

CHILDREN

YOUTH

YOUNG
ADULTS

WOMEN

MEN

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AUXILIARIES OF THE UCJCI



THE AUXILIARIES

A fellowship/ group established by:

- **Age**
- **Gender**
- **Objects**

To: **R**eceive, **I**nspire, **E**ngage,
Disciple, **E**quip & **R**elease like
persons to disciple others.

AUXILIARIES OF THE UCJCI

- The Church or Sunday School (S/CS)
- The Boys' Brigade (BB)
- The Girls' Brigade (GB)
- The Youth Fellowship (UCYPF)
- The Young Adults (UCYAAM)
- The Men's Fellowship (MF)
- The Women's Fellowship (WF)

Specific Objectives of the UCJCI

1. To have congregations operate in such a way that **evangelism** is understood as the sum-total of their vocation and **prayer and worship central to their function**

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2. To encourage all congregations to harness their energies and combined resources to achieve more effective ministry within and outside of the congregation

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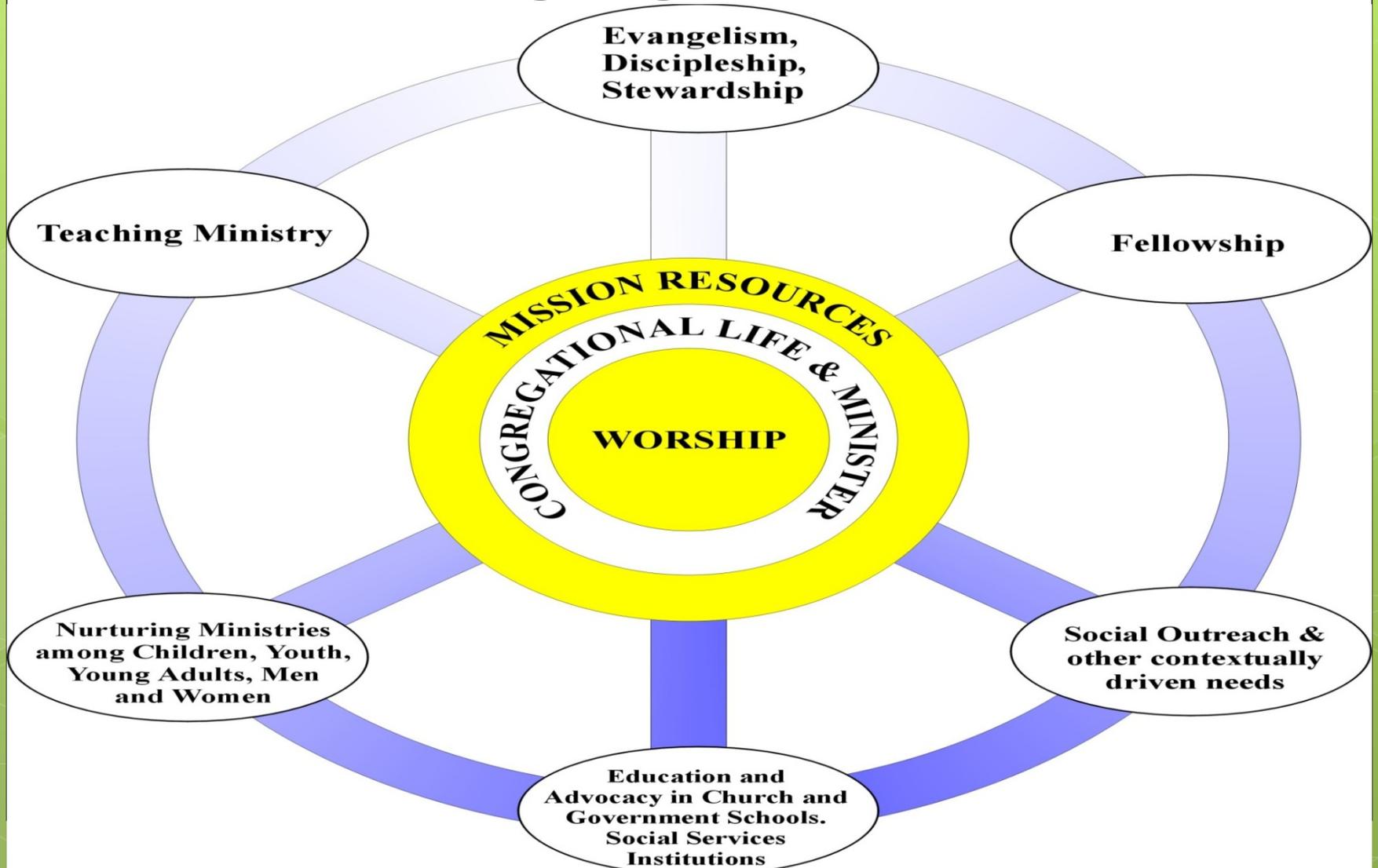
3. To equip ministers and worship leaders to organize for and engage in **life-giving worship experiences**
4. To effectively respond to the spiritual and **social needs of those who serve** so that they can competently and confidently perform their duties

