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A JOYFUL ERROL NEEDHAM HAS GOOD REASON TO CELEBRATE. HE'S 100! HE IS SEEN HERE WITH INTERIM MINISTER OF TORRINGTON UNITED, REV. CARLINGTON KEEN. (READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 2)

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FEATURE - FINDING US FAITHFUL

TORRINGTON UNITED CHURCH TOOK THE TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND CELEBRATE ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS WHO HAD ATTAINED THE IMPRESSIVE AGE OF 100. ON THIS OCCASION HE WAS REGALED FOR HIS IMPACTFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHURCH OVER THE YEARS. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE MANY PERSONS IN OUR CHURCH WHO HAVE LABOURED FAITHFULLY OVER THE YEARS, MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE PLACES THEY HAVE BEEN PLANTED. LIKE TORRINGTON UNITED, MAY WE ALL FIND OPPORTUNITIES TO SAY THANK YOU AND RECOGNISE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR PEOPLE BEFORE THEY DEPART THIS EARTH. MAY WE ALSO BE FAITHFUL IN OUR WALK SO WE ARE WORTHY OF CELEBRATION AND EMULATION.



THE 2023 FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS PRAISE AT EAST END UNITED (PAGE 4)

TORRINGTON CELEBRATES CENTENARIAN - ERROL NEEDHAM Snr.



On Sunday January 21, Torrington United Church celebrated with Errol Needham Snr who was looking forward to his 100th birthday on Wednesday January 23, 2024. Torrington took the opportunity to acknowledge his contribution to the Torrington United Church during which a citation was read. The following are excerpts from the citation.

“The Torrington United Church proudly salutes Mr. Errol Canute Needham Snr. on his 100th birthday – a significant milestone.

Mr. Needham’s service towards the Torrington United Church spans over 70 years. His exemplary qualities have not only shone brightly during ordinary times; but have been truly exceptional, particularly during times when collaborating would have been a challenge for others”.

“Mr. Needham’s commitment to the well-being of the church was evident in the many contributions he made, giving of his time and skills toward the Finance, Planning and Property Committees. Mr. Needham’s contribution was far-reaching and impactful as he also served as a Preacher and Advisor. His “service-above-self” attitude made him an outstanding and remarkable person worth emulating.

This citation serves as a testament to Mr. Needham’s outstanding contributions, recognizing him not only as a Centenarian but as a beacon of inspiration. We thank Mr. Needham for his significant contributions toward the church and by extension humanity”.

“His contribution to Torrington has been far-reaching and impactful”

On his way to church on Sunday morning.



Celebrating a Centenarian cont'd



An embrace from the Interim Minister, Rev. Carlington Keen.

“A GOOD EXAMPLE OF CHRIST’S DISCIPLE”

It was indeed a pleasure to have met Mr. Needham in 2021 when I shared in the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at the Torrington United Church, and to have learnt of his advanced years and how active he remained in the life and ministry of the Church.

Today we pause to celebrate his 100th birthday. “To God be the glory, great things God has done.” According to Psalm 37:23 “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.” Mr. Needham has been a good example of Christ’s disciple; a model worth emulating.

On behalf of the Synod, I extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. Needham on reaching this envied milestone. I pray God’s continue blessings upon him; good health and happy days.

**Greetings from Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott
Moderator of the Synod**



This centenarian reads without the help of glasses.

Mr. Needham was born in St. Andrew and has 5 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. his wife Hermine Needham is deceased.

He has actively served Torrington United on the Property, Finance and Planning committees and the Congregational Board of Elders.

Prior to retirement he was a master carpenter/ foreman and administrative clerk at Geddes Grant Tyre Sales Ltd.

He enjoys walking, gardening, dancing and still reads his Bible without reading glasses.



Mrs. Cecelia Solomon, Congregational Secretary, presented a photo and citation to Mr. Needham.



The church shared in a delicious birthday cake.

