice-Chair for Mission, Ms Tessa Bodden at the Year 11 Graduation Ceremony held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.
- The Council received the summary of the external examination results for the 2020-2021 academic year and the students' performance was highly commended by Members of Council. Year eleven student, **Thomas Penner** received 12A* at the I/GSCE level. Most of the year thirteen graduates received places in universities.

Disaster Relief Response

- The CIRMC has responded to both the disasters in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Haiti through offerings received from members and adherents. The amount of CI \$8,684.75 was donated to SVG and \$5,991.00 to Haiti. We continue to support these two nations with our prayers.

Technology:

Council is in the process of reviewing the unitedchurch.org.ky website.

Finance and Property:

- Fincor provided Council with the January to August Financial review.
- Council took the following decisions via a resolution:
 - The Chair of Council was added as a signatory to the Council's account
 - Three members of the Cayman United Church Corporation were removed from the Council's account, but all were retained on the CUCC accounts.
 - All Congregations will move to the online banking platform as of December 31, 2021.
- The valuation of all the properties will be conducted by DDL Studio between October and December 2021. This is in keeping with the recommendation from RSM. Congregations will cover the cost of the properties under their stewardship.

Congregation Reports

Each Congregation reported to the Council using the Worship, Witness, and Work schema. Most indicated that the new community spread of the coronavirus has already started to impact attendance at worship.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday, November 29, 2021, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

The CIRMC continues to encourage full compliance with current official restrictions and safety measures introduced in the Cayman Islands.



All are invited!
OCTOBER 16, 2021

Cayman Council Women's Fellowship presents

Gathering 2021
Theme: Creating Awareness for Gender Violence

Venue: Savannah United Church
9 am – 2:00 pm
Come Expecting a Dynamic Educated Programme

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 03. (Sunday) 19th Sunday of Pentecost

October 10. (Sunday) 20th Sunday of Pentecost

October 13. (Wednesday)

Finance & Property Committee Meeting – 5:30pm – via Zoom



on Radio Cayman 89.9
every Sunday at 7:45 am

October 3, 2021
Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield
and Rev. Donovan Myers

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