Specific Objectives of the UCJCI

5. To deepen the capacity of Ministers to function **as spiritual leaders and teachers of faith**
6. To embrace and **facilitate a dynamic ministry with children, youth, young adults, women and men**

**Point of Growth
is the
congregation!**

Core Functions and Mission Priorities: Congregation



Core Functions

1 Worship

- The United Church's vision is that every congregation is a centre for life-giving worship;
- Quality time is spent planning for and deepening the experience of every worshipper
- Worship is intergenerational, children-friendly, sensitive to seniors and need-focused.

Core Functions

#2 Congregational Life

- This is the Congregation at work, responding to the needs of each member and reaching out to the community.
- A dynamic leadership team which mobilizes and inspires the congregation for action in response to the discerned needs.

Core Functions

3 Mission Resources

- the accumulative gifts of the people of God to engage and execute the mission of Christ.
- **people, ideas, money or property,** ;harnessed and honed for effective ministry engagement.

Mission Priority # 1

Evangelism, Discipleship & Stewardship

- **Evangelism** is what we are called to do as Christians (Mark 16:15 - 16, Matthew 28:16 - 20).
- engage different models of evangelism in response to different target groups.

Mission Priority # 1

- **Discipleship** is how we live our faith.
- Every person who is evangelized becomes a disciple.

The Multiplying effect!

Mission Priority # 1

- **Stewardship:** accountability to the plan of God, which is to use all of God's gifts to us; (money, time, talents and other resources), to advance God's Kingdom in the world.

Mission Priority # 2

Nurturing Ministries

- The ways in which various age groups and auxiliaries are embraced and supported in their quest for spiritual growth and development.

Mission Priority # 3

- **Fellowship** is a means of holding us together as a community of faith.

Mission Priority # 4

Teaching Ministries

- Teaching (Christian Education) to enable and empower the entire church for greater and more informed engagement in ministry.
- The entire membership of the church to be equipped to witness to the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Mission Priority # 5

Social Outreach

- responds to the hurt and hopes of people
- It is the church's response to social and economic needs as well as a range of justice issues in communities.

Mission Priority # 6

Education and Advocacy

- commitment for involvement in education sees the United Church developing a Christian ethos within those institutions owned and operated by us and working with Governments (Advocacy), to ensure that education is interpreted as both the impartation of knowledge and the inculcation of values



Children are valued for the immense love and life they bring to the whole church family.

Children's Ministry

MEMBERSHIP-0-12, All Children

- Child evangelism children.
- identifying appropriate material for Christian nurture.
- Building competence among Church School Teachers
- inter-generational worship experiences.

6 AREAS OF FOCUS FOR UCJCI

- **Christian Nurture**
- **Denominational Identity**
- **Personal Development**
- **Numerical Growth**
- **Retention of Membership**
- **Children's Engagement**

THE COMMISSIONS

THE CHILDREN FRIENDLY CONCEPT

1. intergenerational worship model where the child is fully involved;
2. training for Church School Teachers;
3. Deliberate child evangelism initiatives;
4. Children Friendly Bible Study;
5. Use of the approved Church School Material by all
6. Policies and practices for the safety of children;
7. Social Out-reach projects for and through children;
8. Provide spiritual nurture and family life support for parents;
9. Provide opportunities for structured programmes to offer life skills, spiritual nurture and fun activities for children (including Vacation Bible School, Camps, and Uniformed Groups etc.)
10. Deliberate budgeting for Children's Ministry

5-STAR CHILDREN FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. A ministry of children-friendly, commissioned people
2. A Ministry of trained and certified people (including youth)
3. A ministry to children which involves leadership of the lay and Ordained Minister
4. A ministry which provides challenge towards the faith relationship with Christ
5. A ministry which is intentionally budgeted for

