



The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands Weekly Update

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Tribute to Mrs. Lola McKinley

It is said that when Christopher Columbus returned to Spain after his first voyage to what is now known as the Americas, many of his contemporaries were less than excited about his exploits as an explorer. Some expressed the view that anyone else could have done what he claimed to have done. Columbus responded by asking which of them could get an egg to stand on one end. When all the skeptics failed, the explorer took an egg, tapped one end of then put it to stand on the end that was tapped. Some who saw what he did said that anyone could have done it. *Yes, said the explorer, it is easy now because you have seen me do it.*

What happened in the case of Columbus has been so with many pioneers. They seldom get the credit they deserve from their contemporaries or even their partners and their exploits seem ordinary when indeed the same are extraordinary.

Today we meet to celebrate and to call to remembrance the life of Lola McKinley, a pioneer and trailblazer, a character in her own right of extraordinary competence and commitment to those things for which she had passion, a significant and outstanding contributor to nation building.

Indeed, there was nothing ordinary about her.

Whether as an educator, church leader, wife or mother, she embraced each role and elevated them to extraordinary levels.

Mrs. McKinley, without question was a leader who was unafraid of pushing the boundaries and leaving her impact



on her profession and on the ministry and mission of the church.

As a specialist teacher of Mathematics, she based her teaching methodologies on the need for teachers to know their students to “meet them where they are” and to “make learning come alive”. She practiced her principles of linking Mathematics with measurement, and with real life scenarios. In fuller pursuit of her methodologies, she collaborated with colleagues, Radley Reid and Terry Tomlinson, in compiling a Teaching and Training guide for Mathematics at the CSEC level.

She was no ordinary woman.

Mrs. McKinley answered a call to Christian service at the age of fifteen and followed dutifully the teach-

ings and instructions of her faith until her recent transition from this life. She exercised her faith as a member and Elder of the Hope United Church, where her contributions to the life and witness of that faith community are worthy of celebration. Among them is the fact that Lola was chosen to head a “Renewal Team” of eight persons together with the Chairman and Secretary of the Congregational Board in response to the launch of the Renewal and Transformation Programme of the UCJCI in 2009. This Renewal Team was responsible for stimulating and implementing Renewal and Transformation activities at Hope United Church.

She was no ordinary woman.

Her service to the wider United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands was multifaceted, and Synod 2017 recognized and awarded her as a lay person who had made significant investment of time and effort in the church’s witness at local, regional and denominational levels.

She was instrumental in preparing a Manual on Discipleship and Evangelism published in 1984.

She served for many years as a member of the Church and Ministry Committee and the then Central Planning Committee, now the Strategic Planning for Mission Committee and also on the Central Mission Council for a synodical period.

Mrs. McKinley was a member of a select committee established in 1986 tasked with examining the administrative structure of the United Church, which resulted in significant changes to its structure in 1987, including the establishment of the position of Deputy General Secretary and a Central Planning Committee (now Strategic Planning) to facilitate the planning for the strategic direction of the church as well as Synodical events, such as Synods and Convocations.

Internationally, she represented the UCJCI at the Council for World Mission (CWM) as an elected member of the Executive and member of Council for the period 1993 to 1998. During her tenure she participated in the CWM Bicentenary Celebrations in 1995.

She was no ordinary woman.


Mrs. McKinley was adept at planning, identifying resources and the implementation of processes and programmes. She was blessed with high intellect and an inquisitive mind. She was not easily swayed and often insisted on receiving imperial evidence to support proposed direction or decisions. She was never shy to voice her opinions, even if she represented a lone voice. She was passionate about transformation at all levels and consequently left no stones unturned in providing and developing ideas and programmes aimed at addressing deficiencies in the ministry of the UCJCI.

She was no ordinary woman.

