



Time Marches on X 5

Worry is a waste of time. To worry and to harbour illusions are of the same value. They produce nothing. Illusions can be pleasant and may be called fantasy, a fantastic flight of fancy. Boukman, Kodjo, Nana (Nanny), had dreams of freedom, a condition in which all enjoyed equal rights and justice. No doubt they had visions of ownership of large tracts of lands, big houses with conveniences, chariots and horses, for black and white and all others alike. They did not spend time "illuding", becoming deluded. Maybe there were at times flights of fancy. Even so what was in their minds became a driving force to plan, strategize, organize, resolve and execute. Disney world is an actual escape from the real world yet in the real world, tangible and accessible, employing multitudes and entertaining greater multitudes. Walt Disney fantasized but also actualized. Well, our dreams might be bigger than our accomplishments. But spend time to do more than fantasize. Oh yes, we are allowed to fantasize and go on flights of fancy. How will I account beyond that?

Time Marches On. I must keep marching with it. It will account for me as I account for it. God calls for the accounting.

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Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council

Service of De-Linking, Linking and Induction of Minister

On Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 4:00 pm, members of the Webster Memorial, East End, Gun Bay and William Pouchie United Churches gathered in North Side, along with members of Council for a Service of De-Linking, Linking and Induction of their Minister Rev. Rohan Forrester.



Lay Pastor Mr Ormond Williams, Liturgist of the Service led the Congregation in Worship and prayer.

(front L-R: Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble Bloomfield, RDGS-CIRMC, Rev. L. Christopher Mason, Past Moderator, Rev. Donovan Myers, Back: 'New Direction' Male Voice Choir)

A brief history of the Congregations was presented by Mrs Vernie Harris (Gun Bay United), Mrs Marge Quinland (East End United) and Mrs Shari Welcome (William Pouchie Memorial).

The Old Testament Scripture was read by Mrs. Alice Ann Kirchman (Gun Bay United) and the New Testament passage by Mrs. Gwelda Connolly (East End United).

Musical accompaniment and Special Items were provided by Mr. Everton G. Webster (Music Director), Mr Peter Quinland, the William Pouchie Memorial Choir and the Male Voice Choir 'New Direction'.

Reflecting on the realignment of the Charges Rev. Donovan Myers noted that "Our church is on the cusp of new things, a reality brought about by difficult truths but embraced as a providential opportunity". Although the changes that are taking place in the

bounds of our Regional Mission Council may have caused pain and disruption, yet they can become incubators for a difference.

The Church, jolted out of Her comfort zone, can become "a place where spontaneity overcomes staidness, where the organic overtakes officialdom, where conviction inspires committee". Rev. Myers implored all, saying "In this new season, let us trust in a God whose thoughts are higher than ours, whose ways are beyond our comprehension – and who invites us on a journey, if only we have the imagination and faith to hang on for the ride".

Past Moderator Rev. L. Christopher Mason officiated the Liturgy of De-Linking, Linking and the Induction of Rev. Rohan Oneil Forrester Minister of the newly formed, North East Charge of the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council (CIRMC).



Rev. Rohan Forrester with his family.

Congratulations!



Boscobel United Church receives **Miss Sevenia Tyson**, a student of Marymount school in Highgate, St. Mary, who got baptized on March 13.

Miss Tyson has been an adherent for 3 years and gave her life to the lord and requested baptism after her candidate class. Because of the Covid-19 protocols, a shower unit was built to accommodate her request.

The baptism was done on the church premises during divine service by Rev Derik Davidson and Pastor Norma Marriott.



NERMC newly installed executive at their day of Fellowship Service March 2, 2022 with UCJCI Moderator.

Front row from left to right Mrs. Audrey Francis, Mrs. Karen-Ann Harris-McLean, Mrs. Michelle Ashwood-Stewart, Mrs. Jennifer P. Martin, Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott Moderator, Mrs. Rose Wedderburn, Mrs. Debesha Grant-Roberts.

At the back Mr. Errol Miller, Mr. Noel Osbourne, Ms. Joy Williams, Mr. Peter Brown, Rev. Nigel Pusey.

Liturgy

FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

March 20, 2022 |

Rooted and Equipped to Stand in God's Divine Presence

What happens to the believer when there is an encounter with God?

