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# Webster Memorial United Church (Bodden Town) Celebrates 170th Anniversary



The month-long 170th Anniversary Celebrations of the Webster Memorial United Church, Bodden Town, continued with a **'Beach Party'** on Saturday, May 18, 2024, held at the Coe Wood Beach in Bodden Town. From 10 AM to 3 PM, the local community was invited to join in the festivities with live music performances, free hamburgers and hot dogs, and a 'grab-and-go' (various items, such as clothing, footwear, kitchen accessories, toys, and more were free to take).

The special events continued on the next day, Sunday, May 19, 2024, with an **Anniversary Youth Service** and an evening of **'Singspiration'** to give God thanks and praise. The event brought together United Church Congregations from the various districts. The evening included special performances by individuals of all, featuring a range of musical styles, including traditional hymns, contemporary worship songs, and instrumental solos.



The Webster Memorial United Church Choir



Angie, Payton and Reaganne presenting an item from their Classical repertoire.



The John Gray Memorial United Church Choir



Leana presenting a vocal solo.



The Savannah United Church Choir



The Cayman male Voice Choir

Beginning Monday, May 20, 2024, a five-day Historical Exhibition offered visitors the opportunity to explore the rich history of the Congregation, its immediate community, and the Cayman Islands. A wide array of photographs, documents, and various artifacts were on display, showcasing significant moments, cultural heritage, and historical milestones.



On Wednesday, the Year 5 classes from Cayman Prep and High School visited the exhibition and the Sanctuary. Each year, classes visit our Congregations to learn about the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, which owns and operates their school, a leading educational institution on the island.



### SSUC Thanks Rev. Myers

Last Sunday, following the morning Worship Service, members of the **South Sound United Church** (SSUC) stayed back for a fellowship breakfast to bid farewell to their Minister, **Rev. Donovan Myers**, who will assume the office of Regional Deputy General Secretary at the beginning of June in the CIRMC.

Rev. Myers has been the Minister of the Congregation since 2022, when the South Sound United Church and the John Gray Memorial Church merged to form a new Charge. This strategic realignment was part of broader efforts by our Regional Mission Council to respond to an ever-changing and increasingly challenging context.



Over the past two years, Rev. Myers has forged a close and dynamic relationship with the South Sound Congregation. His down-to-earth approach and genuine warmth have left an indelible mark on the membership, creating a vibrant and supportive spiritual environment for all.

As Rev. Myers transitions to his new role, the SSUC extends heartfelt thanks and wishes him God's richest blessings. His friendliness, energy, and leadership style will be greatly missed, and doubtlessly, his new position will benefit from the same dedication and spirit he brought to the SSUC congregation.

## Summer Camp Promotion Sunday in the CIRMC

This past Sunday, Churches worldwide marked **Pentecost Sunday**, celebrating the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. That day is widely recognized as the day the Church was born. Pentecost Sunday was also **Summer Camp Promotion Sunday** across the CIRMC.

Our summer camps are known for their fun, fellowship, and transformative impact. For decades, they have played a crucial role in the spiritual growth of our children and youth. Summer Camp Promotion Sunday highlighted the enduring legacy of these camps, which have been instrumental in planting seeds of faith in young hearts, often changing the trajectory of their lives.

Traditionally, these camps were six-day stay-over experiences, providing an immersive environment for campers. However, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the camps have had to transition to day-only formats to ensure safety and compliance with health guidelines. For the time being, this is still our practice. Despite the shift to day camps, enthusiasm remains high among campers. The change has not dampened the spirit and excitement that these camps generate each summer. The joy and eagerness of the campers are as vibrant as ever.

The summer camps' success is largely attributed to the experienced and dedicated planning and leadership team behind them. This team spends months meticulously preparing for the camps, handling everything from logistics to training and promotion. Their commitment ensures that every detail is attended to, creating a safe, caring, and enriching experience for all participants.

We are incredibly grateful to our planning and leadership team. Their hard work and dedication are the backbone of these camps, making it possible for us to offer such a valuable and joyful experience to our children and youth. As we gear up for another summer of camps, we look forward to seeing God's Holy Spirit work out God's plan of salvation and blessings in the lives of campers and leaders alike.

For more information on the CIRMC Summer Camps, please refer to the flyer or speak with the Youth Minister in your Congregation.





#### WEBSTER MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH, BODDEN TOWN, GRAND CAYMAN

Cordially invites you and your family to join us for the Closing Event of our 170<sup>th</sup> Celebration:

May 26, Sunday – 11:00 AM

170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Closing Service, followed
by lunch at the Church Hall
Guest Speaker: Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott (Moderator)



on Radio Cayman 89.9 every Sunday at 7:45 am

May 26, 2024 Rev. Rohan Forrester

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