



# The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

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Black History Month

## RISE ABOVE

Live richly for the sake of doing it. Experience for yourself the highs and lows, the pains and pleasures, the wonders, joys, disappointments and satisfactions.

Embrace every opportunity to go, to learn, to see and hear and know and connect. Give courage and action to your curiosity and let it push you to new levels of participation.

Refuse to enslave yourself to what other people think. Set forth to fulfill the robust potential that lives within you, not to impress but to magnify life's richness.

Respect your fears, listen to what they have to say, but don't let them prevent you from living fully. Treasure all you already know and always be eager to experience more.

Consider, evaluate, plan, and prepare, but don't stop there. Put your ideas, your intentions, your dreams into living action.

Your life is a real and beautiful miracle, not just a concept. Feel the immense, unique value of you, and take an active role in fully bringing the richness to life.

— Ralph Marston

### TODAY, IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD, I PLEDGE:

- 1) I pledge to commit each day to Jesus, to resolve conflicts, to get enough sleep and to invite Jesus to be with me when I wake
- 2) I pledge each day, to speak to Jesus about my anxieties and concerns and to acknowledge my dependence on Jesus
- 3) I pledge to begin each working day with Jesus: to show up on time, to greet co-workers, to take a moment to pray, and to spend moments with God during my breaks
- 4) I pledge to speak words of love to others, to use touch, to look for simple acts of service, to learn from difficult people, and to be open to feedback
- 5) I pledge to listen for god's leadings each day and to follow them
- 6) I pledge each day to schedule a time to be alone with God in quiet solitude
- 7) I pledge to use my spiritual pathways to connect with and stay connected with God
- 8) I pledge to heal myself of hurry-sickness
- 9) I pledge to commit one day per week to rest and refresh my body, mind, and spirit
- 10) I pledge to continue to train myself through the study of god's word and the opportunities for worship, witness, and service within and outside my church community

**74  
days**

**to the  
43rd Synod**

# Congratulations

Two Elders were Commissioned during the Sunday, January 29, 2023, Worship Service at the John Gray Memorial Church (West Bay). The CIRMC expresses congratulations to them and wishes God's blessing on their ministry.



*Elder Denby Groves and Elder David Gordon with Rev. Donovan Myers.*

The children of the JGMC (West Bay) during their class learned about what it means to be 'Fishers of Men'.



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COUNCIL





## CIRMC Women's Fellowship Annual Breakfast

The Annual Breakfast of the Cayman Council Women's Fellowship (CCWF) took place at Morritt's Resort, East End on January 28, 2022, at 8 am. The new officers of the CCWF were installed by Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble – Bloomfield.

Rev. L. Christopher Mason, Vice-Chair for the Discipleship MAT (Mission Action Team) of Council spoke on the theme of 'Being a Peace-Maker'. The event was attended by approximately 90 women and men.



*Rev. Mason addressed the attendees.*

A special presentation was made to Ms Kathy Jackson (John Gray Memorial Church) for her years of dedicated service to the Women's Fellowship.



*Mrs Jacynthia Anderson (Cayman Council Women's Fellowship President) and Mrs Kathy Jackson.*