When we encounter God, there is a profound experience of the divine presence of God that will forever shape our faith journey. We begin to know what it means to:

- Burn yet flourish
- Identify the God whom we serve – 'I am that I am' · Worship the God who forgives iniquity, heals diseases, redeems from the pit, crowns with steadfast love and mercy, satisfies the good, renews youthful vigor, works vindication and provides justice for the oppressed. (Ps 103)

The Gospel reading is a **call to repentance**.

- Life is capricious hence the need to be prepared. · All need to come to repentance so that we can live in hope.
- Our rootedness in Christ prepares us for this life and eternity when we will stand before God's divine presence.

Exodus 3:1-15 || Psalm 103:1-13 || 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 || Luke 13:1-9

Prayer requests

- Ukraine and all affected by the invasion of Russia
- Healing and recovery for David Henry from King's Gate United who is ill
- Victims and perpetrators of crime and violence in Jamaica and security force and government as they respond
- Rev. Rohan Kong and his wife whose newborn son, Joel Kong, remains in hospital since birth
- Patients, families and workers in the health sector in the Cayman Islands and Jamaica
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19

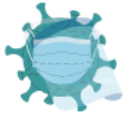
Prayer:

Dear Lord,

God, who is more than we can ever comprehend, help us to seek you, and you alone.

Help us to stand before all that we could do and seek what you can do, and do that. Lift from us our need to achieve all that we wish to be and do and instead, surrender to what you can be and do in us.

Help us to refrain from the busyness that will put us on edge, give us today your peace. Amen.



COVID-19 UPDATES

Affecting Congregational Life

Cayman Islands

ACTIVE CASES	DEATHS	NEW CASES
479	22	33

*COVID-19 statistics as of Monday, March 15, 2022.

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

ACTIVE CASES	NEW DEATHS	NEW CASES
412* <small>*In the last 2 weeks</small>	1	18

*COVID-19 statistics as of Wednesday, March 14, 2022.

The Government of Jamaica, yesterday February 22, 2022, announced a number of changes to the provisions affecting church activities under the Disaster Risk Management Act. These changes come into effect February 25 to March 17, 2022.

- Church Services – the number of persons allowed in the sanctuary for worship services will be the maximum capacity of the designated area for worship calculated at 1 person per 36 square feet.

For example – worship area: 5000 sq. ft.
Calculation $5000/36 = 138$ people.

- Weddings – the maximum number of persons allowed is 100.
- Funerals – the maximum number of persons (inclusive of officials) allowed within the facility/sanctuary is 100
- Burials – are allowed Mondays to Fridays between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a maximum of 100 persons.

The other relevant provisions remain the same as under:

- No physical crusades, conferences or conventions will be permitted.
- Physical gatherings are limited to 10 persons.
- 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.

NOTICES

THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SEMINARS

MARCH - MAY 2022



- DATA COLLECTION & MANAGEMENT
- SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES
- LIVE STREAMING & PRODUCTION

First Saturdays are theoretical sessions via Zoom.
On the second Saturdays, the practical sessions for Live Streaming and Production will be done at the locations below:

NERMC Webster Memorial Mar 12/19	WRMC & CIRMC St. Paul's (St. James) Apr 23/30	SRMC Ridgemount May 14/21
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THE GATHERING OF THE YAAMS

MARCH 26, 2022
Edition

Ridgemount United church @12:30pm

Which YAAM will be the winner?
Which REGION will be crowned?

Preacher:
Rev. Khereen Wilson-Bailey



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PERIOD FOR TRAINING SESSIONS:
Tuesdays
6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.
March 1, 2022 to April 12, 2022

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION OFFERED FOR ATTENDANCE

HOSTS:
Mrs. Elaine Commissiong and Rev. Astor Carlyle

GUEST PRESENTERS:
Rev. Norbert Stephens, Rev. J. Oliver Daley and Rev. Tara Tyme-Campbell

Register to Join: In the Sanctuary or On: ZOOM

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JOURNEYING THROUGH THE WILDERNESS

THE WILDERNESS OF TEMPTATION REV. DR. DAVE HAZLE	6th MARCH 2022
THE WILDERNESS OF SIN REV. DR. ORAL THOMAS	13th MARCH 2022
THE WILDERNESS OF INDECISION REV. DR. STEPHEN JENNINGS	20th MARCH 2022
THE WILDERNESS OF PAIN REV. CANON DR. GEORGIA JERVIS	3rd APRIL 2022

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Happy Birthday



Rev. Dr. Herbert Redway Jr.

March 17

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian

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