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Rooted and Resilient: Re-ignited by the Spirit to Re-connect

Commit Your Work To God

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“May the favour of the Lord Our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us- yes, establish the work of our hands.”
- Psalm 90: 17

When reading this verse some things come to my mind: the Fruits of the Spirit and Faith in Action.

Fruits of the Spirit: Whatever you do, do it for the Lord’s honor and glory. Ask God to bless the work of your hands so that you may be fruitful and productive.

Faith in Action: Regardless of what your job is, pray that the Lord will help you to achieve your goals. Ask Him to help you enjoy your work so that you can see Him Glorified in all areas of your job. When your work is stressful, pray for strength and a good attitude

Let me ask you some questions: What is your ‘To-Do List for today? Will you be able to complete the list? How will God feel if all the tasks are not completed?

A new day for most people begins with making breakfast, getting the kids ready for school, making sure the home is clean, taking care of the kids and elderly, and getting to work on time- just to name a few tasks. At the end of the day, you wonder if you had a productive day.

Think carefully—Do you ask God to bless your work? I suggest that when we first wake up, let us make it a habit to turn our day over to the Lord. Our next step is to ask for His help in all that we have to do. Then we thank Him that He will empower us to do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:24 ‘The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

Family Life – Home Situation (Mother, Father, Child/ren, Grandparents)

Let me remind you that God is always with you in the sound of the children’s voices; the sound of the washing machine, the vacuum cleaner, and the turning of the storybook pages at bedtime. His glory is found in how we serve each other, speaking kindly to one another and assisting the children with their homework. The Lord is in the sleepy eyelashes, and fingers learning to tie the shoelaces. The toys and backpacks on the floor, and the dirty dishes in the sink are testament to a life being lived together in chaos.

With all of this happening- there is beauty in making something work, even when it is hard. We have to turn to each other and decide to hang in there no matter what. Yes, there are days of dysfunction, and imperfection that make us rely on God’s strength because we could not bear the burden alone. This is the moment that His beauty can find us, astound us and rest upon us when we least expect it.

By all means, we want His beauty to fill our lives and homes with kindness and warmth. We want to see His glory and greatness in all we do. We want to be aware of His presence as we love and serve the family that He has given us.

On the Job Situation

It is sad when we hear people who hate their work, co-workers and employers. When we despise our work to the point where it affects our attitude and relationships with others, we need to repent and seek God. As Christians, we are to set an example to remind others that it is God’s act of kindness that allows us to function efficiently in the workplace to do what He has given us to do. In Ecclesiastes 2:24-25, Solomon writes about men and their work and the role of God’ A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?

Paul reminds us that it is God’s hand that sanctions our work in Colossians 3:24-25 and that we work for the Lord and not men for it is the Lord we are serving. I pray that you enjoy your job and are vibrant and competent workers because your attitude should be the same as Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:5). Work is a blessing by which we earn money, develop skills and enjoy relationships and it is important to have a healthy balance in our lives.

As you go to work each day always pray for God’s blessings to help you meet the challenges and difficult situations that appear in the workplace. Always remember that God plans that we enjoy the works of our hands that He gives us.

If we want the work of our hands to serve as an influence to others, it needs to be done through the power and blessings of the Lord. As we continue to work for His kingdom the treasures, we store in heaven will be with us forever while the things of this world fade away.

Psalm 90 vs 17 reminds us to keep our focus on the Lord, that through our eternal Creator, our lives will have eternal meaning. I close by stating 3 points in Psalm 90:

1. It teaches us to correctly see that our lives are brief but our work has an eternal effect and meaning through the Lord.
2. If we walk with the Lord, we can experience His peace throughout the suffering and troubles of life.
3. It teaches us to number our days, to live each day as a gift from the Lord and use it wisely, and to cherish our lives and the lives around us because they quickly pass away. Learn to live each day as the last day.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, Please bless our work and make it fruitful. We commit the work that we do to You so that it may be used for Your Glory. Please give us the strength to accomplish what we must do each day and the wisdom and knowledge to do it well. Take charge of every detail of our work so that it will find favor with others and be successful. Give us clarity of mind and the ability to always improve in our work. Keep us from carelessness and idleness so that we will always take care of the details well. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

**CIRMC Women's Fellowship
Annual Breakfast**



The Annual Breakfast of the Cayman Council Women's Fellowship (CCWF) took place at Morrith's Resort, East End, on January 27, 2024, between 8 and 10 am. Approximately 100 women and men attended the event. Rev. Donovan Myers spoke on the theme of 'Patience in the midst of challenges', based on the Book of Ruth.



A special presentation was made to Ms Jacynthia Anderson, President of the Cayman Council Women's Fellowship, in recognition of her outstanding leadership and service to the organization.



Mr Christopher Murray of the Boyz to Men organization received a \$500 cheque in support of the continuing work among the young men at the John Gray High School.




UCJCI Women's Fellowship
BY LOVE SERVE

CIRMC Women's Fellowship Sunday

WEBSTER MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH, BODDEN TOWN



New Women's Fellowship member, Ms Ellen Rose Sherman, (far left) in the company of other Fellowship members and Rev. Euthman Wray, Minister of the Savannah-Bodden Town Charge.