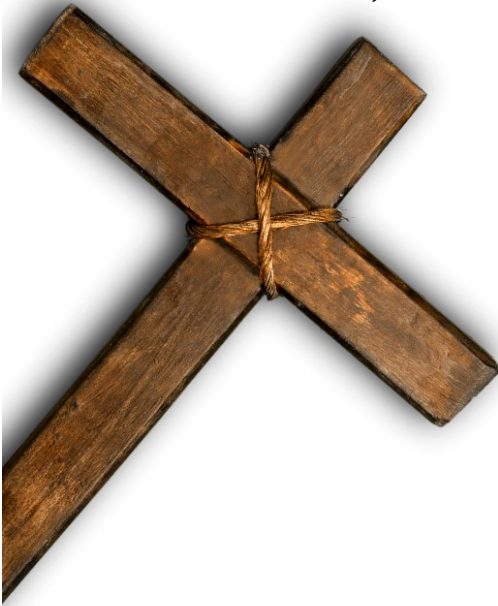
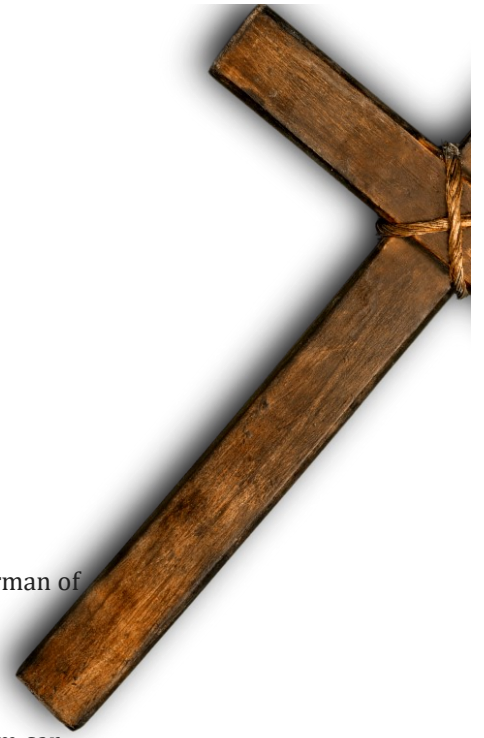
Mr Christopher Murray of Boyz to Men received a cheque from the Women's Fellowship for the work being done with the young men at the John Gray High School.



Members of the CIRMC Synod Planning Committee with some of their counterparts from Jamaica and Ms. Tessa Bodden joining via Zoom.

# PRAYER *Corner*

- Those affected by earthquake in Syria and Turkey
- The McNish family as they mourn the passing of Mr. Leslie McNish, former Chairman of WRMC and Elder of the St. Paul's United Church
- Rev. Tamara Smith Coleman who lost her father
- The son of Mrs. Sheila Arscott Smith, Jerome, who is recovering from injuries from car crash
- Ms. Joy Williams who lost her brother and sister
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19
- People affected by the war between Ukraine and Russian
- Crime and violence in Jamaica and the security force and government as they respond



Dear God,

Father God, we thank you that your amazing unfathomable love has been poured out for us at the cross and poured into us by the Holy Spirit. We want to taste and experience more of the depth and breadth and length and height of your amazing love. Help us to walk by faith. Help us to endure in suffering. Help us to own our need of you. Help us to fully embrace your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. So, pour out your love into our hearts, in increasing measure by the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. It is in his name that we pray, Amen.



# Liturgy for Worship at Home

February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Reconciled Relationships

- Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- Psalm 119:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
- Matthew 5:21-37



## SPECIALISED TRAINING FOR LAY LEADERS COMING IN JUNE 2023



Would you register for **Module 2** of **UCJCI LAY LEADERS CERTIFICATE COURSE?**

We are assessing interest in order to plan for **Module 2**.

If you are preparing or involved in leadership in:

- Children's Ministry
- Evangelism and Discipleship
- Youth Ministry
- Ministry with Community

**Module 2** may be for you!

If you are interested in becoming a **Lay Pastor**, Modules 1, 2 and 3 are all requirements for your preparation.

If any of these descriptions relate to you, send us your name, congregation and mobile number using the contacts below.