5-STAR CHILDREN FRIENDLY CHURCH-5 Key Elements

1. **The Word-** Delivered by trained and certified people
2. **Love-** A ministry of Lay and Clergy, embracing the child in the love of Christ
3. **Care-** A ministry intentionally budgeted for
4. **Faith-** A ministry which challenges every child towards that faith relationship with Christ
5. **Fun-** A ministry of Children-Friendly, Commissioned people

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAMMES

1. Cradle Roll
2. Church School
3. VBS
4. Camp
5. Children's Rally
6. Kids' Quake
7. Bible Quiz
8. Sports Day
9. Church School Month & Sunday
10. Conference and training for Church School Teachers
11. Uniformed Groups (Boys' and Girls' Brigade)

The Boys' and Girls' Brigade

- **Every** congregation in the UCJCI is encouraged to establish functioning Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade Companies as ministries to children and youth.

Boys' Brigade

Motto: *'Sure and steadfast',*

Emblem: the anchor.

○ **Object:** 'The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that tends toward true Christian manliness'.

GIRLS' BRIGADE

Aim :to help girls become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and through self-control, reverence and a sense of responsibility to find true enrichment of life.

Programme: follows four themes namely; **spiritual, physical, educational and service**

United Church Young People's Fellowship (UCYPF)

○Motto:

"Conversion and Transformation for Christian Service"

MISSION STATEMENT

The United Church Youth Ministry is committed to share and celebrate Christ with Children, Youth, and Young Adults in appropriate ways in order that they might commit their lives to Him and His Church, grow in discipleship and partnership with others to transform the community, nation and the world.

What We believe ?

- that a renewed society and a purpose driven church are largely dependent on sound investment in our youth
- that youth have intrinsic worth.
- that God in Christ calls all believers into partnership with Him, irrespective of age, gender, colour, race, social status, etc.

What We believe?

- We believe that youth have the capacity to make significant contributions to Church and society and should be enabled so to do.
- We believe that youth are a most valued resource and should be given priority in the Ministry and mission of the United Church.

UCYPF-OBJECTIVES/AIMS

1. To encourage young people to respond to the saving love of Jesus Christ and facilitate a continuing ministry among young people, including winning other young people for Christ.
2. To create a United Christian Fellowship of Young People within the church.

OBJECTIVES/AIMS CONT.

3. To provide opportunities for young people to share their interest and problem and to foster their spiritual , moral ,cultural and physical growth.

Objectives/Aims Cont.

4. To develop Christian leadership and to encourage young people to serve Christ in the Church and to be His witness in the community.
5. To promote spiritual renewal in the church through the development of new and meaningful forms of worship.

Membership

- Organized youth of the church from 13-25 years.
- All members of the executive shall be members or adherents of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

Programs-UCYPF

- Annual Leadership Training
- UCYPF Month
- UCYPF Day
- Outreach Day
- Youth Sundays
- Church School & VBS
- Youth Quake
- Council & National Sports Day
- Camps
- YOUTH CONVENTION

- each Congregation shall recruit and train **Youth Ministry Coordinators** to:
Lead, design and execute contextually relevant needs-meeting programmes/initiatives/mechanisms for youth in the congregation and communities

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United Church Young Adult Action Movement (UCYAAM)

- **Established 1973**

- **Vision**

A ministry where Young Adults are nurtured to “touch lives” in a manner that will bring transformation through Christ.

Mission- UCYAAM

The mission of the UCYAAM is

- to foster spiritual growth,
- to strengthen the bonds of unity and fellowship among Young Adults
- and strategically integrate them within the body of Christ, through empowerment for leadership, economic, social and spiritual growth;

Historical Objectives-UCYAAM

1. To incorporate into a fellowship, person between the ages of twenty-one (21) and thirty-nine (39) years of age, whose presence was either lacking or ignored within the worship structure of the Church?
2. To provide the climate for spiritual guidance and motivation within a fellowship and at the same time recognize and develop talents, which could be used effectively within the Church.

Objectives-UCYAAM

1. To introduce new and revolutionary ideas into Church School Teaching
2. To introduce and participate in revolutionary forms of worship
3. To engage Social outreach
4. To foster personal and Group Evangelism.

