#### **Ordination: Occasion and Opportunity**

#### By Rev Henley Bernard, Director of Ministerial Formation

The rite of ordination is one of the most anticipated academic and formational), the and celebrated events in the life of the church. The candidate's suitability for participation in the practice has been part of the Christian community's life in the way described above, and the from earliest times. It has its origins in Jesus' call of his embrace of the candidate, through the 'laying on of commission of them on the eve of his ascension (Matt. fellowship, as colleague and partner in the faith 16-20), and the act of consecration witnessed in the community's commitment to serve the cause of Christ. doing of the leaders of the early church as they set apart, first the deacons, and then Paul and Barnabas to the specific ministry to which they were appointed or sensed they were being called (Acts6:6; 13:1-3).

sections of the church, in the reformed community to third word is that which means "to select by the which the United Church belongs, it is considered an stretching forth of the hand" (Acts 6:6; 14:23). ordinance and is the ritual through which those sensing a call to serve in the office of pastor have that authority conferred upon them by the faith community. The person being ordained is authorized to preach the Word, administer the Sacraments and ordinances and provide leadership, among other things, in the pursuit of the mission entrusted by Jesus Christ.

Ordination is not to be regarded so much as the gaining of status as it is the celebration of the preparation undergone by the candidate (usually

recognition of the during the early days of his ministry, his hands' and the extension of 'appropriate signs of

In the New Testament there are several words that embody the notion of ordination. Among them is that which means "to put or place." (Acts 13:2,3). Secondly, there is that which means "to make someone something" and carries the idea of conferring upon While ordination is considered a sacrament in some someone the office of an elder or pastor. (Titus 1:5-7). A

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For those being ordained, there is the challenge of dedication of self at three levels. These include dedication of self as living sacrifices for the service of God (Rom 12:1), dedication to the church which speaks of accountability. Note that Paul reported to the church after each missionary journey (Acts 14:23-28; Acts 21:17-26). There is also dedication to humankind, a reminder that ministry is not self-seeking but invites us to seek the good/salvation of all of humanity. (John 3:17).

Finally, ordination must be celebrated as being both occasion and opportunity. It is the occasion when an individual or small group of individuals give public witness to their dedication to the service of Jesus Christ. this is accompanied by the opportunity for everyone else witnessing this moment of consecration to engage in personal acts of commitment or recommitment to that same service. Let us pray that the occasion of Ordination 2021 will lead us to embrace this opportunity

### Meet the 2021 Ordinands

### Pastor Anna-Kay Henry-McGregor



**Age:** 30

Place of Birth: Port Maria

Place of Residence: Cromwell Land, Highgate

St Mary

Home Church: Carron Hall United, NERMC Currently serving at Bethel Charge: Esher,

Marlborough, Airymount and Bethel Favorite Scripture: Philippians 1:6 Hobbies: Riding motor bikes, baking Fun Fact: I have a deep love for my dogs.

Mantra: The best is yet to come

# Pastor Wendell McKoy Justice of the Peace



**Age:** 49

Place of Birth: Mount Regale, St. Mary Place of Residence: Islington, St. Mary

Home Church: Mount Regale United NERMC Currently serving at Salem Charge of United Churches: Heywood Hall United, Salem United,

and Zion Hill United

Favorite Scripture: Job 23:12

**Hobbies:** Serving others, reading, and watching

sports

Fun Fact: I am the family comedian Mantra: God must Get All the Glory

#### Pastor Sandra Collins

Intern Minister



**Age:** 47

Place of Birth: Mt. Pleasant Dist.

St. Elizabeth

Place of Residence: Paygon Drive, Santa Cruz Home Church: Webster Memorial United,

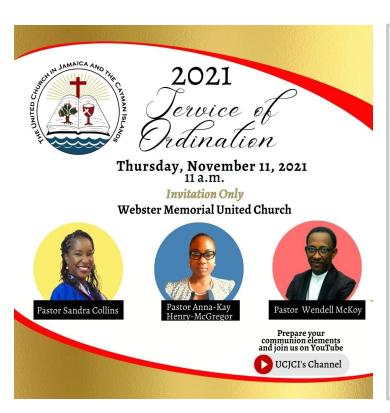
**NERMC** 

Currently serving at Santa Cruz United

Favorite Scripture: 1 John 4:4

**Hobbies:** Sleeping, watching television, cooking **Fun Fact:** Can you believe that I love buying shoes, only to figure out that I really cannot wear them all at once, especially in our vocation. Reality check! All I need to have in my person is one pair of black shoes that goes with every outfit. Go figure. That is no fun at all. Ladies 'mus hav nuff shoes'.

**Mantra:** God is good and no matter what is going on around you it will/ does not stop Him from being good.



# You are invited to our 2021 Service of Ordination to word and sacrament.

In keeping with the COVID-19 protocols, only 50 persons will be invited to the sanctuary.

We are looking forward to your viewing, prayers and well wishes in the comments of the live stream on the UCJCI YouTube Channel.

