



# UCJCI UPDATE

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## WRMC CHURCH POLITY SEMINAR

**OUR VISION:** "Touching  
lives, Nurturing Disciples,  
Seeking Transformation  
through Christ."

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### PRAY FOR:



- **Rev. Bevis Byfield** who is not well
- **Mrs. Carlene Andrade** who lost her brother
- **A Holy and Reflective Easter Season**

**T**he Western Regional Mission Council (WRMC), hosted a Church Polity Seminar on the 10th March, 2018, at the St. Paul's United Church's Hall in Montego Bay.

Conducted by **Rev. Henley Bernard**, it targeted both serving **Lay Pastors and Lay Pastor candidates** and was attended by **nine (9) serving Lay Pastors** and **six (6) Lay Pastor candidates**.

After opening prayers delivered by the WRMC's Programme Secretary **the seminar was delivered in three (3) segments:**

1. The first segment focused on the attendees gaining **an understanding of church polity** and on introducing them to the different forms of church polity, with the facilitator asking the participants to identify the **advantages and disadvantages** of each form of church polity.

2. The second segment informed them of the **UCJCI's polity** and how it has **impacted our church's administration and structure**.

3. The third segment, provided an opportunity for the participants to understand **the Statement of Union (United Church in Jamaica and Grand Cayman/Disciples of Christ)** and how it guided the **creation of the UCJCI's Constitution**.

The seminar which was well received by the participants concluded with prayer by **Lay Pastor Merton Jones**.



*Rev. Henley Bernard*

### SRMC WELCOMES REV. LEMBE SEVILE



An invitation has been extended by the Chairman

of the Southern Regional Mission Council, of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) to the **Welcome/Introduction Service for CWM Mission Partner Rev. Lembe Sivile** and family to the **Low River Charge on Sunday April 8, 2018** commencing at **4:00 p.m. at Low River United Church.** ■

**CELEBRATION-**



**70:**

- **Rev. Donald Williams**  
March 28,
- **Rev. Everton Brissett,**  
April 2,
- **Rev. Khereen Wilson Bailey**  
April 4.

**UNASHAMED**  
"For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."  
- Romans 10:11

USA & JAMAICA

**YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**  
| AGES: 16+ | FREE EVENT |

**MARCH 16-17**  
FRIDAY | 7PM - 10:30PM  
MARANATHA GOSPEL HALL  
7 DEANERY ROAD  
KINGSTON 16

SATURDAY | 9AM-7PM  
UTECH JA, ALFRED SANGSTER  
AUDITORIUM

Enjoy a great time of  
Skits|Dance|Spoken Word|  
Praise & Worship|  
|Speakers|Workshops|  
|Breakout Sessions|

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**Youth**  
**QUAKE**  
**2018**

ANDREWS MEMORIAL UNITED  
SAT - MAY 5TH-2018  
START TIME: 8AM  
REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

Discipling Across Boundaries for Jesus  
**#DABforJesus**



THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

**CONVOCATION 2018.**

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, April 15

Theme: *"Discipleship for Life, Disciples of Peace"*

**SPEAKER: REV. ASTOR CARLYLE**

**MONTEGO BAY CONFERENCE CENTRE, ST JAMES.**

**WEAR BLUE!**

Come, broker for PEACE, Worship, Fellowship, and Celebrate! - There will be fun activities for the children and empowering engagement for the Youth.

ADMISSION: FREE! - **SEE YOU THERE!**

**UCJCI FEATURES AT CAYMAN GOVERNOR'S SWEARING-IN CEREMONY.**

**O**n March 26, 2018, the Moderator, Rt. Rev. L.

**Christopher Mason, participated in the Swearing in Ceremony for the new Governor of the Cayman Islands. He offered the prayers.**

The Swearing in Ceremony was held in the Legislative Assembly.

The new Governor **His Excellency Anwar Choudhury** has commenced a three year tour of duty in the Cayman Islands. He has emphasized four main areas of interest for his tenure, namely **crime reduction, protecting Cayman's financial services and independent judiciary, protecting human rights and forging closer links between Cayman and the U.K.**



Above in Photo, L-R are:

**Speaker, the Hon. William McKeeva Bush, UCJCI Moderator, the Rt. Rev. L Christopher Mason, Hon. Franz Manderson, Deputy Governor, Inspector Ian Yearwood of the Royal Caymanian Islands Police Service (RCIPS).**

## LEADERSHIP CORNER

### How to Invest in Your Team

Investing in a team brings benefits to everyone on the team. The question for most people isn't 'why', but 'how'. Jesus Christ built and equipped a team of disciples while on earth, and they in turn brought transformation to many lives after His ascension.

Consider taking these nine (9) steps to invest in your team:

- 1. Make the decision to build your team:** It is said that every journey begins with the first step. Decide to equip and develop your team. This requires commitment.
- 2. Gather the best team possible:** The better the people on the team, the greater the potential.
- 3. Pay the price to develop the team:** This ensures the growth of the team. You will have to dedicate time that could be used for personal productivity. Sometimes you will have to put aside your personal agenda.
- 4. Do things together as a team:** This provides community for the team. The statement was once made, "Even when you've played the game of your life, it's the feeling of teamwork that you'll remember. You'll forget the plays, the shots, and the scores, but you'll never forget your teammates." That is describing the community that develops among teammates who

spend time doing things together. The 'where' and 'when' are not as important as the fact that team members share common experiences.

- 5. Empower team members with responsibility and authority:** This raises up leaders for the team. Any team that wants people to step up to a higher level of performance – and to higher levels of leadership – must give team members authority as well as responsibility.
- 6. Give credit for success to the team:** This lifts the morale of the team. People are willing to work hard if they receive recognition for their efforts. Compliment your teammates. Talk up their accomplishments.
- 7. Watch to see that the investment in the team is paying off:** This brings accountability to the team. Some people develop quickly. Others are slower to respond, and that's okay. The main outcome you want is to see progress.
- 8. Create new opportunities for the team:** This allows the team to stretch. When a team has the possibility of taking new ground or facing new challenges, it has to stretch to meet them. That process not only gives the team a chance to

grow, but it also benefits every individual. Everyone has the opportunity to grow toward his or her potential. Jesus Christ achieved this whenever He sent His disciples into the 'field' to labour, and it prepared them for very effective ministries later on.

- 9. Give the team the best possible chance to succeed:** This guarantees the team a high return on their efforts. One of the most essential tasks you can undertake is to clear obstacles so that the team has the best possible chance to work toward success. If you are a team member, that may mean making a personal sacrifice or helping others to work together better. If you are a leader, that means creating an energised environment for the team and equipping each person with what he needs at any given time to ensure success.

If your current team experiences are not as positive as you would like, then it's time to increase your level of investment. Building and equipping a team for the future may start slowly, but what you put in brings a high return in productivity and effectiveness.

(Source: "Real Leadership: The 101 Collection" by John C. Maxwell)

