



## Black History Month

“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up” (Deuteronomy 6vs. 6 - 7 NIV)

That was the heart of what Rt. Ex. Marcus Mosiah Garvey meant when he said “A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”

We should take seriously what the philosopher George Santayana meant when he wrote “Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it.” Rather than fear the pain of recollection of this challenging time in our history, we should seek to set right the historical record for our generation and for those yet to come. Rootless trees are easily uprooted.

An excerpt from *“The Church Humbly Recognizes Wrongs and Boldly acts to Repair”* written by Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans, Chair of the Reparations Task-force.

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### 2022 THEME

**“Black Health and Wellness”**

**The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done well.**

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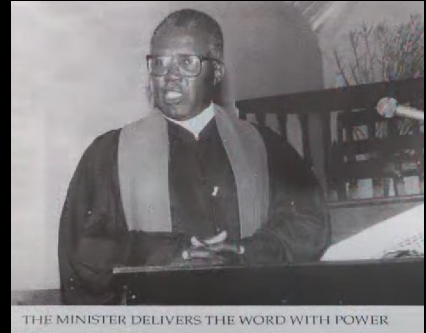
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End Violence Against Women and Children



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## Remembering Rev. Dr. Edmond Folkes, JP



Thank you for joining us in Celebrating the Life of Rev. Dr. Edmond Folkes, JP. The memorial service held at Ridgemount United Church on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, is available for your viewing on the UCJCI's Channel on YouTube. Don't forget to sign the virtual memorial book by going to [letusremember.ucjci.com](https://letusremember.ucjci.com).

## Tributes from the Virtual Memorial Book

"He took me from Christening to Baptism to marriage. I will always be thankful to you for my spiritual walk and your nurturing way of correcting the young people. Your laughter rings in my head. Thank you my Uncle. See you UP THERE." - Grace Ria Lindsay

"There is not a childhood memory without Parson in it. From signing official documents/papers to giving us rides from church on Sunday afternoons, to transporting us to school every morning for years. I had the opportunity to have been blessed by his kindness and I am grateful that I have these memories of such a kind and gentle heart. My condolences to Dr Folkes and the rest of the family. It is safe to say there are thousands of people praying for you because Parson's reach went beyond places we can't even imagine. I am one of the thousands who are lifting you up in prayer." - Keisha Harris

# Cayman Regional Mission Council

## John Gray Memorial



Mrs. Katherine D. Jackson, Cert. Hon. with the two new Women's Fellowship members, Mrs. Beverly Simpson and Ms. Brendell Rivers.

Katherine Jackson, President of the Church's Women's Fellowship put forth the call to the women in the congregation, inviting them to join the dynamic women's movement and Ms. Brendell Rivers and Mrs. Beverly Simpson gladly responded to the invitation. Ms. Jackson stated that she was very excited to have two new persons join the Fellowship and looked forward to working with them. She also shared that during this Women's Fellowship Week, the members would be sharing with one another via telephone calls using the new 2022 devotional books as well as participating in a day of fasting and prayer on Wednesday, 26th with the Island's Women's Fellowship groups.

## Savannah United Church



Induction of New Officers with blue stoles (from left Ernestin -Powell, Winsome Radcliffe, and Maxine Bravo)



Mrs. Reneé Barnes was admitted to the Savannah Women's Fellowship during the service.

# House Church Liturgy for February 6, 2022

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### Rooted and Called to be the Community of Faith

Explore the impact of the vision on Isaiah's life and ministry and that of his community.

· Is the Isaiah text a paradigm for our worship in the faith community?

*“It is no secret that much of the worship you and I lead and participate in derives its shape from Isaiah 6. It begins with a hymn of praise (Is. 6:3), moves to an admission of sin (Is. 6:5), followed by forgiveness of that sin (Is. 6:7), concluded by a call to service and positive response (Is. 6:8). That is the basic shell of what we do as we worship, a fact that suggests this order of worship is very old indeed.” - John Holbert*

Isaiah understood his calling and dedicated himself to serving a community he recognized as being unholy. · How can the community of faith understand the vision of Isaiah in the context of the world today? · Is there the need for some of us who lead others to be cleansed?

Explore this in the context of the corruption, crime and violence as well as the marginalization and inequity which exist in the society and at times in the church.

The Gospel reading is also relevant to the worshipping community.