NEWS FROM CAYMAN

NEWS FROM THE NORTH-EAST CHARGE (EAST END – GUN BAY – NORTH SIDE)



(L-R) The Hon. Isaac Rankin, MP for East End, The Hon. Sabrina Turner, Minister of Health as well as a member of the HSA team cut the ribbon for the opening of the day's activities.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION



Mary, Joseph, the Wise Men and the Angels (Gun Bay)

HEALTH FAIR



On Saturday, December 2, 2023, between 10 am and 12 noon, a Free Health Education and Screening Event was held at the East End United Church Hall. There were Doctor Talks and free Screenings (glucose, BP, etc.). Home Test Kits, random prizes, and surprises were the added gifts for all who attended. The event was a collaborative effort by the Rotary Sunset Club, Lions Clubs, HSA, DH, Health City Cayman, Cayman Heart Fund, and others to bring more screenings to the East End District.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Thirty members of the First Baptist Sanctuary Choir and soloists performed at the East End United Church's Carols and Candlelight Service on December 10, 2023.

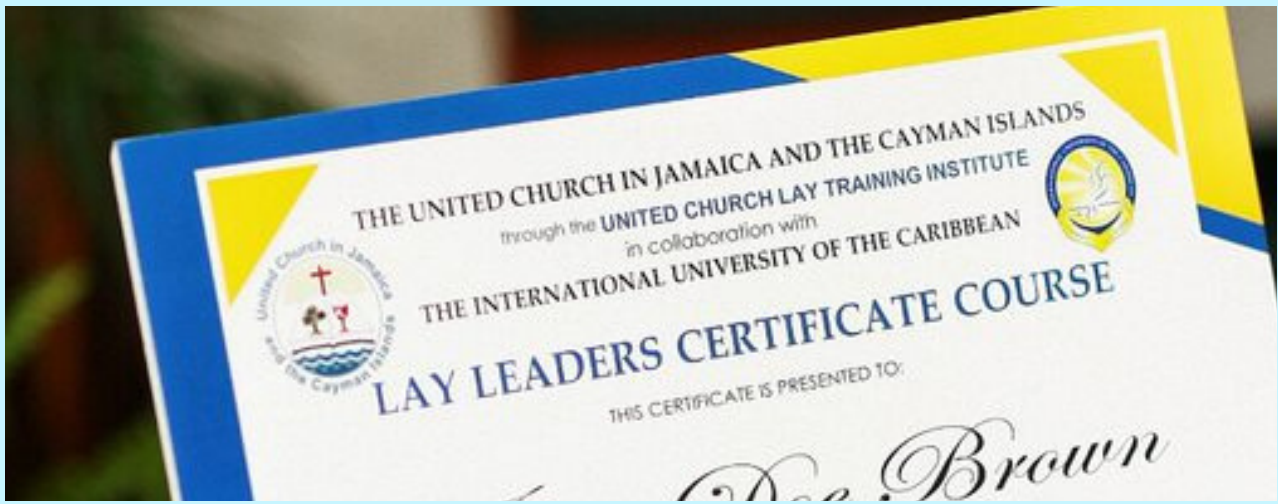
PREPARING TO SERVE

There are many opportunities to participate in mission through the United Church by serving in congregations and communities. The Training of Lay Persons for leadership is one of the ways the United Church seeks to carry out the Great Commission.



**The UCJCI Lay
Leaders
Certificate
Course
provides
training to
engage in the
Mission of God**

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MODULE 2 - FEBRUARY 3

TOPIC: ETHOS AND POLITY OF THE UCJCI



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REV. NORBERT STEPHENS
GENERAL SECRETARY
UCJCI

Training via Zoom
10 am - 1:00pm

Register and make your payment through your regional office. You will then be provided with the Zoom link.

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JOIN ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES

IN UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATIONS

St. Paul's Lockett Avenue and North Street United

WEDNESDAYS - 6:00 P.M.

Meeting ID: 850 369 0667

Passcode: 3eEM4L

TOPIC

**DEFENDING
THE FAITH**

Meadowbrook United

WEDNESDAYS VIA ZOOM - 6:00 P.M.

Meeting ID: 862 8088 4128

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**THE
BEATITUDES**

Ridgemount United

WEDNESDAYS VIA ZOOM - 5:30 P.M.

