



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

## Peace Initiative

*Ms. Tessa Bodden*

As part of the ongoing Peace Initiative of the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council, the Council’s Mission MAT has continued donating to the Crisis Center, this time Back to School supplies.



The supplies were backpacks, lunch kits, water bottles, pencil cases and gift vouchers for the students supported by the Crisis Center.

These gifts were made possible by donations from members of the nine (9) United Church Congregations in Grand Cayman, coordinated by the MAT member in each congregation.



*(Left to right) are Bernard McGrath (Elmslie Memorial), Ania Milanowska (Executive Director of the Crisis Center), Melody McLean (East End United), and Debra Humphreys (John Gray Memorial).*

## “And They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

We wish to express our sadness over the losses caused by a fire in East End due to a lightning strike. The burned-down home belonged to a family of the East End United Church. The trauma of the experience, the loss, and the hardship faced by the victims are very significant. It is especially in a time like this when our collective faith, love, and compassion shine the brightest and can bring a glimmer of hope to the hurting family.

As the CIRMCM, we are reaching out to our membership with a heartfelt appeal to join hearts and hands in providing much-needed assistance. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, will help those hurting on their journey towards recovery and rebuilding.

The list of items requested is as follows,

- Girl 5T or small uniform for reception (Red Bay)
- Shoes – 11.5 girl (kids)
- Boy 4T clothes
- Women – 3XL
- Women – medium or large
- Men – medium
- Children 6T and up (boys)
- Pull ups size 4-5 (boy)
- Towels and rags
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Underwear – Men size M,
- Underwear - Women size M and XL
- Body wash
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Laundry detergent
- Soap
- Back to school supplies
- Shoes – Women size 8-8.5, 9.5, 10-11
- Shoes - Men size 10

The Council Office is coordinating the effort. Please deliver your donations there. If you have questions, please call the office at 947-1963.

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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 (CIRMCM), at its October 8, 2022, Meeting chose the Cayman Island Crisis Centre as its Peace Initiative project.



# World Council of Churches

## 75th Anniversary Celebrations

Between June and December 2023, the World Council of Churches (WCC) is celebrating its 75th anniversary. This anniversary is "a stepping stone toward the future, representing an opportunity to share what the WCC offers spiritually as an organization for future generations."

"In the larger picture, the 75th-anniversary commemoration will help the world see the WCC as a platform that brings Christians together even in very difficult times, helping Christians in different situations to see the world from the perspective of others, to show compassion for one another, and to build trust as a vital part of the ecumenical journey."

As a member of the WCC, the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands join in the celebration and remain committed to the ecumenical ideals of unity, respect, and cooperation among different Christian denominations and traditions and to the cause of interreligious dialogue.

The WCC is a fellowship of 350 member churches in more than 110 countries and territories throughout the world, representing over 500 million Christians and including most of the world's Orthodox churches, scores of Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed churches, as well as many United and Independent churches.

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### ***The Holy Spirit can guide us as we seek to realign our commitment to each other, even those who are outside of our family circle***

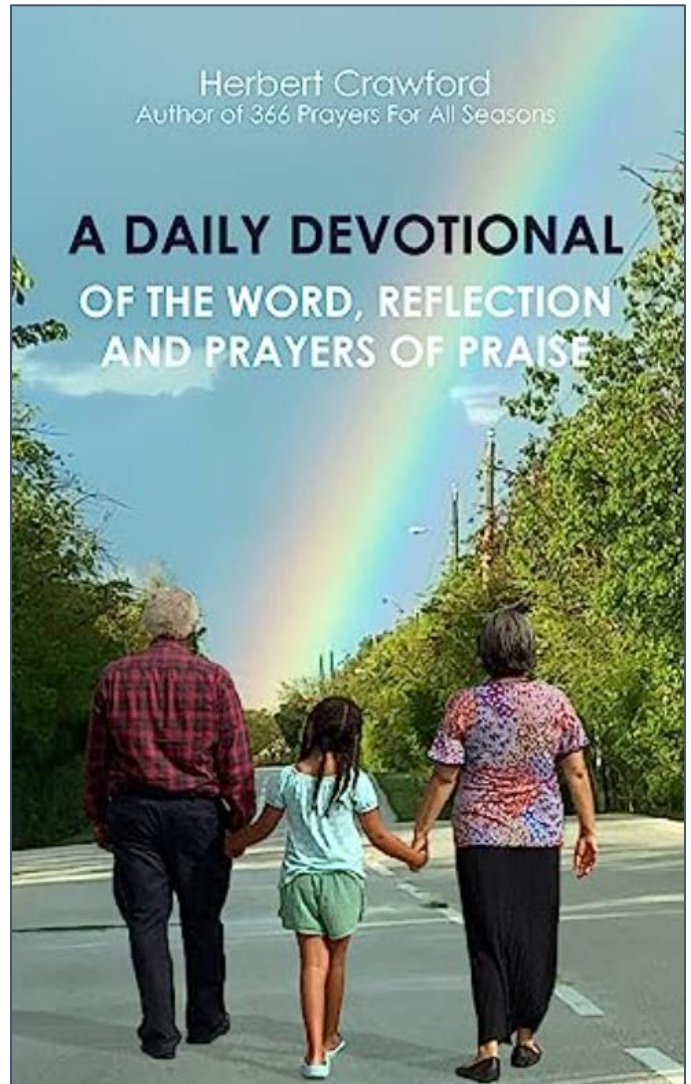
• Exodus 1:8-2:10 is a rich family-community story of commitment in the midst of oppression. The Midwives preserved the infants and in so doing preserved the nation.

• Paul offers us the dynamic injunction, "For by the grace given to me, I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." Romans 12: 3

Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

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The book is available on Amazon.com

### **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 especially our retired ministers and their loved ones, Rev. Joe Crawford, Rev. Harry Borden and Rev. Godfrey Meghoo.



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