



# The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

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## Reigniting Youth and Children's Ministry in the SRMC

Having recognized the impact, the pandemic has had on congregations and auxiliaries, the Southern Regional Mission Council has embarked on pumping energy into the Youth and Children's ministry in the region. Activities and developments of the ministry came to a screeching halt in many congregations which has impacted the reach to the children and young people. However, ministry leaders and teachers are being encouraged and engaged to reignite the ministry. This culminated in the region's hosting of Youth Rally and Kids Quake.

Youth Rally was held on October 29, 2022, at Ridgemount United Church under the theme "Whom Shall I Fear?" 70 individuals were in attendance, 58 of whom were young people. 14 congregations were represented with 10 bringing musical or dance items. The young people from New Broughton United Church gave an impromptu but lovely rendition of Jireh by Maverick City. This particular fellowship was reactivated earlier this year. Youth from Davyton United also brought sweet harmony. Guest artiste David Sutton wrapped up the event in a neat bow.

The region's Kids Quake was held on November 19, 2022, also at Ridgemount United, under the theme "Reconnect, Reignite and Ready!" 14 Congregations were represented with 168 children and 74 adults in attendance. Children participated in Dance, Music, Dub, Public Speaking, Choral Speaking, and Poster competitions. Presentations were made to congregations including Kilmarnock United Church which was noted to have participated in the event for the first time. The aged three to 7 children from Grove Town were awarded first place in the Small Group Music category. Grove Town is one church school that was reactivated this year as well. The top three overall spots went to Bryce, Ridgemount and Baillieston respectfully.

The children and youth hold the future of the Church in their hands. These two events bring hope for the reinforcing, strengthening and impact of the ministry.

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New Broughton



Grove Town United



1st Place Bryce United



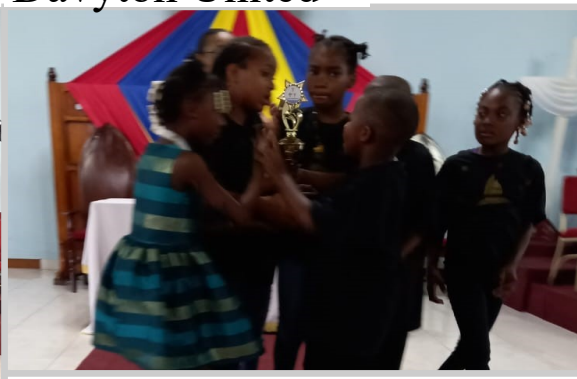
Davyton United



Kilmarnock  
United

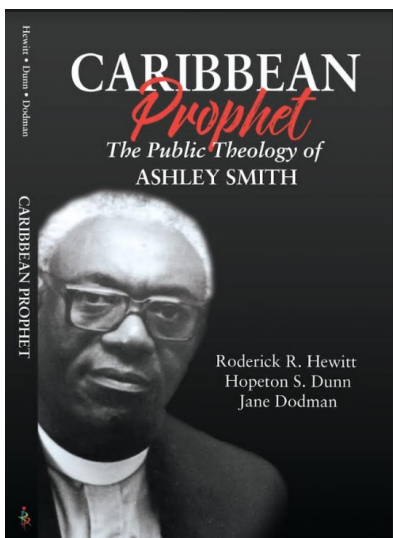


2nd Place Kids Quake



Baillieston United

## Book Launch



## SAVE THE DATE

December 14, 2022  
Hope United Church  
3 p.m.

Caribbean Prophet interrogates Ashley Smith's role in shaping the post-independence theological discourse in Jamaica and the Caribbean through his anti-imperial Afro-centric interpretation to the reading of scriptures, his understanding of political, cultural and economic policies, and how the church's ministry and mission must demonstrate preferential option for persons who live on the margins of unjust structures in society.





## The Official Renaming of the Prospect Youth Centre to Olive Miller Memorial Building

Close to eighty people gathered on Monday, November 14, 2022, at the Prospect Youth Centre to celebrate its renaming to 'Olive Miller Memorial Building'. The initiative came from the Cayman Islands Girls' Brigade to honor its founder, former President, and Patron. Those present included Girls' Brigade Companies from every corner of the Island, family members of the late Ms. Olive, members of the clergy, the Cayman United Church Corporation, and others.

In her introductory remarks, Girls' Brigade (GB) President, Mrs. Marisa Crawford, highlighted the steps - spanning three years due to the pandemic - leading to the momentous occasion. GB National Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield, and George Town Chaplain, Rev. L. Christopher Mason offered the Prayers. The Girls and Officers sang 'This is GB'. The song was written by Mrs. Miller for the occasion of the 65th Anniversary of the Cayman Islands Girls' Brigade which was celebrated in

November 2011.

