



# CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

WEEKLY UPDATE

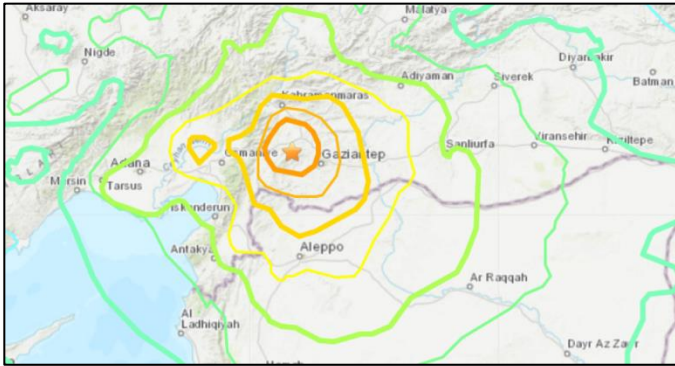
## Season of Epiphany

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**UCJCI 43<sup>rd</sup> SYNOD THEME – Rooted, Resilient: Re-ignited by the Spirit** (Return, Reconnect, Realign, Re-ignite)

### Turkey-Syria Earthquake



(Image: laist.com)

As the death toll approaches 20,500, in the wake of the devastating earthquake that struck Turkey and Northern-Syria on 6 February 2023, the international community, Churches, humanitarian organizations and charities around the world hurry to assist with teams of experts, financial aids, supplies and prayer.

The World Council of Churches (WCC) and the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) with their partner agencies are already working on the scene to provide life-saving supplies, i.e. food, winterization materials, ambulances, and medical aid in the affected communities.

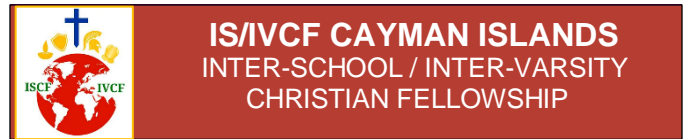
Please pray daily for the tens of thousands of grief-stricken people, the injured and those who lost everything and without food and shelter in the middle of a harsh winter!

### A Prayer for the Earthquake Victims

God of grace and mercy, there are many who are suffering loss today. Around the world and in our communities, we are mourning. Today we come holding in our prayers our siblings in Turkey and Syria who are still searching and rescuing survivors and victims of this earthquake. Be present with these families and communities during this time of crisis and need. Be a source of strength and comfort through these days ahead. Help us to be present on behalf of those in need. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Karen Georgia Thompson, United Church of Christ)

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IS/IVCF will be hosting a 1 day retreat for the students next Saturday, Feb 18, 2023 at the prospect Youth Centre from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Kindly pray for the success of this event so that students will be impacted and challenged to be salt and light on campus. Please also encourage students you know to register at [www.isivcfky.com/events](http://www.isivcfky.com/events) by the latest Feb 13, 2023.

**IS/IVCF CAYMAN ISLANDS PRESENTS**

**LIGHT OF THE CAMPUS RETREAT**

**Acts 13:47**  
**For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2023**  
**VENUE: PROSPECT YOUTH CENTRE**  
**TIME: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

The Inter-School and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, also known as IS/IVCF in the Cayman Islands, is a certified affiliate of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) and registered as a non-profit organization. The aim of IS/IVCF Cayman Islands is to conduct activities at the primary, high

school, and tertiary levels that will build students into communities of disciples, seeing them transformed by the gospel and impacting their schools, church, and society for the glory of Christ.

In the Cayman Islands, there are currently six secondary schools that are a part of the movement and one university. While the groups go by various names, each caters to the particulars of their school culture and are united by the core principles and doctrinal basis of IS/IVCF.

The IS/IVCF is present in the following local educational institutions:

- John Gray High School
- Clifton Hunter High School
- Cayman Islands Further Education Centre (CIFEC)
- Triple C School
- Cayman Prep & High School
- Layman Scott High School in Cayman Brac
- University College of the Cayman Islands

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THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS presents

# 43RD SYNOD

Theme  
"ROOTED, RESILIENT:  
REIGNITED BY THE SPIRIT"

Blended Modality  
**REGISTER NOW!**

The registration portal closes on Feb. 28, 2023.  
\*For those applying for Cayman Visa registration ends on Feb. 15, 2023.

START **APRIL 23**  
END **APRIL 30**

STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL OFFICES OR VISIT <https://synod.ujci.com>

## SYNOD CORNER

### Bulletin #4

**Theme:** Rooted and Resilient: Reignited by the Spirit.

**Moderator-Elect:** Rt Rev Gary Harriott

**Date:** April 23-30, 2023

#### Synod Registration

Dear all,

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands will be meeting at the 43rd Synod from April 23 to April 30, 2023. This year's staging will be blended, with selected delegates and officials gathering in the Cayman Islands with live streaming on YouTube. The Business and other selected sessions will be conducted via Zoom.

The registration portal is now open and closes on February 28, 2023.

The cost per Delegate/Observer is \$135 KYD. Ms Scott will provide invoices to the Congregations once registration is completed on the portal. All payments must be made by February 28, 2023, to the Council Office.

For more information or to register, visit the UCJCI Synod portal: <https://synod.ujci.com/>

Delegates' Handbook and other important information will be available on the portal prior to the Synod.

For questions or queries, kindly contact the Regional Mission Council Office at [rdgs@cicucjci.com](mailto:rdgs@cicucjci.com)

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The Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council has been invited to participate in the upcoming United Church Young People's Fellowship (UCYPF) National Sports Day on March 18, 2023, to be held at the Noranda Sports Complex, Discovery Bay, St. Ann, Jamaica. Youth, aged 13-25 will gather from all Regional Mission Councils to fellowship and celebrate the importance of physical fitness.

The last time Cayman participated in the UCJCI National Sports Day was in 2020, shortly before the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown. At that time, thanks to the best of the Elmslie United Church's Youth, Cayman's medal tally included an impressive collection of 4 Gold, 2 Silver, and 3 Bronze medals!

This year we hope to assemble a team of about 16 young persons from our Charges, accompanied by 5 leaders, to travel and represent our Regional Mission Council in various Track and Field categories.



*The 2020 Cayman Team with their newly designed banner.*



The 2020 Cayman Team was seen off by Rev. L. Christopher Mason (Minister of the GT Charge) and Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield (RDGS-CIRMC)



## Congregational Deputy Chairs and Secretaries Meeting 2023

Congregational Deputy Chairs and Secretaries Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 15, 2023**, at 5:30 PM at the Council Office.

Please bring the Congregational Meeting Minutes, the Congregational Board Meeting Minutes, the Logbook and the Members List for the annual inspection.

*Refreshments will be served.*

**THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS**

All Are Invited

Come and Be Blessed

**CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL**

# Ash Wednesday Gathering

THEME: HEALED & RESTORED BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

6:30AM - 9:00AM

PROSPECT YOUTH CENTRE BEACH - COUNCIL OFFICE

\*PRESENTATION ON HEALING  
\*HOLY COMMUNION  
\*FELLOWSHIP MEAL

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### February 11. (Saturday)

**Girl's Brigade Tea Party** – 3:30 pm – Mrs. Audrey & Mr. Handel Whittaker's Residence, Frank Sound

#### February 12. (Sunday) 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

#### February 15. (Wednesday)

**Congregational Dep. Chairs & Secretaries Meeting and Examination of Records** – 5:30 pm – Council Office



on Radio Cayman 89.9  
every Sunday at 7:45 am

**February 12, 2023**  
**IS/IVCF Mrs. Latavia Henry-Campbell and Mr Noel Wallace**

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