

The United Church In Jamaica And The Cayman Islands



CAYMAN ISLANDS  
REGIONAL  
MISSION COUNCIL

WEEKLY  
UPDATE!

January 12, 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! FROM CIRMC

IN THIS ISSUE

# Reflections from the RDGS

At the threshold of this New Year, we are invited to pause for reflection. In Lamentations 3:22- 23, we read ‘Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.’ This pericope reminds us in a very profound way of God’s faithfulness and mercy and that we can depend on God daily and also in the direst of situations. We have much to give God thanks for as in many ways God remained faithful to us during 2017. As a nation we were spared any damage from one of the costliest Hurricane Seasons, we had General Elections that were free from fear, the economy has remained fairly stable and the pillars of the economy are secured.

Although still present in pockets, to a certain extent there is greater management of crime and violence; however, there are real concerns regarding the frequency of motor vehicular accidents and the irresponsibility of some drivers. Our prayers and condolences are with those who lost loved ones during the year and for those who suffered any kind of loss.

As a Regional Mission Council (RMC), during 2017, we were able to staff all Pastoral Charges and the Bethesda Counselling Centre. We welcomed the Rev. Euthman Wray and the Rt. Rev L. Christopher Mason to Pastoral Charges and Mrs. Mary Bowerman to the Bethesda Counselling Centre. Ms. Renita Barnes, our Marketing, Communications and Events Coordinator participated successfully as the UCJCI participant in the Council for World Mission (CWM) Training in Mission Programme (TIM). Renovations were completed at of the Gun Bay Sanctuary and it was rededicated on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2017. The Woodlawn Duplex and the Beach Bay land were transferred to Council and we now have these resources at our disposal. We give thanks to God for the generosity of the benefactors.

In 2018 we are encouraged to praying earnestly for our ministry to youth and young adult, for our overall growth- numerically and spiritually, for the level of our commitment and for our willingness to serve. In response to some aspects of our concerns, Ms. Barnes has been appointed as the Programme Secretary for Children, Youth and Young Adults. The RDGS has taken on the portfolio for the Women and Men’s Ministry.



RDGS REFLECTION FOR THE  
NEW YEAR

In this year, the CIRMC will register as a Non-Profit Organisation under the...



YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

The meeting will focus on strategies/ways to “Re-energize Youth Ministry” within the Council.



WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST

February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00am at the Morritt’s Resort in East End

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 7 - 14

Week of Prayer - East End & Gun Bay Charge

January 13

Girls' Brigade National Council Meeting - Savannah United Church Hall at 9:30am

January 15

Council Executive Meeting - Council Office at 5:30pm

January 14 - 19

Keswick Meetings - First Baptist (evenings)/Family Life Centre (lunch hour)

January 20

YLNE Annual General Meeting & Youth Symposium - Council Office at 9:00am

January 27

Council Meeting - William Pouchie Memorial at 9:00am

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**Look Ya Nah!**



Did you know that Bethesda provides counselling services for businesses/companies?

Click [www.caymanetherapy.com](http://www.caymanetherapy.com) to learn more.

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**THEME: Knowing The Word**

January 14	Mr. Mike Bowerman
January 21	Rev. Rohan Forrester
January 28	Women's Fellowship Leadership

**Reflections from the RDGS contd.**

The hope is that with support from the Council Staff, these ministries in Council will experience further growth and development. By April 2018, the CIRMC will register as a Non- Profit Organisation under the Non- Profit Organisation Law of the Cayman Islands. This will bring some changes to our financial reporting and Congregations are being asked to adhere to the new rules and requirements.



During 2018, in each quarter there will be the following emphasis:

**January- March:**

'The Word' (Church in Ministry)

**April - June:** 'Adult and Family Life'

**July- September:** 'Children and Youth'

**October - December:** 'Advocacy'

Council and Congregations will also follow this strategic direction and develop ministry goals and plans according to the Synodical guidelines.

In 2018, Convocations will be held on April 15 (Jamaica) and April 22(Cayman Islands). The theme is 'Disciples of Peace' and we will in Congregations and the communities demonstrate our commitment to peace.

In this Synodical period, the UCJCI will follow the strategic missional direction which encompasses:

- Children and Youth Ministries,
- Adult and Family Life Ministries
- Public Witness and Advocacy
- Church in Ministry

We have entered this year with great expectation and we are trusting in the faithful God for guidance, wisdom and mercy. With certainty we will proclaim 'great is thy faithfulness' as we continue to pray and serve God together.

**LEARN ABOUT THE LITURGICAL SEASON: THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY** - The season of Epiphany is from January 6 to February 13, 2018. Epiphany celebrates the incarnation of Christ and the manifestation or theophany - the revelation of God to the world in Jesus Christ. The word Epiphany is from Koine Greek ἐπιφάνεια, *epiphaneia*, meaning manifestation or appearance. It is derived from a verb meaning "to appear." In classical Greek it was used of the appearance of dawn, of an enemy in war, but especially of a manifestation of a deity to a worshiper (a theophany). In the New Testament the word is used in 2 Timothy 1:10 to refer either to the birth of Christ or to his appearance after his resurrection, and five times to refer to his Second Coming. (Source - internet)

**What's Happening in CIRMC?**

**YOUTH SYMPOSIUM / YLNE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Youth Leaders National Executive (YLNE) will be having their Annual General Meeting as well as a Youth Symposium on January 20, 2018 from 10:00am - 2:00pm at the Council Office. The meeting will focus on strategies/ways to "Re-energize Youth Ministry" within the Council. A Panel discussion will also be held to share the challenges and the needs of Youth in our congregations and communities, and explore ways to meet those needs. Youth, Youth Leaders/Workers/Volunteers are invited to attend!

**YOUTH LEADERS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

THEME: RE-ENERGIZING YOUTH MINISTRY

**LET'S JOIN HANDS**



Date: January 20, 2018  
Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm  
Venue: Council Office, Prospect



**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

The Cayman Council Women's Fellowship will be having a "Fellowship Breakfast" on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00am at the Morritt's Resort in East End. The Rt. Rev. L Christopher Mason (Moderator of the Synod, UCJCI) will share as the guest speaker, and will speak in regard to the theme: "Live in the Word". The Fellowship Breakfast will cost \$25. All are invited to attend!

CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MISSED! PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CIRMC WEBSITE!

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# SAVE THE DATE!

## Fellowship Breakfast



February 3, 2018

at 8 AM

Morritt's Resort

Queen's Highway, East End

Theme: Live in the Word

Guest Speaker

*Rt. Rev. L. Christopher Mason*  
Moderator of the Synod of the United Church in  
Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

Cost : \$25.00

All are invited



Cayman Council Women's Fellowship

### COUNCIL EVENTS

#### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING #1

The Call to Serve

February 10, 2018 from  
9:00am - 12:00pm

#### ASH WEDNESDAY GATHERING

February 14, 2018 at 7:30am  
Savannah United Church

#### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING #2

Word in Life/Worship

February 17, 2018 from  
9:00am - 12:00pm

### YLNE AGM & Youth Symposium

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