



International Women’s Day

March 8 || “Break the Bias”

International Women’s Day, reminds us as Christians to actively choose to encourage and enable our women, without allowing our men to feel insignificant. This year, the Council for World Mission (CWM) hosted a virtual Worship, Table Talk and Poetry surrounding Gender Justice via Zoom, themed, “Women – Breaking Chains, Nurturing Communities, Planting Seeds of Hope”. In this challenging Covid-19 time we struggle with injustices due to disabilities, race, socioeconomic status, climate and gender but we have been gifted with opportunities for education and avenues to speak up and out on these issues.

As a young Christian, I agree that women are the “backbone” of our ‘churches and societies’. Women are “agents of healing - providing food, shelter, hospitality, health care, comfort and avenues for peace and reconciliation. Despite the arduous work of women in contributing to the essentials to life, including building up the community of believers, they are often denied full humanity in church and society.” On the one hand, we are cultured to perceive women and girls as weaker, subordinate, and incapable of matching up with men whilst, on the other, we encourage women to be themselves, affirm they are loved and should express challenges, but, do we really consider the conditions being experienced and the ways we ourselves hinder this goal?

CWM’s event highlighted achievements made by women in church and society across the contexts of Africa, the Caribbean, and Europe and the silencing of women at home, church, school and work were discussed. *“One might presume that the Church would be a place of sanctuary and inspiration for women, but many people argue that the Church is more sexist than society at large”.* The conversation stirred thoughts on the reaction time of the Church in combating the issue of gender justice and raised

concern for how women and men are cultured and the impact of the same on each gender being ‘enemy’ in this quest for gender justice. Today, the ‘bad man and quiet girl’ is the norm, but how can we break the bias?

It is evident that our silence must be broken, and for those who aren’t silent to inspire others to join in breaking the chains that restrict us from flourishing in the community. Gender justice should not be taboo. It should foster REPORT and RESPONSE via proactive and enriching ways. International Women’s Day reminds us of our continuous work in the vineyard. Today, power and position are prized but I encourage us to interpret God’s word with context and frown upon discrimination. After all, we were ALL made in His image and likeness. Lean on Christ and walk the path to exhibit behaviours that model Christ’s love for us. Through bolstered support groups, advocacy and practical applications in policy and legislation we can plant seeds of hope that will flourish because UCJCI’s boys, men, girls and women will be in partnership giving “hope to the hopeless and a voice to the voiceless”.

-Vanessa Blissett, President of United Church’s Young People’s Fellowship.

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Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council

The Annual Breakfast of the Cayman Council Women's Fellowship (CCWF) took place at Morritt's Resort, East End on February 26, 2022, at 8 am. The new officers of the CCWF were installed by Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble – Bloomfield.



Installation of new officers (Left to right: Maxine Bravo - Chair Recreation, Isabella Bodden – Co-Chair Service, Katherine Jackson - Chair Programme & Literature, Winsome Radcliffe - Asst. Secretary, Jacynthia Anderson - President and Ernestine Powell - Treasurer.)

In her reflection, Rev. Dr. Noble-Bloomfield reminded the attendees of the importance of 'An Ordered Life' is as follows:

- A pattern of prayer and total obedience
- Faithfulness and commitment to God
- Seeking and discerning God's will
- Honesty and transparency in word and action
- Gossip Free
- Being helpful to others
- Knowing how to give

Over 75 people attended the event, which was supported by all the branches. Ministers Rev. L Christopher Mason and Rev. Euthman Wray were also present.



At the end of the event, Mrs. Carol Ann Ebanks (Past President) presented a token to Ms. Francine Gardner (Former Council Secretary and President of Webster Memorial Branch) for her 25 plus years of faithful contribution to the ministry and Mr. Noel Wallace (Music Minister) and the Praise Team for their contribution to the ministry.

Time Marches On X 4

I sometimes feel trapped by tasks and deadlines. I lose my joy because I'm under pressure to get things done. I didn't get to clean my shoes but they don't look so bad, and I can't find the tie I wanted to wear so I'm wearing this one. I still have a little bit to do on the project but I think I'll be able to in time. Oh dear, the children's project needs my attention. Stop. Rewind. Wheel and come again. Time favours you.

