



The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

Weekly Update

October 19, 2022.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE FRIDAY OCTOBER 14 – SATURDAY OCTOBER 15, 2022

By Pauline Bryan

The Biennial Conference of the Women's Fellowship was held from Friday, October 14 to Saturday October 15, 2022, under the theme: "Women Rooted in Christ – Bearing Fruits".

On Friday October 14, the conference was held virtually. Reports were presented and adopted from all the working Committees. The Financial Report was also presented, as was the budget for 2022-2024, which was approved by the Conference. The evening ended with a Bible Study conducted by Mrs. Michelle Ashwood-Stewart.

On Saturday, October 15, members of the Fellowship gathered at Andrews United Church. There were also members online from all four Councils. The Council reports were presented, as well as reports from our affiliate groups such as the Girls' Brigade and Church Women United. For the afternoon session, our Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott brought us greetings and challenged us to join the peace initiatives which are so important at this time. Rev. Norbert Stephens, General Secretary, Mrs. Rose Wedderburn, RDGS, NERMC, and Mrs. Janet McConnell, RDGS, SRMC were also in attendance.

The highlight of the day was the election of the new officers for the period 2022-2024. The following is the full list:

PRESIDENT-GENERAL	Mrs. Cheryl Shaw
1 st VICE PRESIDENT-GENERAL	Mrs. Noreen Brown
2 nd VICE PRESIDENT-GENERAL	Mrs. Sophia Lewin
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SECRETARY, SRMC	Ms. Blanzie Blake
PRESIDENT, WRMC	Mrs. Suzette Brissett
SECRETARY, WRMC	Ms. Keisha Lawrence

Following the election, the installation of the new officers was done by Rev. Khureen Wilson-Bailey, who also delivered a powerful charge to those present, using the theme for the conference.



On Saturday, September 24, 2022, the Southern Regional Mission Council held the Evangelism Leadership Symposium and Prayer Breakfast. Participants from all over the council gathered with the one goal in mind: It Must Be Evangelism! This was highlighted and emphasized by our Vice Chair for Evangelism and Church Planting Rev. Clifton Bailey as he shared an overview of the Evangelism plan for the Council. We had four presenters for the day who shared on different aspects of the subject matter: Rev. Norbert Stephens presented the Landscape for Evangelism; Ms. Gillian Martin presented the Methods of Evangelism; Rev. Donavon McPherson presented the Power of Evangelism and Rev Khereen Wilson Bailey presented Partnership in Evangelism. Feedback from the participants indicated that the presentations were well received and informative. Volunteer forms were also distributed in order to collect information of those who are willing to participate in the work of evangelism and receive information and training to strengthen their effectiveness in this area. Participants are expected to use the information and ideas they garnered to evangelize within their respective congregations and communities.



For the South...Everything Must Be Evangelism!

The event also saw the launch of the Take the City initiative. This effort would see teams doing intentional evangelistic work in selected communities. This includes prayer walks, street meetings, outreach missions and any other form evangelism needs to take to impact communities for Christ. On October 1, 2022, the Evangelism Mission Action Team, led by Rev. Clifton Bailey, did a walk through of the Blue Mountain community in Manchester as part of the Take the City initiative (See pictures). The team also conducted a pop-up street meeting on the following Sunday. Six (6) contact details for individuals were collected with the intention to nurture them into a life of faith in Jesus Christ.



The Symposium and Take The City are two strategies the Southern Regional Mission Council is using as they seek to continue “Working together, growing God’s Kingdom, one congregation at a time”.

Service of Appreciation

Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council

The Annual Service of Appreciation for the Staff of the Cayman Prep and High School (CPHS) was held on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at the Savannah United Church at 9:00 am. In addition to the congregants, over 100 staff members (administrative, academic and ancillary) and their families attended the event.



During Rev. Forrester's greetings as the Chair of Council, he invited congregants to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Mrs. M. Janilee Clifford, who passed away at the age of 90 on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Mrs. Clifford was an educator at CPHS for 31 years and an Elder of the Robert Young Memorial Church (George Town). Through her unselfish and dedicated service in several ecclesiastical and civic organizations, Mrs. Clifford made an indelible impact on our Church and the wider community.



In his greetings, Rev. Rohan Forrester emphasized that the UCJCI is fully committed to continuing the journeying with CPHS.