Meeting ID: 894 9305 3068

Passcode: RIDGEMOUNT

**THE BOOK OF
GALATIANS**

**Can we work together to bring the Word to
those who are thirsting for it?**

**Let's reach beyond our communities by sharing access
information to our online bible studies.**

**Ministers and Lay Pastors, if you want to participate,
please send Topic, Date of Studies and access
information to ucjci.karen.francis@gmail.com**



DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT



We acknowledge with sorrow the death of a former minister of the UCJCI who served in a number of areas of the United Church including children and youth ministry. Rev. Ellen Thomas was the sister of Rev. Obren Thomas (part-time minister in Mount Industry United Church)

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.

Rev. 14: 13

May her soul rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon her.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!!



REV. BEVIN MILLER
JANUARY 25



MRS. JOYCE WILLIAMS
JANUARY 26



MRS. MAULEEN HENRY
JANUARY 27



**REV. PAUL DACOSTA
PINTO**
JANUARY 29



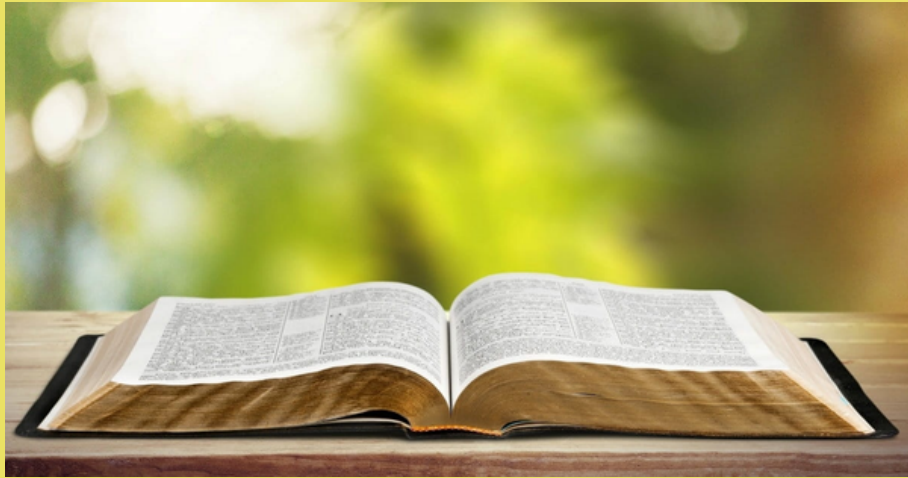
MRS. ANNE LYEW
JANUARY 30

LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Because we understand ourselves to be the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, and because we are God's sent people, we can share the good news with the authority Jesus Christ has vested in us. As God's evangelions (mouthpieces), we are authorized to speak life, denounce evil and preach Christ for the glory of God.

Knowing what is vested in us, we live with transparency so that others won't be repulsed from the Gospel by issues that are non-essentials.



PRAYER THEMES FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH
TO USE IN OUR HOMES AND FOR
GATHERING IN OUR CONGREGATIONS

**RECONNECT, HEED
AND SHARE GOD'S
WORD WITH
AUTHORITY**

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:2-12

Mark 1:21-28

SUGGESTED HYMNS

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

O Spirit of the Living God

Forward through the Ages

Let us Pray Together

WE PRAY FOR

- Rev. Clement Reid who lost his uncle, Telford Norman, and his brother-in-law, Norbert McPherson.
- The family of late Rev. Herbert Redway Snr. who died recently.
- Rev. Obren Thomas and other members of the family of the late Rev. Ellen Thomas who died recently.
- Pastor Peter Neil who recently lost his grandmother.
- Professor Roderick Hewitt who lost a brother-in-law.
- Ministers of the United Church who are suffering illness
 - Rev. Dr. Richmond Nelson
 - Rev. Karlene Thomas Barnes

Please pray for all those God has placed on your heart and those brought to your attention in some way. These sisters and brothers are in need of continued prayer.



**The Lord is near
to the
brokenhearted
and saves the
crushed in spirit.**

Psalm 34: 18



EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

DIRECTOR, UNITED CHURCH SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME

The Director shall be responsible for the efficient and effective management, promotion and representation of the Home.

