



# The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

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## 2022 ORDINATION Reverend Alja Dias

On November 10, the doors of Ridgemount United Church, in Mandeville Manchester, were fully opened for the 2022 Service of Ordination. Scores of well-wishers, amongst family and friends, of Rev. Alja Dias were in attendance.

This year's event followed its usual order of events commencing with the procession of Clergy donning their red, white, and black vestments.

Reverend Dias, who is currently the youngest ordained Reverend in the United Church and the Cayman Islands, was the sole ordinand to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments this year.

This momentous occasion for the lover of arts and the supervisory chef came with a flood of emotions as he prepared for another leg of the journey. Yet, he remains grounded in the certainty of his call as a servant-leader with great promise.

Hailing from Lucea United Congregation, in the Western Regional Mission Council, Rev. Dias was placed at the Lowe River Charge in the Southern Regional Mission Council.

If you were not there to share in his ordination and the enriching word shared by Rev. Lembe Sivile, Minister of the Meadowbrook United Church, we invite you to watch the service on YouTube on UCJCI's Channel.



*Professor Roderick Hewitt, President of The International University of the Caribbean, greeting Reverend Alja Dias.*



*Reverend Alja Dias*

# 100 SANCTUARY

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT ELMSLIE MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH 1922-2022

The year-long celebrations of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the construction of the Elmslie Memorial United Church Sanctuary culminated on the last weekend of October 2022, with a special Anniversary Gala held Saturday evening at the Lion's Community Centre and an Anniversary Service on Sunday, in the Sanctuary, at 4:00 pm.

His Excellency Mr. Martyn Roper, Governor; the Honorable Mr. Wayne Panton, Premier; Church Leaders and Government Officials paid tribute to those who were instrumental in erecting the very first cement block building in 1922 on Cayman soil. They also paid tribute to the generations of faithful believers whose Christian witness and service made the Elmslie Sanctuary a beacon of hope and strength throughout the years. Situated in the heart of George Town, the Congregation continues to play a pivotal role in the spiritual life of the local community with its many events and activities.



Keynote speaker of the Gala, Rev. Norbert Stephens (General Secretary-UCJCI), emphasized that the 100th Anniversary is part of the celebration of the pilgrimage of the Congregation that began in 1846 when Rev. James Elmslie set foot on the Cayman Islands. Such a pilgrimage cannot be undertaken without being rooted in an understanding of three facets of Christianity: faith, service, and leadership. These three represent the common thread woven into the fabric of one hundred years of ministry and mission in the current Sanctuary. Faith, service, and leadership represent a perpetual legacy that was bequeathed to the members of the Congregation. Hopefully, they will leave the same legacy to the next generation following in their footsteps.

Guest preacher of the Anniversary Service on Sunday, October 30, 2022, the Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott, Moderator of the UCJCI pointed out that even as we celebrate the quality work of the builders erecting a sanctuary that stood the test of time for one hundred years, the greater significance and the challenge is

what this Sanctuary represents. The current generations are called to ensure that this Sanctuary continues to symbolize and represent God's presence, where people can encounter Jesus Christ, the hope of salvation, healing, and reconciliation.

The CIRMC extends heartfelt congratulations to the Congregation, its leadership and its members and prays for God's continuing blessing on their witness and ministry.



*(Left to right: Rev. L Christopher Mason – Minister of the Elmslie Charge, Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott – Moderator, Mrs. Dionne Harriott, Rev. Norbert Stephens – General Secretary, Mrs. Rachel Forrester and Rev. Rohan Forrester – Chair of CIRMC)*



*The Anniversary Service at the Elmslie Memorial Sanctuary.*

## Liturgy for Worship

November 20, 2022

Jeremiah 23:1-6 || Psalm 46 || Colossians 1:11-20 ||  
Luke 23:33-43

YHWH Tsidkenu: Come Righteous King

Christ the King Sunday is the Sunday before Advent, when we remind ourselves of Jesus' authority and power. Although the Gospel focuses on his death, it portrays Jesus' power to make right upon confession of faith. Jeremiah presents the picture of God sending the Good Shepherd, a righteous branch from David's lineage.

- What is righteousness and how is Jesus our Righteous King?

