



CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

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Season of Lent

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



International Women's Day

#EmbraceEquity

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, marked International Women's Day (IWD), a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. This year's campaign theme is #EmbraceEquity.

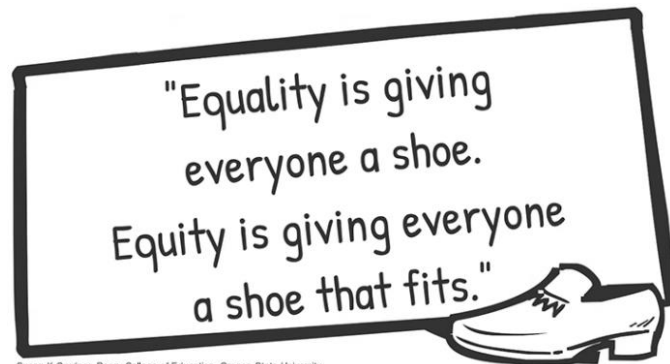
But what is equity? Equity can be easily confused with equality. Sometimes they are even used interchangeably. But these two similar words cover two inherently different concepts.

Equality means having access to the same resources or opportunities.

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The concept of equality is based on the principle of 'fairness'. Fairness, however, works only (and is truly fair) when the initial conditions or circumstances are the same.

Equity, on the other hand, takes into consideration the fact that people start from different places. Some may require more resources or opportunities than others to achieve the same goals.



Susan K Gardner, Dean, College of Education, Oregon State University

"Inequity affects many people, but most commonly historically it has marginalized communities such as women, people of color, disabled people, the economically disadvantaged..."

The goal of equity is to change systemic and structural barriers that get in the way of people's ability to thrive."

"...equal opportunities aren't enough, ... equal isn't always fair. People start from different places, so true inclusion and belonging require equitable action."

([https:// www.internationalwomensday.com/EquityEquality](https://www.internationalwomensday.com/EquityEquality))

The CIRMC acknowledges and salutes the tremendous contributions that women make in our lives, in our families, in society, and also in our Congregations. We also commit ourselves to journey together with transformed and renewed minds and hearts, to be partners in changing harmful and outdated perceptions and practices where they still exist, help forge positive change for women and create a truly equal and inclusive world.

SYNOD CORNER

Bulletin #8

Theme: Rooted and Resilient: Reignited by the Spirit.

Moderator-Elect: Rt Rev Gary Harriott

Date: April 23-30, 2023

Pre-Synod Consultation –CIRMC

March 11, 2023, is the date for the CIRMC Pre-Synod Consultation for the CIRMC. The meeting is via Zoom, commencing at 9:00 am. All registered Delegates and Observers are invited to attend. Rt Rev Gary Harriot, Moderator, Rev Norbert Stephens along with the Chairs of the Synod Standing Committees will join the Consultation. The working document for the Consultation is the Draft Synod Papers, which is an amalgam of the reports of the ministry and mission of the UCJCI over the past two years.

Mrs Rose Wedderburn, RDGS -NERMC will do an Orientation for Synod Delegates and Observers during the Consultation. The framework of the Synod and ways in which Delegates and Observers will engage in the Synod process form part of the Orientation.

The Consultation also serves as a pre-cursor for the use of the Zoom platform during the Synod. Delegates and Observers will

be in break-out rooms for the examination of the Reports. Decisions and general discussions will be held in plenary.

Service of Life and Witness

On Tuesday, April 25, 2023, the Service of Life and Witness will be held at the Elmslie Memorial Church at 6:00 pm.

This service memorializes those who have faithfully served the Church and have been called home during the 2021-2023 Synodical period. A floral tribute will be done in their honor.

The Synod will celebrate the witness and ministry of persons attaining significant Ordination milestones during the Service. Lay Persons from the four Regional Mission Councils will receive Special Synodical Awards for their dedication and faithfulness at the Congregational and Council levels. **Mr Lewin Handel Whittaker** and **Mrs Aliceann Kirchman** are the Awardees from the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council.

Mr Heber Arch will receive a Special Synod Award for his service to the Church as a Member of the Cayman United Church Corporation.

All Ministers and Lay Pastors will receive Certificates of Appreciation for the resilience shown during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Moderator, Rt Rev Gary Harriott will preach, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during the Service.

All are invited to attend this service and share in the celebrations with the Awardees from the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council.

Farewell to Mr. E. Garth Webster



On Sunday, March 5, 2023, during the morning Worship Service, congregants of the Webster Memorial United Church, Bodden Town, expressed their gratitude to Mr. Everton Garth Webster for journeying with them in ministry over the past 12 years. Mr. Garth served as Music Director and Youth Minister

in the previous Bodden Town-North Side Charge and recently in the North-East Charge, comprising the North Side, East End, and Gun Bay United Churches.

In addition to his 'regular duties' of playing the piano or the organ, working with the choirs, and organizing and leading children and youth ministry, he was also heavily involved in Council-wide youth ministry, in the YLNE, and the annual Summer Camps. Over the years, many children grew up under his leadership and mentorship and were touched by his faith, love, friendliness, accessibility, and example. We wish God's continuing blessings and guidance to Mr. Garth as he returns to Jamaica and opens a new chapter in his life.



"Mr. Garth" in the company of his 'colleagues', (left to right: Mr. Noel Wallace – SUC, Music Director, Ms. Camile Watt – SUC – Youth Minister, Mrs. Itza Bodden – EEUC/GBUC, Youth Worker, Mr. E. Garth Webster – WPMUC/EEUC.GBUC, Music Director and Youth Minister, Ms. Jusan Hamilton – JGMC, Youth Minister and Mr. Roy McGregor – EMU, Youth Minister)

Peace Initiative Project

At the 42nd Synod of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, held in April 2021, the Peace Initiative was introduced. Each Regional Mission Council was asked to identify a project. The Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council (CIRMC), at its October 8, 2022, Meeting identified the Cayman Island Crisis Centre as its Peace Initiative Project. The Mission MAT of the Council was tasked with coordinating this ministry.



