



CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

WEEKLY UPDATE

Season of Lent

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

The Season of Lent

As part of the Church’s annual liturgical journey, we have transitioned from the **Season of Epiphany** into the **Season of Lent**. During the six weeks (and five Sundays) of Lent, we engage in meaningful spiritual preparation for **Easter**, the greatest Feast of the holy days in the Christian calendar.

The very first step of this preparation, **Ash Wednesday**, sets the tone for our spiritual journey to the Cross and the Empty Tomb of our Lord. The symbolic meaning of ashes indicating mourning and sadness is a stark expression of our sinful nature. It is also a solemn reminder of our mortality and desperate need to find forgiveness through repentance and reconciliation with God. On our own we are hopeless, but through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, there is the promise of cleansing and new life that extends beyond the grave! Let us then journey on in faith, hope, and love!

CIRMC Ash Wednesday Gathering

On February 22, 2023, close to 150 persons gathered from the nine Congregations of our CIRMC on the beach located behind the Prospect Youth Centre for the annual **Ash Wednesday Gathering**, under the Synodical theme **‘Rooted, Resilient: Re-ignited by the Spirit’**.



The day began at 6:30 am with songs of praise and worship, led by musicians and singers from the Elmslie Memorial, Savannah United and John Gray Memorial Churches. In her message, the Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield (RDGS-CIRMC) pointed

out that many who look physically well yet, carry deep wounds and pain and long for ‘wholeness’ and peace. She urged the Church and those present to seek God’s Healing, for God “heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)



The meditation was followed by a time of personal reflection and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In all, 15 people received the Sacrament of Baptism at the end of the Ash Wednesday Gathering. Refreshments and drinks were served, courtesy of the Women’s Fellowship.



Special thanks are due to members of the Discipleship MAT of the Council for organizing the event and all those preparing the grounds and serving in various capacities.

SYNOD CORNER

Bulletin #6

Theme: Rooted and Resilient: Reignited by the Spirit.

Moderator-Elect: Rt Rev Gary Harriott

Date: April 23-30, 2023

Delegates and Observers: Synod Registration and Participation

1. Delegates and persons wishing to register as observers are reminded that Registration closes on **February 28, 2023**. Please visit the UCJCI website <https://synod.ucjci.com>.
2. **Business Sessions:** The Savannah United Church is the venue for the Business Sessions. Delegates and observers are reminded that these sessions will be held via Zoom. The Members of the Synod and observers gathered at the Savannah United Church will need to have their **electronic devices** in order to access the meeting. Please ensure that you use your **headset** throughout the sessions.
3. **Meals:** At the Savannah United Church, meals will be available for registered delegates and observers. A light breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea will be served each day.
4. If you **do not plan** to attend in person, please be kind enough to indicate this to the Council Office.
5. **Transportation:** The Services, Moderator's Reception and Public Lectures will be at the Elmslie Memorial Church. Delegates and observers will commute between the Savannah United Church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Delegates and observers **without** personal transportation to Elmslie Memorial should indicate this to the Council Office.



Cayman Islands Girl's Brigade News

Ms. Camile Watt (Youth Minister-SUC)

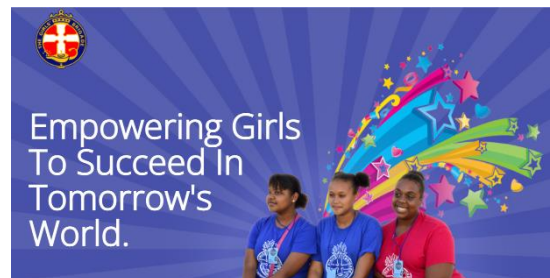
During the monthly Youth Sunday service held at the Savannah United Church on February 19, 2023, 6 new members were received into the Savannah Company of the Cayman Islands Girls' Brigade. The girls were officially enrolled as members by the Captain of the Savannah GB Company, Mrs. Marisa Crawford, and blessed by Minister Rev. Euthman Wray.





It is such a joy to see the impact that the Girls' Brigade has been making in the lives of young girls within the Savannah community and across the Cayman Islands. Our congregation is proud of this special moment and continues to support the efforts of Mrs. Marisa Crawford and the Savannah Company.

More photos from the 2023 Annual Girl's Brigade Tea Party

The 13th Annual Girls' Brigade National Council Tea Party was held on Saturday, February 11th at the residence of Audrey & Handel Whittaker. The event was one of the National Council's biggest fundraisers of the year. The event focused on LOVE, emphasizing the importance of spreading love and kindness.



Savannah United Church
Men's and Women's Fellowship &
Prayer Team

invite you to join

Lenten Prayer Breakfast

Theme: "Repentance, Intercession and Self-Denial"

Saturday, February 25, 2023,
at 8:00 a.m.
Venue: Savannah United Church Hall
Speaker: Mr. Kemar Ferron
Telephone: 947-6071





United Church Young People's Fellowship


SYNODICAL SPORTS DAY WILL CAYMAN FAN THE FLAMES OF VICTORY?

"Rooted, Resilient: Reignited by the Spirit"

Noranda Sports Complex
Saturday March 18, 2023 at 8:00am
General: \$200 // CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$100



NOTICEBOARD



TRAINING FOR LAY LEADERS

Equipping the saints for the work of ministry

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!
Register now for Module 1.

Training begins **March 11, 2023** and continues **2nd and 4th Saturdays** (9-1:30 pm) and **Thursdays** (6-8 pm) following each training Saturday. Module 1 concludes in August.

Delivery online via Zoom. Learners may join online from one location in each region by special arrangement with Regional Mission Council offices.
Cost: \$9000

ORIENTATION SESSION
Come and learn about the Training

An Orientation session is planned for those who register as well as others who are interested in learning more about the Training for Lay Leaders Course.

This will be held on Saturday **March 4, 2023** online from 9 am - 11:30 a.m. via Zoom
Meeting ID: 879 2238 3834
Passcode: 192859

UCJCI Lay Leaders Certificate Course is designed to prepare lay persons to serve in leadership.



For more information, contact your Regional Mission Council or email: laytraining admin@ucjci.com or WhatsApp 876 8818783

Anyone interested in the **UCJCI Training for Lay Leaders Certificate Course 2023** please speak with your Minister and/or call the Council Office for Registration Form and further information.

Telephone: 947-1963 or **Email:** cirmc.info@gmail.com or rdgs@cicucjci.com

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.ucjci.com>


UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26. (Sunday) 1st Sunday of Lent

March 03. (Friday) World Day of Prayer

March 04. (Saturday)
Training for Lay Leaders Certificate Course - Module 1 Orientation – 9:00 am via Zoom

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 at this time Lay Pastor John Macmillan (RYMC), Mrs. Itza Bodden, Youth Worker (EE-GB), Mr. Trevor Watler.



on Radio Cayman 89.9 every Sunday at 7:45 am

February 26, 2023
Rev. Donovan Myers

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