### **CIRMC WEEKLY UPDATE**





GT Charge has done it again! Sports Day 2018 Champions

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### George Town Charge - 2018 Sports Day Champions

The excitement filled the air as the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council hosted its annual Sports Day. Congregations and Charges came out in their colours to participant and cheer on their fellow members and athletes. Young and old took part in the fun filled day gaining points as they vied for the title of Sports Day Champions and the Leonard Ebanks Trophy. Special thanks to our Sports Day Volunteers & Marshalls from across our Council, who did an excellent job in keeping the flow of Sports Day as smooth as possible. The success of the day came from their efforts and hard-work.

Overall, the representation from all Congregations and Charges was an awesome sight to behold as they held their banners with pride for the opening parade. The support of the congregations added to the wonderful time of fellowship that lingered throughout the festivities. Special recognition goes to the William Pouchie congregation that came with a fire brighter than their orange shirts and banner! The valiant underdogs of Sports Day strived with determination creeping past fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) place, fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) place and at a significant point throughout the day maintained second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place; leaving the Robert Young & Savannah Charge in disbelief.

There were a few interesting changes to Sports Day this year, one being the Tug-o-war tournament. Being that there were six (6) groups of churches represented, they were split into two groups of three (3). The three (3) teams in each group battled against each "best of 3" style. The winner from each of the two groups challenged one another to be the overall Tug-o-war winner. The first Tug-o-war tournament was for ages 8 - 16, of which the youth from the John Gray Memorial United Church were victorious as they pulled their way to victory against the mighty George Town Charge! Boy the crack conch of West Bay gave them extra strength on Sports Day! The next Tug-o-war tournament led to old rivals taking their chance at another head to head battle. Yes, it was a George Town Charge vs. Robert Young/Savannah Charge match up. The battle was the longest Tug-o-war challenge of the day, as the rope was pulled back and forth. In the end, the mighty George Town Charge reigned victorious.

Even the excitement of the Tug-o-war tournaments could not prepare spectators for one of the most entertaining races of Sports Day 2018! The Ministers 50m Power walk race! The power walkers prepared themselves at the starting line, the Rt. Rev. L Christopher Mason (UCJCI Moderator & Minister of the George Town Charge), Rev. Alice Blair (Minister of the East End/Gun Bay Charge), Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble Bloomfield (RDGS), and Mr. Herman Wilson (Elder of the RY/Sav Charge filling in for Rev. Euthman Wray). Every phone in the stands was out and ready to record this momentous race. Rev. Alice Blair stole the show with her power walking technique, proving that even her long jeans skirt would not hold her back from claiming victory for her Charge.

Despite the ribbons, the trophies, and the bragging rights...Sports Day 2018 was a wonderful time for the Council to come together as a United Church, to laugh, to fellowship, and to become familiar with our church family; remembering that we are all a part and one in the body of Christ.



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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 16 - 17 Central Mission Council Meeting -Kingston, Jamaica

March 17 Girls' Brigade Camp - Prospect Youth Centre

March 18 Intercultural Sunday - Webster Memorial United Church

March 24 Leadership Development Training #4 -Council Office, Prospect at 9:00am -12:00pm

March 25 Easter Cantata - Savannah United Church at 10:00am

March 26 - 29 Holy Week Services in Congregations

March 29 Maundy Thursday Service - Savannah United Church

Click here to view the full CIRMC Calendar

### Look Ya Nah!



#### A Moment with Bethesda:

Studies are yielding evidence that eating disorders don't just cause damage to the body's physical systems; they can also take a toll on the body's psychic systems... Read more, click the link https://www.facebook.com/BethesdaCounsellingky/



#### THEME: Living Out The WORD

March 18 - Rev. Euthman Wray (Theme: How to Use the WORD in settling disputes)

March 25 - Rev. Godfrey Meghoo (Palm Sunday Reflection)

### Sports Day 2018 contd.

#### **FINAL STANDINGS**

1 <sup>st</sup> - George Town Charge	512 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Robert Young/Savannah Charge	385 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> - William Pouchie Memorial	286 points
4 <sup>th</sup> - East End/Gun Bay Charge	160 points
5 <sup>th</sup> - Webster Memorial	157 points
6 <sup>th</sup> - John Gray Memorial Click to view more Sports Day photos	145 points