- Plan, direct, organize and control the day to day operations of the Home
- Hiring and supervising staff
- Implementing and overseeing quality assurance protocols

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor's Degree in Business, Finance, Management, Nursing, Education or related field
- Five years' experience in a management/supervisory position


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DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024



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MINISTRY?

ARE YOU
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SATURDAYS
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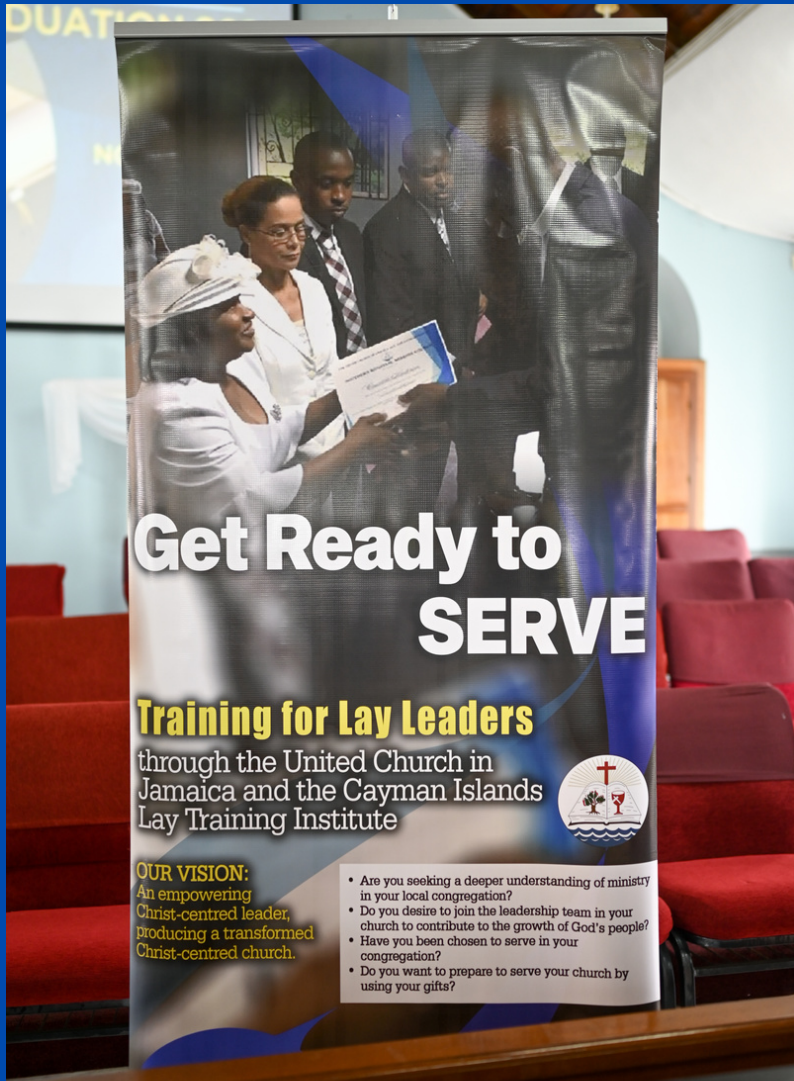
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COMING SOON!

MODULE 1

MARCH TO SEPTEMBER



The UCJCI Lay Training Institute will offer another round of Module 1 training in March 2024. This first level of training in the UCJCI Lay Leaders Certificate Course provides base training for persons willing to serve in the United Church and is a requirement for those who will serve as elders.

More information available soon!

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EVENTS PAGES



SUPPORT WITH PRAYER AND PRESENCE

The following pages carry notification of events. Please send your posters and flyers in pdf, j-peg or png format to citc@gmail.com for promotion in UCJCI Update.

United Church Young People's Fellowship

CIRMIC

SRMIC



NERMIC

WRMIC

SYNODICAL SPORTS DAY



"Resilient Youths Reignite with Purpose"

Noranda Sports Complex

Saturday February 10, 2024 at 8:00am

General: \$300 // Children under 12: \$150

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SYNODICAL THEME:
Rooted, Resilient: Re-ignited by the Spirit
(Return, Reconnect, Realign, Re-ignite)

OUR VISION

*Touching Lives, Nurturing Disciples, Seeking Transformation
through Christ*

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