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THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT FOUR PATHS UNITED CHURCH JOINED OTHER CONGREGATIONS IN CELEBRATING THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ON THEIR SPECIAL SUNDAY JANUARY 28, 2024. (READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 2)

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FEATURE - THE LEGACY OF WOMEN

I WOULD GUESS THAT IF MEMBERS OF UCJCI WERE ASKED WHICH IS THE MOST IMPACTING AUXILLIARY, THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WOULD RANK AMONG THE TOP TWO. FEW WOULD DENY THE SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS AT FUND-RAISING, CARE AND SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN'S HOMES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS POWERED BY GROUPS OF WOMEN IN CONGREGATIONS. THIS ADMIRABLE LEGACY OUGHT TO BE CELEBRATED. LAST SUNDAY WAS WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY DURING WHICH MANY NEW MEMBERS WERE ENROLLED AND THE CALL WAS MADE TO JOIN. THIS IS COMMENDABLE. CONGREGATIONS SHOULD ALSO BE URGED TO EXPAND MINISTRIES TO WOMEN AS FURTHER WAYS ARE SOUGHT TO ENGAGE AND REACH WOMEN FOR CHRIST. THAT IS ONE POWERFUL WAY OF CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF THE MOVEMENT.



THE YOUNG ADULTS IN THE UNITED CHURCH CELEBRATED THEIR SPECIAL SUNDAY ON JANUARY 21, 2024 IN CAYMAN (READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 4)

THE LEGACY OF WOMEN

Women Rooted in Christ – Bearing Fruit

Contributed by Mrs. Cheryl Shaw

During the week beginning January 28, the United Church Women's Fellowship celebrated Women's Fellowship week. Here are highlights of the activities and excerpts from important messages.

From the Moderator

"Your theme, 'Women Rooted in Christ – Bearing Fruit' continues to be an important rallying call if you are to remain faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. We know how important roots and rootedness are to plants, as well as how important is the quality of the source from which they draw their nutrients if they are to flourish. We too, if we are to be fruitful disciples, must be anchored or rooted in the best source of spiritual nutrients, which is Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So sisters of the United Church, I implore you to remain rooted in the All Sufficient One, Jesus Christ our Lord".



RT. REV. GARY HARRIOTT
MODERATOR OF UCJCI SYNOD

"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".

From the President-General

"As women rooted in the love of Christ, let us be peacemakers, bridge-builders, forgiving those who have wronged us and reconciling one with another".



"My dear sisters, as we grow in our understanding of God's love, His transformative power will produce abundant fruits in our lives. The fruits we bear are not merely for our own nourishment but are meant to be shared with those around us".

"In a world yearning for the light of Christ, let us shine as beacons of hope, pouring out His unconditional love onto those around us through our actions and words".

MRS. CHERYL SHAW,
PRESIDENT-GENERAL
UCJCI WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Highlights of Services

Women's Fellowship Week



Western Regional Mission Council Women's Fellowship service and enrollment of new sisters.



Southern Regional Mission Council Women's Fellowship service at Four Paths United.

North Eastern Regional Mission Council Women's Fellowship service at Immanuel United.



Bushy Park Women's Fellowship installation was conducted by Rev. Astor Carlyle, minister of the Webster charge, and attended by Mrs. Cheryl Shaw, UCWF President-General.

NATIONAL YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY AT SAVANNAH

Contributed by Rev. Otto Menko

The Savannah United Church held its Young Adult Service on Sunday, January 21, 2024, designated as the National Young Adults Sunday of the UCJCI. The theme in focus was 'Reignited by Repentance.' The Young Adult Service was a joyful celebration and appreciation of the contributions and presence of their young adults.



members of the older generations – need to be more willing to explore new ways to connect with and integrate young adults, sensibly adapting their approaches to meet the evolving needs of this generation. Our task is to bridge the gap and strengthen connections, fostering an inclusive environment where young adults feel valued and engaged. Eventually, they will face the same challenges and have to adapt to the needs of another generation of young adults coming behind them.

The term "missing generation" is often used to describe young adults as they are less engaged or involved in the life and ministry of the Church. There are various reasons behind this phenomenon. Some young adults feel disconnected from the Church because it appears irrelevant and not keeping pace with the times. The Church's use of traditions, style of worship, and its various organizations seem outdated and resistant to change. Additionally, the demands of contemporary life, such as work, education, and other commitments, can make it difficult for them to prioritize regular church involvement. Many also adopted the view that they don't need the Church to walk with God and live out their Christian faith. Recognizing these and other challenges, we –



COUNCIL MEETING AND COMMISSIONING



Rev. Norbert Stephens, General Secretary of the UCJCI, visited the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council (CIRMC) this past weekend and participated in the first Council Meeting of 2024, held on Saturday, January 20, hosted by the Elmslie Memorial United Church, in George Town.

During the meeting, Rev. Rohan Forrester, Chair of Council, presented the Certificate of Commissioning to Ms Katherine Gomez, Pastoral Assistant of the Robert Young Mission Station, George Town, effective December 10, 2023.