Aims/Objectives of UCYAAM

- To facilitate the interaction of young adults in the united Church in Jamaica and The Cayman Islands and
- to identify and integrate them into the life of the Church- affirm and engage their special gifts and abilities for Christ.
- To evangelize young adults for Christ.
- To encourage liturgical renewal within the church.
- To facilitate growth in the knowledge and practice of Christian principles

Membership of UCYAAM

- Membership in the movement is open- all young adults between the ages of 21 and 45 years.
- All officers at the local level shall normally be members of The United Church, however the President, Secretaries and Spiritual coordinators must be members.

Key Activities of UCYAAM

1. Prayer Breakfast in each RMC
2. Fellowship Day (National)
3. Family Conference/Camp
4. UCYAAM Month-January
5. UCYPF Sports Day (Technical support)

Women's and Men's Fellowship

- **The women and men of the Church** critical to the Church's mission. They bring significant resources
- **The Women's and Men's Fellowships** are to provide fellowshiping opportunities
- **Beyond this:** they address evangelism and a wide range of social issues

The Women's Fellowship

Prior to 1992- in the UCJGC-Women's Gild

In the DOC-Christian Women's Fellowship

United Church Women's Fellowship -formed 1992 at the establishment of the UCJCI.

- Seeks to harness the resources of all women of the Church for meaningful and creative engagement in the life and witness of the Church.
- **Motto: 'By love, serve'**, it seeks to witness to the love of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Programmes of the WF

1. Scholarships and grants to young women pursuing tertiary education;
2. Supporting the UCJCI children's homes,
3. Providing homework and skills training centres for young people
4. Maintaining a ministry to women in prison.
5. Evangelism

Key National Activities- WF

There are currently two significant events in the life of the Women's Fellowship:

- 1. Conference**
- 2. Women's Gathering**

Each is held biennially

The Conference focuses on the business aspects of the Fellowship while the gathering is geared toward spiritual enrichment and growth

Men's Fellowship

Established-1985 & 1992 as UCJCI MF

The MF seeks to enlist the gifts and abilities of all men of the Church for the advancement of the mission of Christ in the world.

Motto: "Serving together in Christ's name" .
the MF provides avenues through which men may witness to other men concerning God's grace in Jesus Christ.

Aims and objectives-MF

1. To unite the men who attend the church to which the UCMF is attached (whether they are members, adherents or visitors to the church) in Christian fellowship and mission;
2. To promote spiritual birth and growth, particularly in relation to men;
3. To foster human development, particularly through spiritual, social, educational, economic and cultural activities;

Aims and objectives-MF

4. To foster, identify, develop and utilize leadership potential and qualities in men and boys;
5. To provide Christian counselling, guidance and support for boys and girls, men and women of the church and community (whether individually or as an organization) in keeping with the paternal role of men.

Aims and objectives-MF

6. To promote and engage in activities in response to the needs of the church as they arise from time to time.
7. To promote and engage in community service.
8. To actively promote the growth of the particular UCMF (numerically and otherwise).