In recognition and appreciation of his sterling leadership and stewardship over the years, the Immediate Past Chairman of the

Board of Governors (2013- 2021), Mr. Ormond Williams, received a token of appreciation.

Director of CPHS, Ms. Debra McLaughlin, thanked the CIRMC and the Savannah United Church for hosting the service in appreciation of all the work and service CPHS provides to so many throughout the Cayman Islands, striving to live daily to the motto of the school, "Let Your Light So Shine."

The School Chaplains, Rev. Rohan Forrester (Primary School) and Rev. L. Christopher Mason (High School), as well as Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield and other Ministers and members of the Church were also acknowledged for their continuous engagement in various roles (Ethics lessons, Christian Life Sessions, Assemblies, devotions, etc.).

Ms. McLaughlin said, "January 2022 marked 73 years since the United Church opened the doors of CPHS. We give thanks to God for His steadfastness to our school. Thanks to those leaders in the Church, Ministers, Governors, Principals, teachers, and all our staff, students, and parents who contributed and continue to contribute so much to our school. We have grown from very humble beginnings to a thriving and nurturing school, providing top-quality education today to 1015 students with a staff of 136. To God be the glory and may the light of Cayman Prep and High School continue to shine."

Rev. Euthman Wray, Minister of the Savannah United Church, in his address based on Philippians 2:12-18 and Matthew 5:13-18 reflected on how the motto, "Let Your Light So Shine" guided and inspired the life and service of the school, the Church, in the past and present and will continue to lead and empower it in the future. We, as a people, as a Church and as a school, are called to reflect God's light in this world.

How can we do this? Firstly, by imitating/emulating Christ, by teaching, treating, empowering one another in Christ's way. Secondly, by impacting, influencing, investing in others in Christ's way. Thirdly, by practicing introspection to ensure that we remain authentic, relevant, and effective in presenting Christ.

Musical prelude was provided by the High School band, led by Mr. Mike Galvin and a solo by Ms. Rebecca Wall. Each member of staff received a token of appreciation. The service was followed by a fellowship meal in the Church Hall.



The Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott, Moderator of Synod,

invites you to the
Service of
ORDINATION

for
Pastor Alja Dias
to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments



Ridgemount United Church
Thursday, November 10, 2022 || 2:00 p.m.
 YouTube: UCJCI's Channel

Liturgy For Worship At Home

October 23, 2022

Pentecost 20 || Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 || Luke 18:9-14

Abundant Hope
(Evangelism)

God's grace, love and generosity pours out like a flood. Having experienced that love and anointing,
we

give back, never faltering even in the face of death. It
is only when emptied of self that we can be filled,

and having been filled by God's Spirit, we pour into
others. At risk of losing it all, stay focused on God's

prize.

Possible theme song 'Take My Life and Let it Be'



North-Eastern Regional Mission Council Service of Appreciation for Lay Pastors

Sunday, October 23, 2022
at 3:30 p.m.

Meadowbrook United Church

Preacher

Moderator: The Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott

LIVE STREAM

 Meadowbrook United Youtube Channel

Prayer Corner

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Dr. Marjorie Lewis whose mother, Mrs. Nellie Lewis, passed on
- The family of the late Karl Bright who passed recently
- Lay Pastor John Macmillan and Mrs. Itza Bodden, Youth Worker, in Cayman who both face health related challenges
- The family of Ms. Rose Spalding, who passed recently
- Rev. Dr. James Gibbs, who is recovering from illness and who lost his brother, Winston George Gibbs
- All who have experienced weather related to the passage of Hurricane Ian
- Rev. Ranford Hewitt
- The Bulgin Family
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19
- People affected by the war between Ukraine and Russian
- Victims and perpetrators of crime and violence in Jamaica and the security force and government as they respond

Prayer

Father God, we praise you for the wonderful future that you have prepared for us through the death and resurrection of you Son, Jesus Christ. We eagerly await the day when we will enter into your presence for all eternity with holy bodies untainted by sin. Please help us to not lose heart when we face the many pressures, anxieties, and troubles of life in this fallen world. Let us take great courage in the knowledge that you've given us the Holy Spirit to prepare our souls for our kingdom dwelling with you. Thank you for letting Jesus live in us. It is in his name that we pray,

Amen.