CAYMAN ISLANDS GIRLS' BRIGADE COUNCIL MEETING

The Cayman Islands Girls' Brigade Council held its first meeting of the new year on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at the Council Office.



Remembering

REV. HERBERT REDWAY SNR.

PLEASE BE ADVISED OF
THE FOLLOWING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE CELEBRATION OF
THE LIFE AND WITNESS
OF REV. HERBERT
REDWAY SNR.



VIRTUAL MEMORIAL (ZOOM)

Monday February 12, 2024

6 to 8 p.m.

Meeting ID: 813 8206 0566

Passcode: 411300

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Monday February 19, 2024

11 a.m.

St. Paul's United Church,

5 King Street, Montego Bay.

Virtual Memorial Page

PLEASE SHARE YOUR
MEMORIES OF REV.
REDWAY:

UCJCI's Memorial Page:

<https://letusremember.ucjci/memorial.php.com>



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

Passcode: 026309

**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**



LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER IN FEBRUARY

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

FOCUS FOR THE MONTH:

**NURTURE: CARE FOR AND PROTECT SOMEONE OR
SOMETHING WHILE THEY ARE GROWING**

Having established our firm foundation in Christ, we ensure that we draw nigh unto God. It is our responsibility and calling to ensure that as we reconnect, the message of the Gospel is accessible to others so that it feeds the hunger within. This demands that we assess the needs – physical, emotional, material, financial, etc. – and identify ways in which we can meet those.

This is not about gimmicks but, rather, fostering a genuine hunger for the Word (and witness through signs and wonders) that causes others to become God Chasers.



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NURTURING THE SEED EMBEDDED IN US

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

SUGGESTED HYMNS

Dear Lord and Father of
Mankind

The Power of Your Love

Jesu, Jesu Fill us with Your Love

Let us Pray Together

WE PRAY FOR

- Mrs. Debesha Grant Roberts, UCJCI ministerial student at UTCWI, who lost her grandfather - Headley Sutherland.
- Mrs. Carlene Andrade, Programme Assistant SRMC who lost her dad - Duncan Powell.
- Joel Kong, young son of Rev. Rohan and Stephanie Kong. The family remains in need of supportive prayer.
- 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.
- Ministers of the United Church who are experiencing 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

Happy Birthday!

FEBRUARY 2, 2024
REV. ROY DODMAN



WEAR BLACK ON THURSDAY

TAKE A STAND
AGAINST VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN AND
GIRLS





World Communion
of Reformed Churches



JOB OPPORTUNITY

The World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) is accepting applications for its internship programme, particularly from individuals interested in communications and administration.

**Applications are due by 15
March 2024.**

APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENDED INTERNSHIPS INVITED

- **COMMUNICATIONS**
- **ADMINISTRATION**

The two positions available in 2024—one beginning in July and the other in September—will be for 16 months, with both interns serving through the next General Council, to be held in Chiang-Mai, Thailand, in October 2025.

The programme is open to English-speaking individuals of WCRC members who are aged 30 or younger, including ministers, seminarians, or Christian professionals with an interest in working for their churches or the ecumenical movement at any level. Women and individuals from the Global South are particularly encouraged to apply.



THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA
AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ZOOM?



THE UCJCI LAY
TRAINING INSTITUTE IS
IN NEED OF TECHNICAL
SUPPORT FOR LIVE
CLASSES IN MODULE 2
OF THE LAY LEADERS
TRAINING

ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN
EARNING?

ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN
LEARNING ABOUT
YOUR CHURCH AND
MINISTRY?

ARE YOU
AVAILABLE?

LIVE CLASSES WILL BE
HELD 1ST AND 3RD
SATURDAYS
9 AM - 12 NOON

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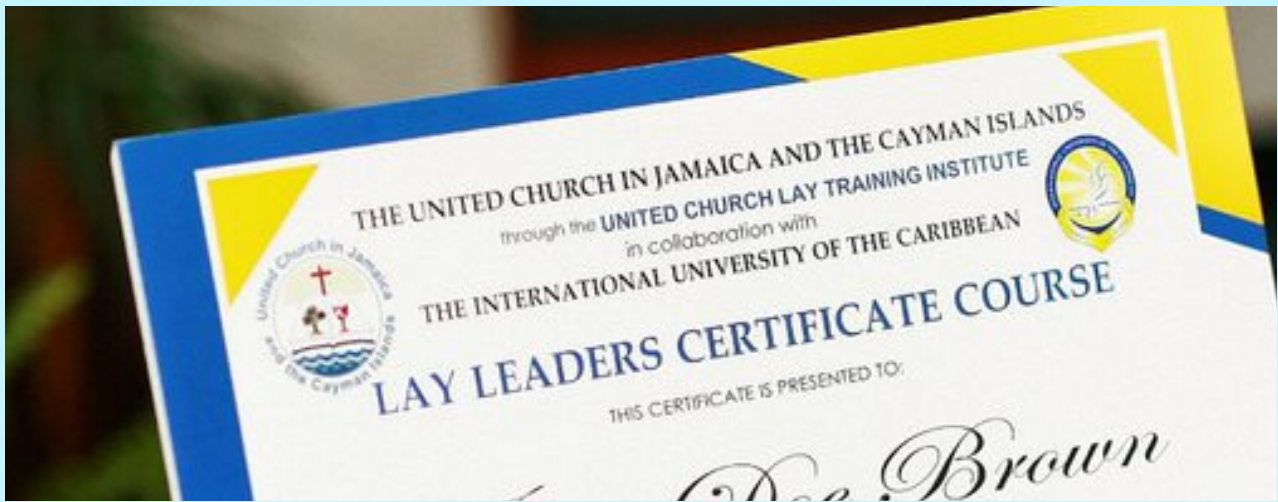
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EVENTS PAGES



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.