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Island is justly proud of the work, witness and worth of this pioneering, and inspirational servant leader and are assured that she has received the commendation of her Lord, *well done, good and faithful servant!*

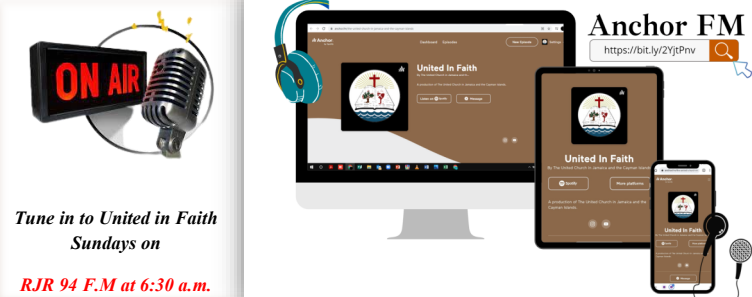
We continue to offer to her family, immediate and extended, as well as the Hope United Family, our condolence and prayerful support.

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United In Faith

The CIRMC's Response to the Ukraine Crisis



The Congregations in the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council received financial donations from Members and Adherents from March to May 2022 to provide relief in war torn Ukraine.

On Wednesday, June 29, 2022, the Regional Deputy General Secretary, Rev Dr Yvette Noble-Bloomfield, presented CI \$ 7,782.40 to the Cayman Islands Red Cross. Mrs. Samantha White-Smith, the CIRC Volunteer and Resources Manager, accepted the cheque on behalf of the CIRC. The CIRC will send the funds to the Ukraine Red Cross to support the continuing relief effort.



The second annual **International Night** organized by the Elmslie Memorial United Church Youth Ministry was held on Friday, June 24, 2022, with the participation of church members representing ten nationalities: Cuba, Brazil, England, Guyana, Honduras, India, Jamaica, USA, the Cayman Islands, and three visitors from Zimbabwe. The idea of the International Night came from the Elmslie Memorial Youth Ministry in 2021.



Following the great success of the first event held on June 25, 2021, the decision was made to make it an annual fixture in the calendar of the Congregation. Those gathered for the festive occasion enjoyed a time of fellowship, along with delicious national dishes, dresses, talent-displays, and music. The event was hosted by Mr. Roy McGregor, Youth Minister of the Elmslie Charge and Ms. Kimberley Eccleston, Youth Leader.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT NEEDED

Lay Leaders Training

Are you skilled in using
the ZOOM platform?

Are you available
2nd and 4th Saturdays
and the following
Thursday evening?

If your answer is Yes, contact:
Lay Training Coordinator:

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a gratuity will be offered

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank You for your presence in the world.
You touch our pain and warm our hearts with
hope.

Fill us with the joy of your Spirit and make us
faithful messengers of your Gospel.

Amen.

Prayer Request

- The family of Rev. Dr. Gilbert McKenzie, former minister of the UCJCI, who passed recently
- Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels who lost his brother
- Miss Heather Thompson who lost her Uncle
- The family of Mrs. Lola McKinley who passed recently
- The family of Ms. Rachel McLean who passed recently
- Rev. Godfrey Meghoo who is ill
- Mrs. Janet McConnell who lost her uncle recently
- Mrs. Sheila Arscott-Smith who lost her brother-in-law recently
- Rev. Rohan Kong, his wife Stephanie and their son, Joel Kong
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19
- Victims and perpetrators of crime and violence in Jamaica and the security force and government as they respond

LITURGY FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

July 10

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Responding:
A Call to Compassion

The Samaritan who helped the wounded traveler was commended for showing mercy and lifted up as an example to be followed.

The United Church Senior Citizens Home Soup Day Fundraiser

We really want to extend our gratitude to our entire Church family for supporting our Soup Day Fundraiser at Senior Citizens Home on July 25, 2022.

We really appreciate the support given by our Southern Regional Council and all the many different congregations who purchased tickets and volunteered their time and skill.

As you may know, this fundraiser was in support of repairing our concrete water tank and giving our staff a treat. Unfortunately, we did not hit our target of selling 500 tickets. Nevertheless, we have started the repair on the tank and we are grateful for the continued support of the Senior Citizens' Home. We pray God Richest blessing on everyone.



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MONDAY AUG 1 2022

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★ Bounce-About



9:00 AM
On Church Grounds

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•Jerk Pork •Fish: Fry/Steam-\$1500

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Happy BIRTHDAY



Rev. Clifton Bailey
July 7



Rev. Dr. Cephas Stern
July 7



Miss Lorraine Howell
July 11

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