But time requires a sacrifice, a personal one. A sacrifice that leaves space to flex, breathe, think, regroup, make the plan, execute. Make that sacrifice.

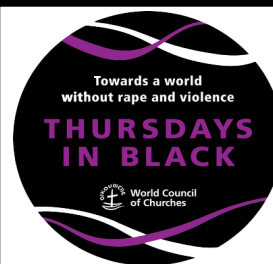
Such a sacrifice in time returns dividends of calm and joy.

Murphy's laws may be interpreted like this: a task could end up taking more time than we thought it would and if anything can possibly go wrong it is likely that it will. Time is on your side. Time favours you. Abiding by its requirements saves you from panic especially in the face of Murphy.

Time Marches On. I must March in step with it. Finding the rhythm brings calm and fulfilment. God is the rhythm.

-Paul D DaCosta-Pinto © February 2021

End Violence Against Women and Children



Share your **Thursdays in Black** photos on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and tag us @ucjci

2022

Day of Fellowship

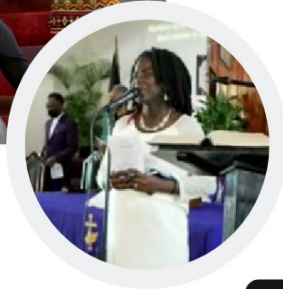
"Rooted In Christ:
Equipped for the Journey"



Rev'd. Kimberley Hinds of the Negril Charge delivering the message at Santoy United Church in WRMC.



North-Eastern Regional Mission Council



Evangelist Marlando Gordon preaching at the Askenish Charge in WRMC.



Southern Regional Mission Council

Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council



The General Secretary, Rev'd. Norbert Stephens, gave the word.

2022

Girls' Brigade

Launch - Surrey Division



2022

Knox

75th Anniversary



Congratulations to **KNOX COLLEGE**

on the groundbreaking for its 6th Form Block

Monday, March 7, 2022

This is a one of the school's **75th Anniversary** initiatives under the theme

"CELEBRATING A LASTING LEGACY, EMPOWERED FOR THE FUTURE"

In picture from right to left: Mr. Alexander Bourne, Principal; Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott, Moderator, UCJCI; Rear Admiral Antonette Wemyss Gorman, Chief of Defence Staff, JDF (Past Student of Knox College); Mr Courtney Campbell, President and CEO, VM Group (Past Student of Knox College); Mr. Dunbar McFarlane, Board Chairman, Knox Community College Board.

Liturgy

FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

March 13, 2022 || 2nd Sunday in Lent

Rooted and Equipped with Faith

Lent is indeed a journey of faith, and we are pilgrims together along the way.

The emphasis in the reading this week is on promise and expectation. Through prayer and faith, we can discern the promises of God for our lives.

The reading from Genesis is a part of **the promise motif**, where a child is promised to the ageing Abram and Sarai. The initial response was fear and concern about the possibility of having a child. God establishes the intention to provide not just a child but countless descendants. Once Abram understood God, his faith deepened.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus is on the journey to Jerusalem, and He is not perplexed by Herod, that fox, but remains steadfast because of His faith in God. Luke juxtaposes the image of God wanting to gather the children of Jerusalem as a hen gathers her broods under her wings, yet there is reluctance.

- Let us not be like the wayward children of Jerusalem but let us in faith obey and follow Christ in faith.
- Let us understand the promises made by Christ in His death and resurrection.
- Time is still available to us to repent, seek forgiveness and come to faith in Christ.

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 || Psalm 27 || Philippians 3:17-4:1 || Luke 13:31-35

Prayer requests

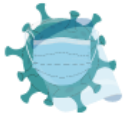
- Ukraine and all affected by the invasion of Russia
- Healing and recovery for David Henry from King's Gate United who is ill
- Victims and perpetrators of crime and violence in Jamaica and security force and government as they respond
- Family of the late Rev. Dr. Edmond Folkes who passed from a brief illness
- Rev. Rohan Kong and his wife whose newborn son, Joel Kong, remains in hospital since birth
- Patients, families and workers in the health sector in the Cayman Islands and Jamaica
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19

Prayer:

Dear Lord,

Let your presence be felt among the war and chaos in our world. Bring peace to the minds and hearts of the corrupted, and the conflicted. Bestow Mercy oh, Lord on the people of your land.

Amen.