MODULE 2 - FEBRUARY 3

TOPIC: ETHOS AND POLITY OF THE UCJCI



ANY MEMBER OF UCJCI MAY JOIN IN
THE TRAINING FOR EACH SESSION OF
MODULE 2 AT A COST OF \$1000 PER
TOPIC



RESOURCE PERSON:
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.**

*Come and learn about your
church and the Christian faith*

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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**NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL
MISSION COUNCIL**

DAY OF FELLOWSHIP

**"REIGNITED BY THE SPIRIT:
RETURN FOR REVIVAL"**

14 | February 2024
ASH WEDNESDAY

 **MEADOWBROOK UNITED CHURCH,
2 FLEMINGTON DRIVE, KINGSTON**

**PREACHER:
REV. KHEREEN WILSON BAILEY**



**MORNING WORSHIP:
9:00 AM**



LIVE STREAM AVAILABLE ON
MEADOWBROOK UNITED
CHURCH'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

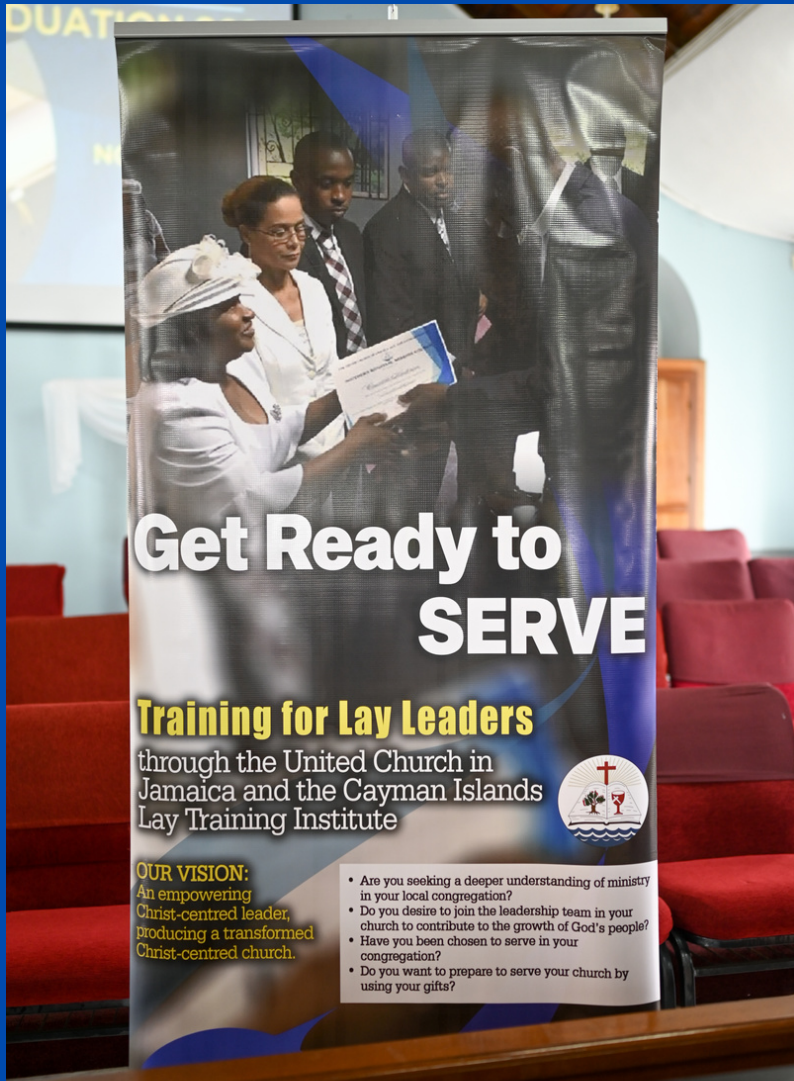
**AFTERNOON SESSION-
INGATHERING & YOUTH
EXPLOSION CONCERT:
1:00 PM**



COMING SOON!

MODULE 1

MARCH TO SEPTEMBER



**Get Ready to
SERVE**

Training for Lay Leaders
through the United Church in
Jamaica and the Cayman Islands
Lay Training Institute

OUR VISION:
An empowering
Christ-centred leader,
producing a transformed
Christ-centred church.

- Are you seeking a deeper understanding of ministry in your local congregation?
- Do you desire to join the leadership team in your church to contribute to the growth of God's people?
- Have you been chosen to serve in your congregation?
- Do you want to prepare to serve your church by using your gifts?

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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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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