We want to  
hear  
from you



876-8818783 (WHATSAPP ONLY)



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## TECHNICAL SUPPORT NEEDED Lay Leaders Training

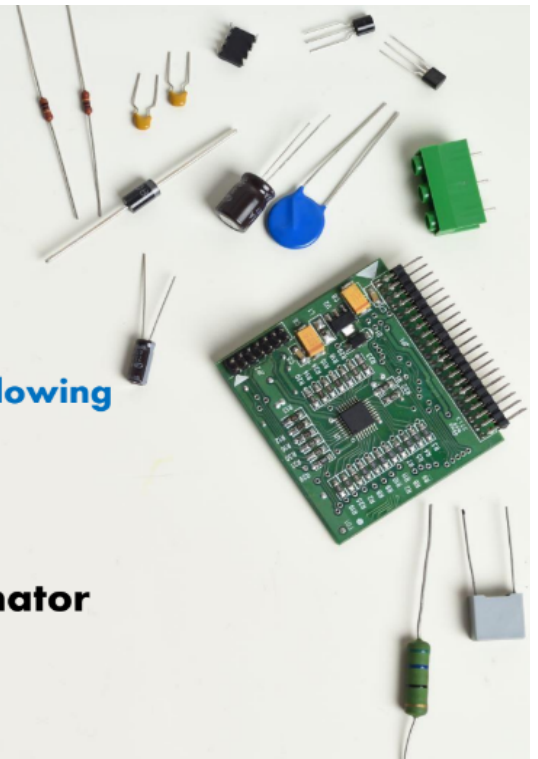
Are you skilled in using the **ZOOM** platform?

Are you available **2<sup>nd</sup>** and **4<sup>th</sup>** Saturdays and the following Thursday?

If your answer is **YES**, we need you!

Contact: **Karen Francis, Lay Training Coordinator**  
[karen-francis@ucjci.com](mailto:karen-francis@ucjci.com)

*a gratuity will be offered*



# NOTICES



All Are Invited

Come and Be Blessed

CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

## Ash Wednesday Gathering

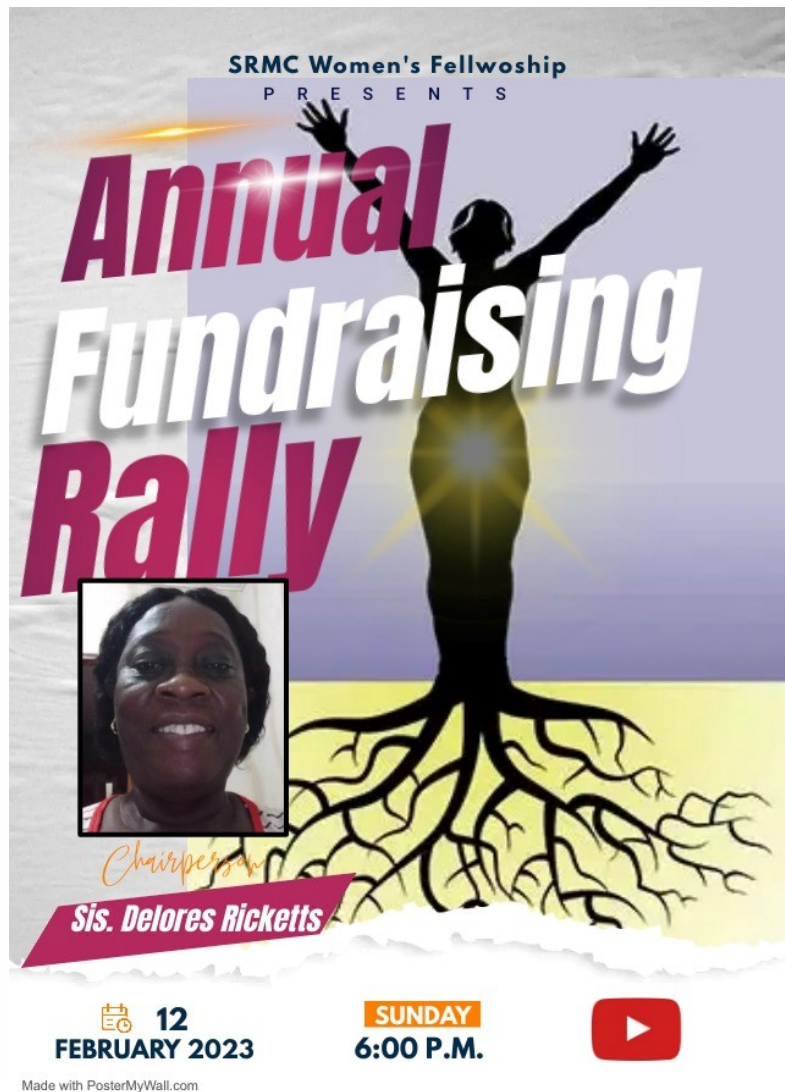
THEME: HEALED & RESTORED BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