COVID-19 UPDATES

Affecting Congregational Life

Cayman Islands

ACTIVE CASES

631

DEATHS

18

NEW CASES

23

*COVID-19 statistics as of Monday, March 8, 2022.

The Cayman Government has responded with regulations aimed at controlling the spread of the virus, including but not limited, to protocols for travel and gatherings. Consequently, indoor gatherings, including church services, are now restricted to 100 persons while outdoor gatherings are restricted to 250 persons.

Jamaica

ACTIVE CASES

346

NEW DEATHS

4

NEW CASES

18

*COVID-19 statistics as of Wednesday, March 8, 2022.

The Government of Jamaica, yesterday February 22, 2022, announced a number of changes to the provisions affecting church activities under the Disaster Risk Management Act. These changes come into effect February 25 to March 17, 2022.

- Church Services – the number of persons allowed in the sanctuary for worship services will be the maximum capacity of the designated area for worship calculated at 1 person per 36 square feet.

For example – worship area: 5000 sq. ft.

Calculation $5000/36 = 138$ people.

- Weddings – the maximum number of persons allowed is 100.
- Funerals – the maximum number of persons (inclusive of officials) allowed within the facility/sanctuary is 100
- Burials – are allowed Mondays to Fridays between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a maximum of 100 persons.

The other relevant provisions remain the same as under:

- No physical crusades, conferences or conventions will be permitted.
- Physical gatherings are limited to 10 persons.
- Stay at home – persons 60 years and over. Fully vaccinated persons are exempt.

Please note that the wearing of masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing are still required for public spaces and gatherings.

We invite you to comply with these provisions.

NOTICES

THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SEMINARS

MARCH - MAY 2022



- DATA COLLECTION & MANAGEMENT
- SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES
- LIVE STREAMING & PRODUCTION

First Saturdays are theoretical sessions via Zoom.
On the second Saturdays, the practical sessions for Live Streaming and Production will be done at the locations below:

NERMC Webster Memorial Mar 12/19	WRMC & CIRMC St. Paul's (St. James) Apr 23/30	SRMC Ridgemount May 14/21
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THE GATHERING OF THE YAAMS

MARCH 26, 2022
Edition

Ridgemount United church @12:30pm

Which YAAM will be the winner?
Which REGION will be crowned?

Preacher:
Rev. Khereen Wilson-Bailey



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Family of Christ's Disciples, making Disciples

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You are Invited to Participate in Training Sessions on

The Development of Active Spiritual Discipline:

- Developing the Art of Stewardship
- The Act of Discipling
- Reading, Studying & Meditating on the Word of God
- The Discipline of Prayer & Fasting

PERIOD FOR TRAINING SESSIONS:
Tuesdays
6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.
March 1, 2022 to April 12, 2022

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION OFFERED FOR ATTENDANCE

HOSTS:
Mrs. Elaine Commissiong and Rev. Astor Carlyle

GUEST PRESENTERS:
Rev. Norbert Stephens, Rev. J. Oliver Daley and Rev. Tara Tyme-Campbell

Register to Join: In the Sanctuary or On:  ZOOM

HOPE UNITED CHURCH

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE WILDERNESS

THE WILDERNESS OF TEMPTATION REV. DR. DAVE HAZLE	6th MARCH 2022
THE WILDERNESS OF SIN REV. DR. ORAL THOMAS	13th MARCH 2022
THE WILDERNESS OF INDECISION REV. DR. STEPHEN JENNINGS	20th MARCH 2022
THE WILDERNESS OF PAIN REV. CANON DR. GEORGIA JERVIS	3rd APRIL 2022

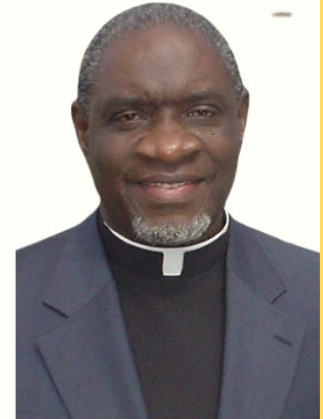
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Happy Birthday



MRS. JENNIFER MARTIN
MARCH 9



REV'D. J. OLIVER DALEY
MARCH 10



REV'D. EGBERT HARVEY
MARCH 11

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