As the result of the first effort leading up to Christmas, on December 16, 2022, the Chair of Council, Rev. Rohan Forrester presented a cheque of CI\$3,050 and Foster Gift Cards to Ms. Mariesha Spencer of the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre.

The Cayman Island Crisis Centre (CICC) can accommodate twenty-seven persons and there are on average four adults and six children per week. There is also a follow-up programme which currently has thirty-eight (38) adults and forty-two (42) children, which provides support and supplies for Clients.

The Mission MAT is now organizing an Easter drive as the Council continues its commitment to the CICC as its Peace Initiative and invites the Congregations and individual members to support this worthy cause.

The main items needed are:-

- Bed linen (preferably new – single/twin and double sheet sets)
- Towels/ rags
- Grocery items and toiletries
- Kitchenware
- Grocery vouchers (Any supermarket and Cost U Less)
- Gift vouchers – (Digicel, Flow, CUC)

The deadline for delivery of the items to the Council Office is March 31, 2023.

Thank you for your participation and continued support!

Complete Shelter List

SNACKS

Cereal
Capri Sun
Variety Snack Packs
Peanut/ Popcorn/
Granola Bar
Ritz Crackers
Canned Fruits
Oreo

BABY

Baby Wipes
Diaper Size 5 And 6
Baby Lotion
Baby Shower Gel
Baby Laundry Detergent
Nestum Cereal
Nido Formula
Enfamil Formula

CLEANING

Faboloso
Laundry Detergent
Disinfecting Wipes
Bleach
Disinfecting Spray
Dish Washing Liquid
Garbage Bags

CANNED GOODS

Corned Beef
Sardine
Baked Beans

Sausage
Tuna
Evaporated Milk
Condensed Milk
Mackerel
Coconut Milk
Red Bean
Sugar
Flour
Rice
Corn Meal

FOOD

Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup
Mac And Cheese
Cup Noodles
Pack Noodles (Maggi Or Grace)
Coffee Creamer
Coffee
Milo
Hot Cocoa/Chocolate

TOILETRIES:

Toothpaste
Deodorant
Shower Gel
Bath Soap
Lotion

HOUSEHOLD and KITCHENWARE ITEMS

Pots
Utensils
Dish Towel
Plastic Storage Container
Shower Curtain
Bathroom Mats
Tablet Cloths
Twin Size Comforter
Twin Size Sheets



*Supermarket vouchers

Lenten Prayer Breakfast

Theme: "Repentance, Intercession and Self-Denial"



On February 25, 2023, the Women's and Men's Fellowships and Prayer Ministry Team of the Savannah United Church, hosted a Lenten Prayer Breakfast. Speaker of the event, Mr. Kemar Ferron challenged those who attended to refocus their approach to prayer and see it as a powerful weapon and force. He also encouraged Intercession, specifically praying on behalf and for our youth, to uplift and strengthen them as they face so many challenges and temptations daily.



Savannah United Church

Mini HEALTH FAIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023
From 4pm - 7pm
Savannah United Church Hall

JOIN US FOR FREE

- BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK
- CHOLESTEROL CHECK
- BLOOD GLUCOSE CHECK
- DIABETES INFORMATION
- HEALTH PRESENTATION

Special Health Presentation at 6PM

Dr. G. Bell

Diabetes, Hypertension & High Cholesterol

ORGANIZED BY: COMMUNITY CARE & SENIORS MINISTRY

**SAVANNAH UNITED CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP**

PARENTS' NIGHT

DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PLANNING

Friday
March 31, 2023

SAVANNAH UNITED CHURCH HALL

7:30PM

Special Guest Presenter
Ms. Carol Bennett

COME OUT AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF GAMES AND MONEY MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS

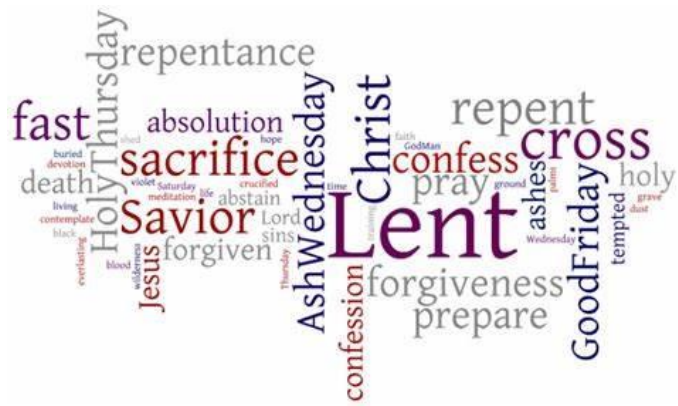


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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 11. (Saturday)
Training for Lay Leaders Certificate Course - Module 1
– 9:00 am via Zoom

March 12. (Sunday) 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 13. (Monday)
Council Executive Meeting – 6:30 pm via Zoom

March 18. (Saturday)
Girls' Brigade Day Camp – Prospect Youth Centre

Remember in your prayers!
All those God has placed on your heart and those brought to your attention in some way. Please, include in your prayers the victims of recent disasters in Turkey, Syria and Greece, as well as those sick or bereaved!

on Radio Cayman 89.9
every Sunday at 7:45 am

March 12, 2023
The Girls' Brigade

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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