- What hope exists for us who trust in Jesus's Righteousness?

Possible Song 'My Hope is Built'

## Prayer Corner

### Prayer Requests

- Rev. Raymond Coke, whose sister, Mrs. Hyacinth Bernard, passed on
- Rev. Dr. Cephas Stern whose mother, Rena Stern, passed on
- Pastor Edward Williams who lost his brother, Charles Williams
- Ms. Heather Thompson who lost her aunt, Ms. Annis Freeman
- Students, staff, parents and other members of the Oberlin High School community
- Rev. Dr. Marjorie Lewis whose mother, Mrs. Nellie Lewis, passed
- The family of the late Karl Bright who passed recently
- Lay Pastor John Macmillan and Mrs. Itza Boddin, 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
- 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:

Renew our strength, Lord. Fill us with your supernatural power to overcome each obstacle in our path. With our eyes on you, Lord, with you walking beside us, working through us, We can make it.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

LUCEA UNITED CHURCH

## Family Life Ministries

Presents a Public Lecture

Theme: **From Seedlings of Moral Decadence to a Forest of CRIME & VIOLENCE**

Keynote Speaker: *Dr. Herbert Gayle*  
Social Anthropologist and Head of Department - Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, University of the West Indies, Mona



NOVEMBER 30, 2022 @ 4PM  
**Lucea United Church Hall**

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All Are Welcome!



### Week of Celebration Activities #incoln105 Nov. 14th - 20th

HONOR THE PAST, CELEBRATE THE PRESENT, EMBRACE THE FUTURE



**TUESDAY - NOV 15**  
Radical Prayer Meeting - Lincoln Kirk United Church  
A special time of prayer Lead by Rev. Davis starting at 6pm

**THURSDAY - NOV 17**  
Church pon di endz - Four-way intersection on Camperdown Road  
We're taking church to the streets!

**SUNDAY - NOV 20**  
Church Service - Lincoln Kirk United Church  
The Big Day  
Come join our worship service and join in the celebration



**MONDAY - NOV. 14**  
Basic School Worship Service - Lincoln Kirk United  
Engaging our children from the basic school in a time of worship starting at 8:30 AM

**WEDNESDAY - NOV 16**  
Movie Night- Lincoln Kirk United church  
Come out and enjoy this film. Bring out the whole Family

**FRIDAY - NOV 18**  
Lyme in di Yaad - Lincoln Kirk Church Yard  
Fun, Games and food sure sounds like a good way to spend the night



*"Pringle at 100: preserving a legacy of service."*

## The Pringle Home for Children Panel Discussion on Child Care & Protection

Panelists



Rev. Norbert Stephens  
General Secretary, UCJCI



Mrs. Rosalee Gage Grey  
CEO, Child Protection and Family Services Agency, CPFSA



Mrs. Jesutofunmi Simpson  
Clinical Psychologist, Children First Agency



Miss Christina Silvera  
Assoc. Clinical Psychologist, Adjunct Lecturer, UWI Mona

November **24** 2022  
6:00PM

**Webster Memorial United Church**  
Livestreaming on UCJCI's YouTube Channel



## Bryce Primary School

**STUFFED TOY & TEACHING AID DRIVE**

For

**The Special Needs Students**

**We need your support !!**

### ITEMS NEEDED

Therapy Ball and Therapy Bands  
Highlighter strips  
Timer  
Educational Chart  
Manipulative  
Word cards  
paint and paint brushes  
beads and strings  
Stress ball  
Cushion  
Puppets

Stuffed toys  
Twin mattress  
Shoe laces  
Sand box  
Hourglass

## THE UNITED CHURCH SENIOR CITIZEN HOME

WE ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

VACANCIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH  
MALE AND FEMALE SENIORS.



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32 Villa Road, Mandeville P.O., Manchester



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94 F.M at 6:30 a.m.

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November

Church School Month  
National Parents' Month  
Men's Month





## The Pringle Home for Children

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
Calendar of Events  
2022

*"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

Luncheon

December 10

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Miss Laurel-Ann  
Livingston, Nov 19**

**Rev. Bryan Stone,  
Nov 19**

## The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian

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Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott

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Rev. Norbert Stephens

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