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

Elmslie Memorial United Church Global Missions Conference

The Global Missions Committee of the Elmslie Memorial United Church recently hosted its annual Global Missions Conference. This week-long event brought together individuals from diverse backgrounds under the theme "Nations United for Christ." From April 10 to April 14, 2024, congregants and guests gathered to explore the call to mission and evangelization in today's world.

The conference's guest speakers included Bishop Raphael Haule from the Ruvuma Anglican Diocese of Tanzania and Mrs. Keitra Vilma, the Regional Director for the Northern Caribbean with Operation Mobilization. Their presentations offered theological and practical perspectives and insights into global mission efforts.



Bishop Raphael Haule



Mrs. Keitra Vilma

Throughout the week, attendees engaged in various activities designed to deepen their understanding of mission work and its impact. The conference started with a church-wide Bible study led by Bishop Haule, setting the spiritual tone for the rest of the week.



One of the most exciting moments of the event was the Youth Night on Friday. Children and youth from our congregations all over the island took part in virtual visits to various parts of the world. They learned about the positive impact that mission and evangelization make on people's lives and their communities.



Bishop Haule engaging the children.

On Saturday morning, over one hundred individuals gathered for a breakfast and workshop on evangelism. The conference concluded on Sunday with morning and evening Worship Services, culminating in an International Missions Finale.



Mrs. Keitra Vilma, from Operation Mobilization (OM) leading the Saturday morning workshop on evangelism.

The finale showcased the rich diversity of the congregation and community, with guests from Zimbabwe, India, the Philippines, Honduras, Cuba, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, and many other nationalities coming together to share their food, music, and cultural costumes.



The fellowship in the courtyard following the evening Worship Service.

The conference was a testament to the dedication of the Global Missions Committee and a reflection of the dynamic and collaborative spirit within the Elmslie Memorial United Church community. By bringing together individuals from diverse backgrounds and nationalities, the conference served as a powerful reminder that our shared mission is to spread the message of God's love to every corner of the world. The conference also highlighted that engaging in mission and evangelization is the responsibility of every congregation and believer.

Re-Ignited with Boldness to Share the Good News

The Gospel message is of little import if it does not include the glorious mystery of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Over the years many have died for their country or for others whom they know; but none of them have returned from the grave. Jesus, however, has. Just like He promised. This is the essence of the Gospel - that Jesus not only died, but He rose (by Himself), with no life or human support in order that we might access eternal life. And this is what distinguishes Christianity from other faiths.

Help members to celebrate Resurrection as Good News, and its impact for believers today. (Connect this with 1 Corinthians 15:55-58, noting that the final enemy of life is Death). Emphasize the need to share this news for those who have no hope, especially in the face of increasing wars and disasters. Make the connection with UCJCI's renewal and church growth strategy, in

conjunction with the resurrection power, which reignites us for boldness to share the good news.

(UCJCI Preaching Themes - Sunday, April 21, 2024)

Operation Mobilization



Operation Mobilization (OM) is a Christian missionary organization that focuses on evangelism, discipleship, and church planting around the world. Founded in 1957 by George Verwer, OM has grown into one of the largest and most diverse mission organizations, with a presence in over 110 countries.

The organization is known for its diverse outreach initiatives, including ship ministries (most notably the MV Logos Hope, a floating book fair and cultural exchange vessel), relief and development projects, community outreach programs, and training opportunities for missionaries and church leaders.

OM's primary goal is to share the message of Jesus Christ and demonstrate God's love through practical actions, such as providing humanitarian aid, education, and healthcare, alongside evangelism efforts. They work with local churches and communities to empower them to address spiritual and practical needs within their contexts.

OM operates on a volunteer basis, with individuals from various backgrounds and nationalities joining together to serve in different capacities, ranging from short-term mission trips to long-term commitments. The organization emphasizes a holistic approach to missions, aiming to impact both individuals and communities for the long term.

MAGICAL MOMENTS START WITH MUSIC!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
AN EVENING OF MUSIC AT THE
JOHN GRAY MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
24 CHURCH STREET, WEST BAY
ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST 2024 AT 6:30 PM

RELAX AND ENJOY OVER 1 HOUR OF CONTINUOUS MUSIC ...
FROM SOME OF THE MOST WELL-KNOWN MUSICIANS ON ISLAND LIKE THE
INCOMPARABLE CLASSICAL PIANIST GLEN INANGA, AND THE AMAZINGLY
TALENTED
HANNAH SHEN, EMMI MOWBRAY, BLAKE HURLSTONE, NATHAN HERRERA,
OLGA DACOSTA - AND MANY MORE ...

**A Special Offering will be received with thanks
in support of the Lilla Nell Music Fund to advance education
in music and song at the John Gray Memorial Church,
including its Youth Choir.**
"Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence
with singing." —Psalm 100:2

**Please join us after the concert for light refreshments in the
Church Hall.**



You are invited!

Worship on the waves with us!

Saturday | May 11, 2024

4:00 PM - 8 PM

(Please arrive 30 mins before departure time)

Cayman Islands Yacht Club
West Bay

Support us as we raise funds to send 4 students to a training in Trinidad and Tobago! Prayerfully consider attending our event, sponsoring someone else, or make a donation toward the travel expenses of our students. WhatsApp/call 345-929-5111 to purchase tickets or make a donation.



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SAT. APRIL 27, 2024
9-00AM-2-00PM

Prospect Youth Centre
292 Prospect Point Road
Cayman Islands

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www.isivcfky.com/events



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IS/IVCF will also be hosting a leadership training for our students on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 9am-2pm. Please help us pray for the success of this event. Also help us spread the word to the current and potential Christian Student Leaders in your circles. **This is a free event for our students.** Refreshments will also be provided.



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ADULTS: \$50
STUDENTS: \$25

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2024 @ 4:00 PM
Departure Location: The West Bay Yacht Club

Ticket prices Include: 2 Stops and 1 Meal

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