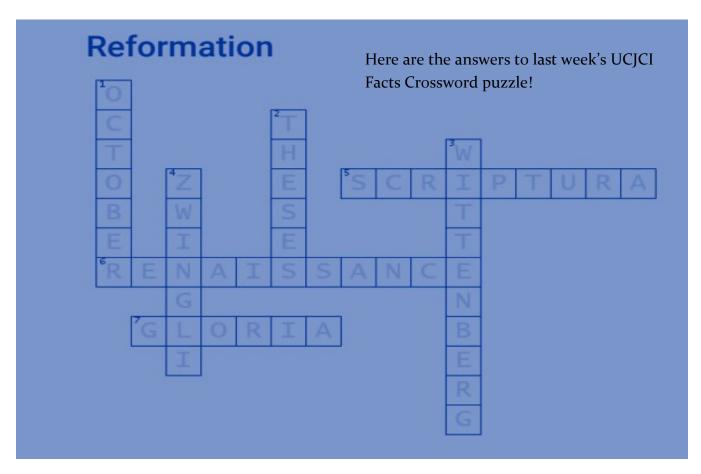
#### UCJCI's Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/user/UCJCI
Please, prepare your elements to participate
in Holy Communion.



# UCJCI Facts ORDINATION EDITION

SSDRNUEA	Last name of the 1st Female ordained by UCJCI.
WHTIE	Last name of the first Female Moderator of UCJCI.
NOODRG	Last name of the 1st Moderator to serve 2 consecutive terms.
VADDOSIN	Last Name of the 1st Moderator of UCJCI.
HTREE	How many persons will be ordained on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2021
HHIECSTPRRO	Last Moderator to serve 2 consecutive terms.
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#### CAYMAN ISLAND REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

#### This week's focus: **Every Life Matters to God**

God in His love sent Jesus Christ to die and take our judgement.

Jesus as our Great High Priest is still in heaven pleading ourcase. The search for every lost sheep must continue.

Every Life Matters to God by Ms. Camile Watt, Youth Minister of Savannah Charge

Please read St. Luke 15:1-7

### everyone?

he gave his one and only Son, that whoever does God even care? believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." The New Living Translation says everyone who believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. As the representative of the Godhead, Jesus displayed God's love and affection to children when He said, "suffer the little children to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom of heaven."

(Matthew 19:14) He displayed this same love and compassion towards the sick, the needy, the hungry, those that thirst, and those suffering from sin. He showed compassion to those tormented by evil spirits and those plagued with leprosy and scorned by others. He ministered to thieves such as Zacchaeus and to prostitutes like Mary Magdalene.

He showed compassion to the abused and the abuser, when he declared, "He who is without sin, cast the first stone." (John8:7) He was accused of having fellowship with drunkards in

Matthew 11: 19, "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners". God showed compassion then and he still shows compassion now. God may not How does God show compassion for matter to everyone, but everyone matters to God.

### John 3: 16 says "For God so loved the world that Why do we matter so much to God? Why

In Psalm 139:14 the author declares that "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." God made each of us in our own unique and special way, formed and fashioned in the likeness of God.

He makes each of us with that special ingredient that makes us so different from another, this is what makes us so precious in God's eyes.

#### We matter to God because we are created made human beings on the earth, and his heart with a purpose.

Which inventor creates a device that serves no purpose? Even an artist creates a masterpiece with a hidden meaning of a deeper expression that can be appreciated by its viewers. God favor in the eyes of the Lord." One life mattered. with Him.

#### We matter to God because we are created in love, for love, and by love because God is love.

John 15:13 tells us, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people, which are friends." God is love. God's intentions and burning desires are all an epiphany of love.

#### We matter to God because God desires relationships.

He created an entire world for Adam and gave him dominion over everything, God even made man higher than the angels. God gave us free will and the ability to choose God as a friend. God's desire is to prosper us and give hope, a bright future, and an expected end. How much more can we ask or demand of a caring and compassionate God, who sent His only Son to give us that second chance that Adam gave up, to have a relationship with our creator?

### If you were God, would every life matter to

We all know the story of Noah. In Genesis 5 the Bible tells us that "The Lord regretted that he had

was deeply troubled. 7 So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground-for I regret that I have made them." 8 But Noah found created you with a divine purpose, that can God spared the entire earth for just one man, only be revealed when you have a relationship Noah. God gave humankind many chances to get it right, but nothing could stop us from walking in sin. Romans 23: 3 tells us that "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" because of one man sin entered the world but because of Christ Jesus we now have new hope, a new beginning, a restored relationship with God our creator.

> called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

> God still hears your cry; he knows your concerns but because of free will, we still have our part to play. Isaiah 1:18 tells us that God calls us to "Come let us reason together". Open your heart to God today. You are created with a purpose, with love and to be joined in a deeper relationship with your creator. Be reconciled with God by accepting the work of Jesus Christ who died for your sins. Accept Jesus now, because you matter.