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY
CHILD OF GOD

"Living The Word, Changing Lives ..."

TRAINING SESSIONS

INTRODUCTION:

Purpose of the Child of God, "Living the Word, Changing Lives..." Campaign/Ministry The intent of the **Child of God, "Living the Word, Changing Lives..."** Campaign/Ministry is to engender a lifestyle that physically brings to life the action/activities of the Spiritual teachings of Jesus Christ among the believer. **That is to empower** the believer to demonstrate the **"Fruit of the Spirit"** which are Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness and Temperance. (Galatians 5 : 22 & 23KJV) through **The Development of "Active Spiritual Discipline"**.

Phase 2 – of the Child of God, "Living the Word, Changing Lives..." Campaign developed by the **Discipleship Ministry of Webster Memorial United Church** has been assigned to **Public Educational/Training Sessions** aimed at **Members and Adherents** of the Church.

Following on a successful initiation of the **Discipleship 'Child of God' Training Sessions** earlier this year at Webster on **"The Development of Active Spiritual Discipline"**; we are encouraged by the level of interest and thirst for knowledge demonstrated not only by the members and adherents of our Church Webster, but also by interested persons from other denominations locally and globally spanning participants from the **USA, Canada, and the Caribbean**. This has endorsed our contention that Training is not only needed but desperately wanted. Therefore, the Discipleship Ministry have responded to offering another series of Training Sessions under the theme **"The Fundamentals of Our Faith"**.

THE TRAINING PROGRAMME PURPOSE:

The Fundamentals of Our Faith is another response to the question: Who is a **Child of God, "Living the Word, Changing Lives..."**? As presented by the Ministry; a Definition of a **Child of God, "Living the Word, Changing Lives..."** is defined follows:
A Child of God is "someone who believes in God, dedicated to service, demonstrating a willingness to serve others through the anointing of the Holy Spirit, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, has faith in God, and is grounded in the Word of God through Prayer."

Training Sessions will be coordinated by **Mrs. Elaine Commissiong** under the guidance of Webster Senior Minister **Rev. Astor Carlyle**. Guest Presenters for these sessions are : **Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott, Rev. Norbert Stephens, Rev Henley Bernard, Rev. Lembe Sivile , Rev Dr. Collin Cowan and Rev. Dr Burchell Taylor**.

Presentations will begin on **Tuesday, September 27, 2022**.

Sessions will be held weekly thereafter on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. These Training Sessions will be in the Webster Sanctuary and on Zoom.

Vision: Instituting a Spiritual Lifestyle of Active Service among all Believers

Mission: Empowering a Physical Lifestyle of Actions/Activities, that is based on the Spiritual Teachings of Jesus Christ within all Believers.

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**LAY LEADERS
 GRADUATION 2022**

**SUNDAY
 NOVEMBER 13,
 2022**

RIDGEMOUNT UNITED
 CHURCH, MANDEVILLE
 3:00 P.M.

**GUEST SPEAKER
 - REV. DR. COLLIN COWAN
 MINISTER, IMMANUEL/BOSCOBEL CHARGE**

**COVID 19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PRACTICES WILL BE OBSERVED.
 ALL ATTENDEES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK.**

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The Pringle Home for Children



"Pringle at 100: preserving a legacy of service"

Church Service July 31

Open Day August 24

Panel Discussion: Child Care and Protection in Jamaica November 24

Gospel Concert December



THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
SOUTHERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022

RIDGEMOUNT UNITED CHURCH

GATHERING AT 1PM START TIME 1:30PM

Come worship, sing and dance for Christ

Refreshments on sale

eDARE 2022: re(l)ease liberation theology

October 24, 26 & 28 2022 via Zoom



Registration for CWM's eDARE 2022 is now open!

We invite you to register using the link below:

<https://forms.gle/iWjf9BmB2FWLArw39>

We look forward to seeing you DARE!

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COME & RECEIVE A BLESSING

Happy Birthday

Rev. Norbert Stephens
General Secretary
Oct 22

Rev. Herbert Redway Sr
Oct 22

Rev. Walter Russell
Oct 21

Rev. Dr. Richmond
Nelson
Oct 23

Rev. Donald Burke
Oct 23

Rev. Sylvan Hinds
Oct 23

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