Aims and objectives-MF

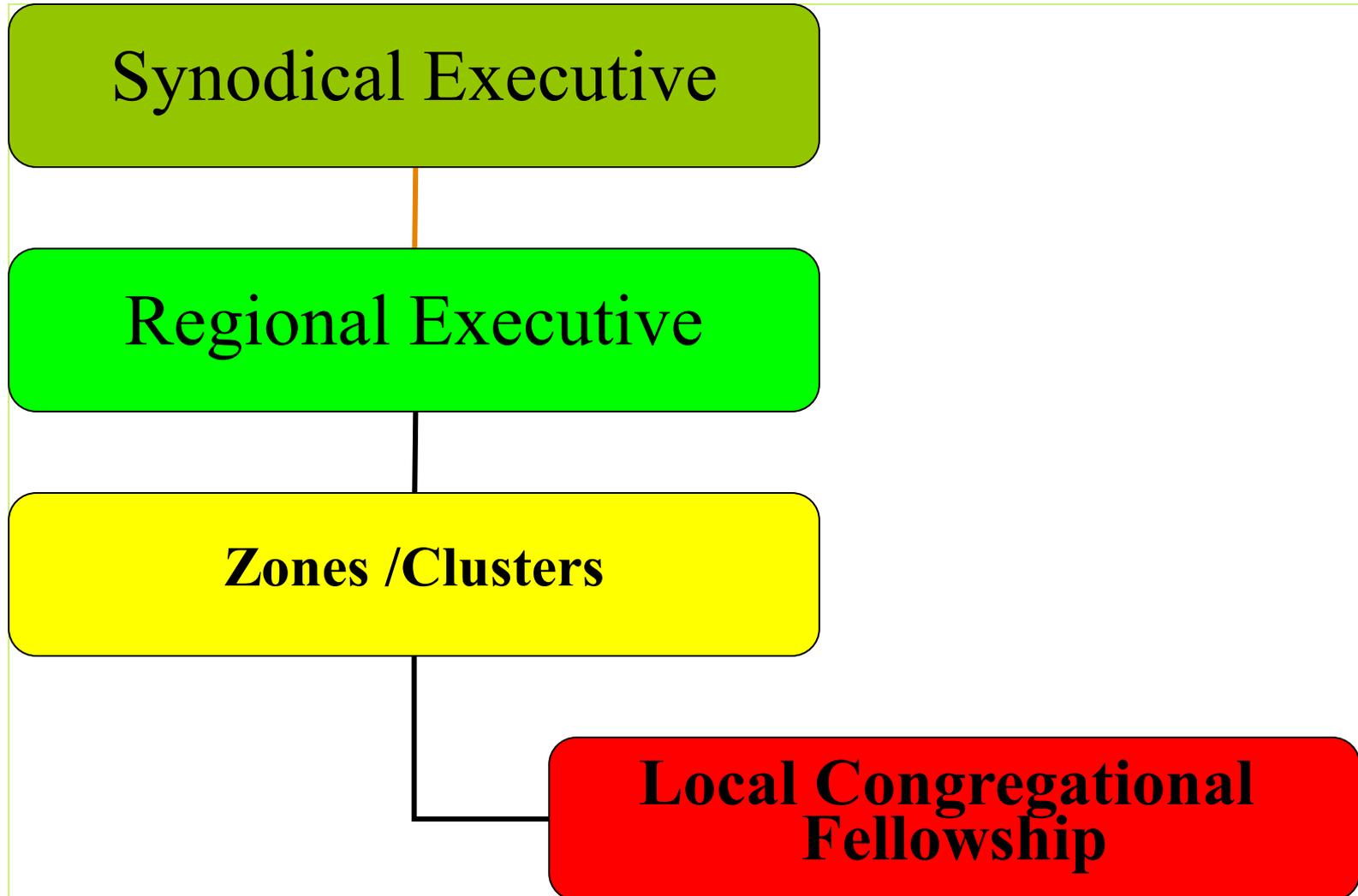
9. To assist in the establishment and development of the Boys Brigade Company in the church to which the UCMF is attached.
10. To support and give effect to the Constitution of the United Church Men's Fellowship

Key Activities-MF

There are three primary calendar events for the Men's Fellowship.

1. Annual General Meeting at which officers are elected, and the year's programme is approved.
2. national day of fun and fellowship.
3. annual outreach which focuses on issues that are of particular concern to men

Structure of the Auxiliaries



Management of The Auxiliaries

Congregation-

1. Minister and Congregational Board,
2. relevant committee under which the auxiliary may fall,
3. the congregational executive of that auxiliary

Region-

1. Regional Mission Council
2. Vice Chairs for Discipleship (Adult and Family life)
3. Vice Chair for Children and Youth Ministry
4. Regional Executive for that auxiliary

Management of the Auxiliaries

Synodical/National-

- Central Mission Council
- Office of the General Secretary
- National/Synodical Executive along with any Synod-supporting structure.

Children's & Youth Commissions

The Commissions are responsible for:

- **Visioning in collaboration with all key stakeholders;**
- **Resourcing for Congregational, Regional, and Synodical Children's and Youth ministries strategies;**
- **Monitoring the implementation of children's and youth ministries strategies;**
- **Evaluating the goals, objectives, and strategies of the UCJCI Children's and Youth Ministries;**
- **Reporting to the Synod through the Central Mission Council on context analysis, goals, objectives, strategies, achievements, challenges and projections.**

Role of the Elder in the Congregation

A person is elected by members of the Congregation to assist the minister/pastor in **enabling** the church achieve' its full potential through its **Spiritual** and **Administrative** development.

(Ref. Elder's Manual)

Role of the Elder Towards Auxiliaries

Deliberate

Dynamic

Diligent

Dependable