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#### HAITI RELIEF

Since the earthquake, which had its epicenter near Haiti, on Saturday August 14, 2021, has devastated the nation, the country has been experiencing strong tremors. Many persons are still homeless and living under rubbles. Some are hesitant to erect concrete structures as they fear another earthquake at any given time.

At the last count, the death toll was 2,207, with 344 people still missing. The severe physical, economic and social impact on Haiti have been made more challenging as shortly thereafter they experienced the passage of Tropical Storm Grace. All of this follows the recent assassination of their President.







As part of our initial response as a church, we wish to offer financial support to the relief efforts in Haiti, through our established contacts there.

We are aware of the restrictions on attendance in worship in Jamaica and would suggest that, where possible, congregations make a contribution from their own funds.

#### **How to Donate**

#### Cayman Islands:

Send your contributions to your local congregations,

which will then remit the same to the Cayman Regional Office

#### Jamaica:

Bank: National Commercial Bank Jamaica Ltd

Address: 90-94 Slipe Rd.

Kingston 5

**Account Name:** United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

**Account #: 234297392** 

Type of account: Savings

#### **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

## AFFECTING CONGREGATIONAL LIFE IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

#### -From the Office of the General Secretary

Given evidence of a community spread of COVID-19 in the Cayman Islands, the Government has reintroduced regulations to control the spread of the virus, including but not limited, to protocols for travel and gatherings. Consequently, indoor gatherings are now restricted to 100 persons. The restrictions are in place until November 22, 2021.

The Government of Jamaica, on October 26, 2021, announced amendments to an order under the Disaster Risk Management Act (DRMA) to facilitate in-person worship at churches on Sundays. These provisions are for the period October 29 to December 10, 2021.

Please note and be guided by the following:

- 1. Church Services Sundays are no longer designated 'no movement days,' with the curfew set at 8 p.m. Services are allowed under the following condition:
  - The number of persons allowed in the sanctuary for worship should be determined by the physical distancing requirement of a minimum of six feet between persons, but should not exceed <u>50 persons</u>.

The other relevant provisions remain the same as under:

- 2. **Weddings** the maximum number of persons allowed is **50**.
- 3. No physical crusades, conferences or conventions will be permitted.
- 4. Funeral services are allowed with a maximum of <u>20 persons</u> within the place of worship or facility.
- 5. **Burials** are allowed for <u>30 minutes</u> Mondays to Fridays between **9 am and 4 pm** with a <u>maximum of 15 persons</u> at the graveside.
- 6. Physical Gatherings are limited to 10 persons.
- 7. Stay at home persons 60 years and over. Fully vaccinated persons are exempt.

Please note that the wearing of masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing are still required for public spaces and gatherings.

We invite you to comply with these provisions.

#### Prayer Corner

- Rev Rohan Kong and his wife whose newborn son, Joel Kong, remains in hospital since birth.
- Pastor Ormond Williams who lost his mother.
- Rev. Mason who is unwell.
- Mrs. Karen Francis, whose husband Rev. Dr. Norman Francis has passed on.
- The Climbing number of COVID-19 infections in the Cayman Islands.
- The number of COVID-19 infections in Jamaica.
- Patients, families and workers in the health sector in Jamaica.
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID
   19.
- Crime and Violence in Jamaica
- The people of Haiti and Afghanistan.
- Victims, Family Members and the body of Christ affected by the operations and principles of Pathway International Kingdom Restoration Ministries in St. James.

#### A Prayer

Almighty God,

Give us strength to live another day; Let us not turn coward before difficulties or prove recreant to our duties. Let us not lose faith in other people and preserve us from minding little stings or giving them.

Amen.

### Liturgy for at Home Worship

November 14, 2021

Jesus The Once and For

All Sacrifice

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14;
15-18; 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

God in His love sent Jesus Christ to die and take our judgement. Jesus as our Great High Priest is still in heaven pleading our case. The search for every lost sheep must continue.

#### **NOVEMBER**

- ⇒ Church School Month
- ⇒ Men's Health Month
- ⇒ National Parent Month in Jamaica:

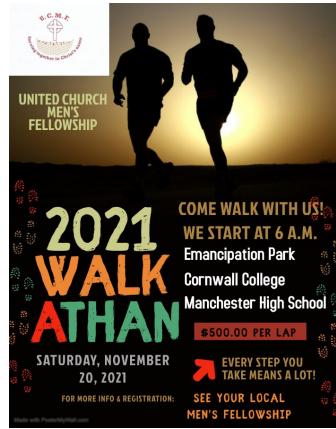
#### **2021 Theme-**

'Positive Parenting, impacting Generations'

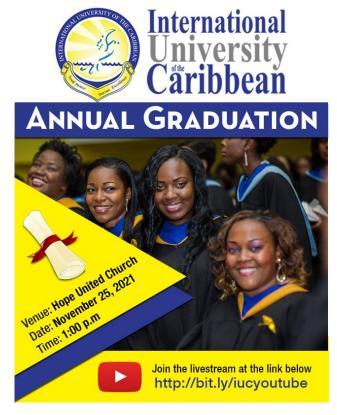
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#### **NOTICES**











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