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UCJCI July – September 2022 Focus

August:

A Church Responding to Great Challenges

9th Sunday in Pentecost

August 7, 2022

Responding With Sincerity & Faith

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8;
Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:32-40; Ephesians 6:10-20

Isaiah chastised the people for insincerity and meaningless religiosity. What's required is righteous character and conduct, demonstrated as evidence of an authentic faith.

International News



**World Council
of Churches**

*Inspiring the worldwide fellowship of churches
to work together for unity, justice, and peace.*

Source: www.oikoumene.org

“Christ's love moves the world to reconciliation and unity”

is the theme of the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches which will take place in Karlsruhe, Germany, from 31 August to 8 September 2022. This is the first time the assembly gathers in Europe since 1968 when the meeting was held in Uppsala, Sweden.

“The WCC Assembly is the highest governing body of the World Council of Churches (WCC), and normally meets every eight years. It is the only time when the entire fellowship of member churches comes together in one place for prayer and celebration.”

“A WCC Assembly is a special time in the lives of member churches, ecumenical partners, and other churches, as it brings together more than 4000 participants, from all over the world. It is a unique opportunity for the churches to deepen their commitment to visible unity and common witness. This makes a WCC Assembly the most diverse Christian gathering of its size in the world.”

The UCJCI will be represented by Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans and Mrs. Kimberly Voaden (Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council). Mrs. Voaden is a member of the John Gray Memorial Church, West Bay.

The WCC is a fellowship of 350 member churches in more than 110 countries and territories throughout the world, representing over 500 million Christians and including most of the world's Orthodox churches, scores of Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed churches, as well as many United and Independent churches.



**Council for World
Mission**

A partnership of Churches in Mission

Source: www.cwmmission.org

CWM Moderator leads first devotion for CWM Staff

On 1 August 2022, Council for World Mission (CWM) Moderator Rev. Lydia Neshangwe shared an enriching message during the CWM's weekly staff devotion at the CWM Headquarters in Singapore.

In her message based on John 1:6-9 Rev. Neshangwe recounted an interview where she was asked a thought-provoking question by the panel, “Who are you?”



“She spoke on the topic of having a healthy sense of self-identity, and the worldly, transient ways people often base their core identity and define themselves by in the world. Some people believe they are their achievements, which may be irrelevant in some contexts. She highlighted that our identity must not be defined by the worldly possessions and attributes as they are changing and temporary.”

“She then shared a ‘three-way definition of self’ – origin, value, and purpose.

“Firstly, each of us is made in God’s image, and defined as a child of God, challenged to testify to who God is within us. This should banish feelings of condemnation, inferiority, and negate imperialism, unfair immigration laws and ethnic cleansing.”

“Secondly, we are defined by our inherent value, and what we have been given or value-added by God. No negative experiences in our homes, workplaces and society diminishes our value as we are precious and important to God.”

“Thirdly, we are defined by our God-given purpose, like how John knew that his purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus, and to prepare the hearts of the people of Christ to hear the good news. God has a purpose for each of us – we are vessel made by God, imbued with God-given value” – it is our duty to find and fulfil our specific, individual purpose.

So “Who are you?
You are...


- ORIGIN: Made in God’s image = Your container
- VALUE: Value-added by God = Your contents
- PURPOSE: Given purpose by God = Your objective



The **Council for World Mission (CWM)** is a worldwide partnership of Christian churches. The 32 members are committed to sharing their resources of money, people, skills and insights globally to carry out God’s mission locally. CWM was created in 1977 and incorporates the London Missionary Society (1795), the Commonwealth Missionary Society (1836) and the (English) Presbyterian Board of Missions (1847).


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**WILLIAM POUCHIE
MEMORIAL, NORTH SIDE**



August 3 - 7 (Wed.-Sun.)
6:00 Pm – 8:30 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**ELMLIE MMORIAL
GEORGE TOWN**

August 8-12 (Mon.-Fri.)
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7 (Sunday) 9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3 - 7 (Wednesday - Sunday)
Vacation Bible School – William Pouchie Memorial, NS

August 8 - 12 (Monday - Friday)
Vacation Bible School – Elmslie Memorial, GT

Waiting for Christ to return means working for the coming of the Kingdom of God. It means combatting poverty; ending the hatreds that divide us; establishing peace among individuals, within families, in society, and among the nations of the world; curbing the pride that causes us to become confrontational with God and with each other; building social structures that respect the dignity of individual humans.

Gerald Darring

Remember in your prayers

All those God has placed on your heart and those brought to your attention in some way. Please also include in your prayers

- the family of the late **Mrs. Margaret Rose Garcia** and all those affected by her sudden passing
- **Rev. Godfrey Meghoo**



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