In her tribute to Mrs. Miller, GB Patron, Mrs. Iva Good pointed



## Tribute to Mrs. Olive Miller

Mrs. Olive Miller, OBE, MBE, JP, founded The Girls' Brigade in the Cayman Islands in November 1946. Mrs. Miller at that time was the Organizer of the Girls' Guildry in Jamaica and during a visit to the Cayman Islands, she began the process that started Girls Guildry companies (now The Girls' Brigade) in each of the five districts in Grand Cayman. She selected and trained local Captains and leaders for each company so that when she returned to Jamaica they could carry on the work. However, it was not long before Mrs. Miller came to make Cayman her home.

In 1968, when the Girls' Guildry from Scotland amalgamated with The Girls Life Brigade from England, and the Girls' Brigade of Ireland to form the Girls' Brigade, Mrs. Miller took a contingent from Cayman to the meetings in London, England.



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In 1968, Mrs. Miller led the charge in ensuring that the Cayman Islands Girls' Brigade formed a National Council, with a Constitution to provide support and leadership for the local Girls' Brigade companies. The second International Conference took place in New Zealand in 1973 and Mrs. Miller took Officers and girls to the Conference. She always insisted that girls and young officers participated in all international Conferences and camps, to train them for leadership in the Girls' Brigade.

In 1978 Cayman hosted the third International Conference and Mrs. Miller led the preparations. 67 delegates representing 30 countries attended and it was a great success. In 1996 during the celebrations of 50 years of the Girls' Brigade in the Cayman Islands, she opened the Savannah Girls' Brigade company.

the steadfast leadership, work, and support of Mrs. Miller to the Cayman Islands Girls' Brigade. She was well-known and respected locally and internationally. Mrs. Miller was the President of the Cayman Islands Girls' Brigade for many years, and when she relinquished this role, she became its Patron until her death in May 2020. She never wavered in her commitment to The Girls' Brigade.

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## Cayman Culture Night

Presented by

Elmslie Memorial UC  
Youth Ministry



*(Rev. Rohan Forrester – Chair of Council, family members of Mrs. Olive Miller, Mrs. Iva Good - GB Patron and Mr. Bryan Bothwell – Cayman United Church Corporation, following the ribbon cutting)*

Mrs. Miller was a devout Christian, and this was reflected in everything that she did. Mrs. Miller remained very active in the Girls' Brigade her entire life. Hundreds if not thousands of women and girls and their families were positively impacted by

The young and the not-so-young gathered on Friday, November 11, 2022, for an evening of fellowship and entertainment at the Church Hall of Elmslie Memorial United Church. Youth Minister of the Elmslie Charge, Mr. Roy McGregor, envisioned the event years ago as a way of helping the Congregation's children and youth to be immersed more in their Caymanian culture and heritage.

The programme included performances by the Elmslie Dance Ministry, the Cayman Islands Folk Singers, the Radiance Maypole Dancers, and the Cayman Islands National Dance Company. During the intermission, Cayman's favorite dishes and desserts were on sale.



# 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 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
- 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.

# Liturgy for Worship

November 27, 2022

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

**Psalm 122**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

## Jesus – Our Soon- Coming

We tend to think of Advent as a time of preparation for Christmas. And it is. However, Advent is also a reminder of Christ's promise to come again. This second coming is a time of great anticipation for most believers in Jesus. It is what we live for.

- If we are living for Christ's Second Coming, what preparations are we making?

- How do we help others prepare?

Possible Song, 'When God is a Child'.

Theme Song 'Jesus Christ our Living Hope'

# EVENTS

## This Week



*"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



Tune in to *United in Faith Sundays*  
on **RJR 94 F.M at 6:30 a.m.**



On Thursday,  
November 24, 2022

1:00 pm

Webster Memorial  
United Church  
53 Half Way Tree Road  
Kingston 10

THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF THE CARIBBEAN  
AND ITS CONSTITUENT COLLEGES:  
COLLEGE FOR LEADERSHIP &  
THEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT (CLTD)  
&  
MEL NATHAN COLLEGE (MNC)

INVITE YOU TO

*The Presentation of Graduates  
2022*



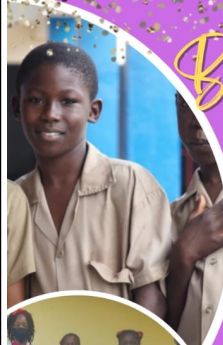
THEME:

IUC: **ADVANCING IN THE MIDST OF ADVERSITY**



GUEST SPEAKER:

PROF. CHRISTOPHER FERGUSON  
REFORMED UNIVERSITY,  
BARANQUILLA, COLOMBIA



## 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



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**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ORDAINED OR COMMISSIONED MINISTRY?**

The UCJCI Ministerial Formation will be hosting a virtual meeting on December 10, 2022.

•SAVE THE DATE•

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**End Violence Against Women and Children**



Share your **Thursdays in Black** photos on **Twitter, Facebook and Instagram** and tag us **@ucjci**

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**November**

**Church School Month**

**National Parents' Month**

**Men's Month**



## The Pringle Home for Children



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



Rev. Alja Dias  
Nov 24

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rev. Lascelle Tulloch  
Nov 29



Rev. Stotrell Lowe  
Nov 24



Rev. Delroy Harris  
Nov 29

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