New President of the Bodden Town Women's Fellowship, Ms Marsha Dixon and Treasurer, Mrs Isabella Bodden, with Rev. Wray.

SAVANNAH UNITED CHURCH



Rev. Euthman Wray and Pastor Tonya Knight with Savannah Women's Fellowship Members.



Treasurer, Mrs Ernestine Powell, and President, Ms Winsome Radcliffe.

“The world and our societies of Cayman and Jamaica need to see and experience more people bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their personal and public life. I encourage all of you my sisters to open yourself to the indwelling of the Spirit God and watch him reshape you into a powerful witness of Jesus Christ.

May you have a wonderful week of witness and fellowship, and may you seek to reach other women who are not yet within the fold.”

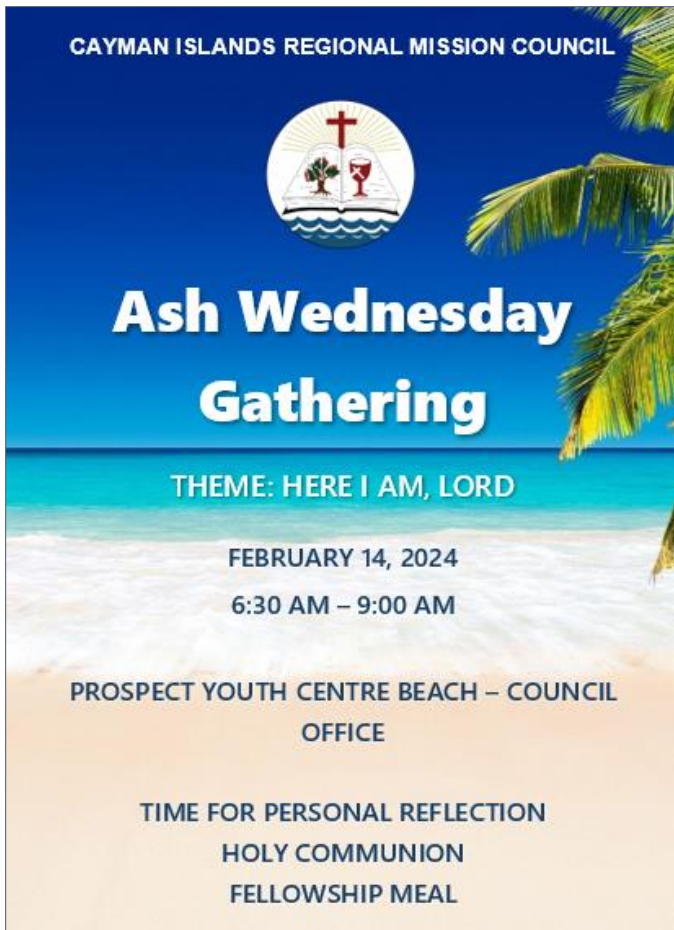
(excerpt from the Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott, Moderator of the UCJCI's Message for the 2024 Women's Fellowship Sunday)

“May our lives be a testimony to the transformative power of God, inspiring others to seek the true vine and experience the abundant life found in Him. As women rooted in the love of Christ, let us be peacemakers, and bridge-builders, forgiving those who have wronged us and reconciling one with another.


Sisters, just as a tree requires constant care and nourishment to thrive, so too must we tend to our spiritual needs. Let us nurture and deepen our roots in Christ through prayer, fasting, the study of His word, worship, and embracing the fellowship with our sisters in faith and love. We must also nurture, support and challenge our sisters to produce fruit as leaders, ready to work as vessels for Christ on His mission field. Let us embrace and support our younger sisters in the fellowship and those on the border so that we may spur them on to good works to continue the mission of Christ. As you engage in various spiritual and social outreach activities during the week, may God’s love, joy and peace radiate through you to the others as you share His abundant love in meeting these needs.

Sisters, let us encourage one another in this journey of faith, supporting and uplifting each other as we strive to bear fruits that honour and glorify our Heavenly Father. Together, we can impact our families, communities, and the world, leaving a legacy of love and faithfulness. Remember, as women rooted in Christ, we have the power to bear fruit that will change the world. May the Holy Spirit continue to nurture and cultivate the seeds of grace within us, leading to a bountiful harvest that brings glory to the name of Jesus Christ.”

(excerpt from Mrs Cheryl Shaw, President General’s Message, for the 2024 Women’s Fellowship Sunday



CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL



**Ash Wednesday
Gathering**

THEME: HERE I AM, LORD

FEBRUARY 14, 2024
6:30 AM – 9:00 AM

PROSPECT YOUTH CENTRE BEACH – COUNCIL
OFFICE

TIME FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION
HOLY COMMUNION
FELLOWSHIP MEAL



Congregational Deputy Chairs and Secretaries Meeting 2024

Congregational Deputy Chairs and Secretaries Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**, at 5:30 pm at the Council Office.

Please bring the Log Book, the Congregational and Board Minutes and the 2024 Congregational Plans for the annual inspection.

Refreshments will be served

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 especially

The bereaved

The sick and ill

Those going through a challenging time

Those before an important decision

Those needing guidance, support, or encouragement

Those who feel lost and hopeless,

Those caught in the middle of armed conflicts,

persecuted, mistreated, exploited,

disenfranchised, or abused.



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