- The Disciples were initially skeptical which showed their lack of faith in Christ. How do we move from skepticism to faith in our life experiences?
- How can this miraculous draught of fish find meaning in the worshipping community?
- Explore the themes of companionship, solidarity, equity, advocacy and justice in the community of faith and the wider society.

### Scriptures

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) || Psalm 138 || 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 || Luke 5:1-11

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# COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AFFECTING CONGREGATIONAL LIFE IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

## Cayman Islands

The number of COVID-19 cases in the Cayman Islands since the start of the pandemic is 11,666. As of this past weekend, more than 6,000 people in Cayman were in isolation after testing positive for Covid-19. The Cayman Government has responded with regulations aimed at controlling the spread of the virus, including but not limited, to protocols for travel and gatherings. Consequently, indoor gatherings, including church services, are now restricted to 100 persons while outdoor gatherings are restricted to 250 persons.

## Jamaica

There are 124,967 confirmed cases of which 6,668 are active with 2675 deaths. There have been 161 new cases in the last 24 hours. The Government of Jamaica said the amendments under the Disaster Risk Management Act (DRMA) will remain the same until February 11, 2022.

Please note and be guided by the following:

1. Church Services – 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 100 persons.
2. Weddings – the maximum number of persons allowed is 100.
3. Funeral services are allowed with a maximum of 20 persons within the place of worship or facility.
4. Burials are allowed for 30 minutes Mondays to Fridays between 9 am and 4 pm with a maximum of 20 persons at the graveside.

The other relevant provisions remain the same as under:

5. No physical crusades, conferences or conventions will be permitted.
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.

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# NOTICES

**UCJCI Lay Training Institute**



**TRAINING FOR LAY LEADERS 2022**

Offered in collaboration with The International University of the Caribbean

*Get Ready to Serve!*



**MODULE 1 BEGINS FEBRUARY 12, 2022**

**TRAINING FEATURES**

- Weekend and Weekday classes
  - Saturdays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
  - Thursdays 6 - 8 p.m. (2nd and 4th Saturdays and Thursday in the immediate week following)
- Combination of Learning in Virtual Classrooms via Zoom and in Learners' own time

**ORIENTATION JANUARY 29, 2022**

**REGISTER NOW** through your Regional Mission Council office

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**HOPE UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS:**

**TRAINING IN: PERSONAL EVANGELISM**  
PRESENTER: **REV. SYLVAN HINDS**

**Monday February 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm (Part 1)**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84274832870?pwd=V3pwL0hVVmtGc2FVN2d3dlo1dXh0dz09>  
Meeting ID: 842 7483 2870  
Passcode: 929328

**Thursday February 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm (Part 2)**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81899001372?pwd=aUdBtZlJRl1ZSEo0UGVkb1ZlZGQXJmQ109>  
Meeting ID: 818 9900 1372  
Passcode: 294661

THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS LAY TRAINING INSTITUTE  
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF THE CARIBBEAN



**Lay Training Graduation Celebration**

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2022 - 2:00 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. YVONNE LEYS DAWKINS  
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT  
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS  
UNIVERSITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN

The Celebration will be streamed live from Hope United Church via the UCJCI YouTube channel.  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO TUNE IN  
Due to COVID 19 restrictions there will be limited in-person gathering of specially invited guests

**U.C.M.E.**  
The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

**Men's Fellowship National Convention 2022**

**MEN FILLED WITH HOPE**  
Responding to the Crisis

Speaker: **Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott**  
Moderator of the United Church



26th February, 2022 10 a.m.

Join the live stream on YouTube:  
UCJCI'S CHANNEL

## Prayer Corner

### *Prayer Requests*

- Family of the late Rev. Dr. Edmond Folkes who passed on Monday from a brief illness.
- Rev. Rohan Kong and his wife whose newborn son, Joel Kong, remains in hospital since birth.
- Mrs. Karen Francis, whose husband Rev. Dr. Norman Francis has passed on.
- The climbing number of COVID-19 infections in the Cayman Islands.
- Patients, families and workers in the health sector in the Cayman Islands and Jamaica.
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19.
- The church and the various plans for the New year.

### *Prayer*

We pray for the lost, the hurting, the lonely, the sick, the bereaved, and those who are imprisoned—behind both visible and invisible walls. Send your comfort, your peace, and your calming presence to those who are without hope. Protect the defenseless, and hold them close to your heart.

Amen.

## The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian

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