## What's Happening in CIRMC?

#### **GEORGE TOWN CHARGE MISSIONS WEEKEND 2018**



Missions Weekend has become an annual event of the George Town Charge with, each year, a mission leader or a missionary working overseas being invited to speak. This year, Elmslie Memorial and South Sound United saw the third visit of Richard "Chip" Kirk with his 'pal', Junior. Chip said that he learned to be a ventriloquist as a young teenager and soon began to earn pocket money at parties and functions using his skill.

However, it was after he became a Christian at college and then going on to seminary that he discovered what a wonderful tool in ministry his dummy could be. As a missionary with Operation Mobilization, and having travelled in 50 countries, he has used Junior and other puppets to great effect to share the gospel and teach the faith. He states that his personal

mission statement is "The whole gospel to the whole world so that the whole world might wholly worship Jesus Christ." At the Elmslie Youth evening, he reminded the young people that God loves every single one of them, regardless of how others view them, using as his example an Indian friend who was born into the lowest cast called the Untouchables who were treated worse than dogs. On Saturday morning, a member of the committee organized a Caribbean breakfast, after which Chip addressed the thorny question: "What happens to those who have never heard about Jesus?"

Sunday services were held at both Congregations with Chip stressing that in order to bear fruit across the street and across the world, we had to recognize that without Jesus we can do nothing but, with him, anyone can witness and share their faith. Finally, at a joint service in South Sound United, he shared stories of how God is working in amazing ways around the world, with people coming to Christ, especially in 'closed' countries and among Muslims. Supporting and being involved in both global and local missions are equally important, and every church should make a deliberate decision to actively be so: "Go into the entire world..." - the world that is next door or at our place of work and the world which is across the seas.

Chip challenged us anew to share the gospel in whichever part of the world we were in, but at the same time to ensure we support overseas missions. Along with two people who gave testimony at Elmslie, he especially encouraged everyone to go on a short-term mission trip which, he indicated, would be a lifechanging experience.

#### GIRLS' BRIGADE WEEK LAUNCH - THEME: "BE FRUITFUL & OVERFLOWING"

Sunday March 11th was the beginning of our annual Girls' Brigade week in the Cayman Islands. The theme for the week is "Fruitful and Overflowing." The week began with Girls' Brigade companies from across the island attending and participating in a worship service at the William Pouchie Memorial United Church in North Side. Rev. Rohan Forrester, the Chaplain for the North Side and Bodden Town companies brought the message.



Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield, the National Chaplain also participated in the service. Holly Miller was commissioned as an officer by the Chairman of Girls' Brigade Cayman Islands, Debbie McLaughlin, and Audrey Whittaker Captain of the North Side company. During the week there will be joint activities with the companies, and the week will end with a GB camp at the Prospect Youth Centre.

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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **COUNCIL EVENTS**

### NEXT SATURDAY!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING #4 The Elder - Roles & Responsibilities March 24, 2018 from 9:00am - 12:00pm

> COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING April 4, 2018 Council Office at 5:30pm

CAMP MINISTRY 2018 Camp Leaders Training #1 April 20, 2018 Council Office at 5:30pm

CAYMAN CONVOCATION April 22, 2018 Cayman Prep & High School Auditorium Walkers Rd. Starting at 9:00am

INTERESTED IN BEING A LEADER AT CAMP THIS YEAR?

## CAMP LEADERS TRAINING!

APRIL 20, 2018 COUNCIL OFFICE, AT 5:30PM

Let's put in the effort to make our Camp Ministry impactful! The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council





# WHAT MAKES THIS CONVOCATION SO SPECIAL?

One of the Special Features of our Convocation this year will be to honour a pioneer of our Church and community, Mrs. Olive Miller. We will be recognizing and honouring her for her work with the Girls' Brigade as well as her church and community involvement.

Now that's a historic and memorable moment you simply cannot miss!