6:30AM - 9:00AM


PROSPECT YOUTH CENTRE BEACH - COUNCIL OFFICE

\*PRESENTATION ON HEALING  
\*HOLY COMMUNION  
\*FELLOWSHIP MEAL



SRMC Women's Fellowship PRESENTS


# Annual Fundraising Rally



Chairperson  
**Sis. Delores Ricketts**

**12 FEBRUARY 2023**

**SUNDAY 6:00 P.M.**



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## Cars For Sale



Enquires and offers can be made at the Synod Office.

- ✓ ~~2016 Hyundai Tucson 4WD~~
- ✓ 2017 Volkswagen Tiguan

Address: 12 Carlton Crescent, Kingston 10  
Telephone No: 876-926-8734



## FOUNDERS' DAY 2023

### WORSHIP SERVICE

Monday, March 6 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Collin Cowan  
Minister of the Emmanuel/ Boscobel Charge of United Churches  
Former General Secretary of the Council for World Mission

### LECTURES

Tuesday, March 7 @ 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
Theme: "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains... (Isaiah 52:7) - The Caribbean Pulpit"  
Speaker: Dr. Winston A. Thompson  
President, Jamaica Theological Seminary

### THE INAUGURAL CLEMENT GAYLE COLLOQUIUM ON PREACHING

Wednesday, March 8 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Topic: "The Celebration of Preaching in the Caribbean Church."  
Speaker: Rev. Neville Callam  
Former General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance

Meeting ID: 823 2586 7640 Passcode: FD2023  
876-927-1724/2868  
UTCWI Chapel

YouTube @utcwi



THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS  
presents

# 43RD SYNOD

## Theme

"ROOTED, RESILIENT:  
REIGNITED BY THE SPIRIT"

STAY  
TUNED FOR  
MORE  
UPDATES

Blended Modality  
**REGISTER  
NOW!**

The registration portal closes  
on Feb. 28, 2023.

\*For those applying for Cayman Visa  
registration ends on Feb. 15, 2023.

**START** **APRIL**  
23

**END** **APRIL**  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL OFFICES OR VISIT  
<https://synod.ucjci.com>



**18TH  
MARCH**

# WE'RE BACK !!

# NATIONAL

# SPORTS

# DAY







## WESTERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

### ASH WEDNESDAY GATHERING DAY OF WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
at 9:00 a.m.  
Farm Heights United Church

**THEME:**  
**"REALIGN AND REIGNITE...  
BY THE HOLY SPIRIT"**

Live Streaming on  
the Western  
Regional Mission  
Council YouTube  
Channel



**GUEST PREACHER:**  
Rev. Lembe Sivile  
Minister, Meadowbrook  
Charge of United Churches

**SUBSCRIBE**



*Tune in to United in Faith  
Sundays on **RJR 94 F.M** at  
**6:30 a.m.***

End Violence Against Women and Children



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

#WCC, #UCJCI #evgw #ThursdaysinBlack  
#endviolenceagainstwomen



The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands  
**SOUTHERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# FEBRUARY 2023

**12** SRMC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP RALLY

**22** ASH WEDNESDAY CONVENTION

**25** UCMF MEN'S CONVENTION

**11, 18 & 25** EVANGELISM TRAINING

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON EACH EVENT WILL BE SHARED AT A LATER DATE



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**Southern Regional Mission Council**

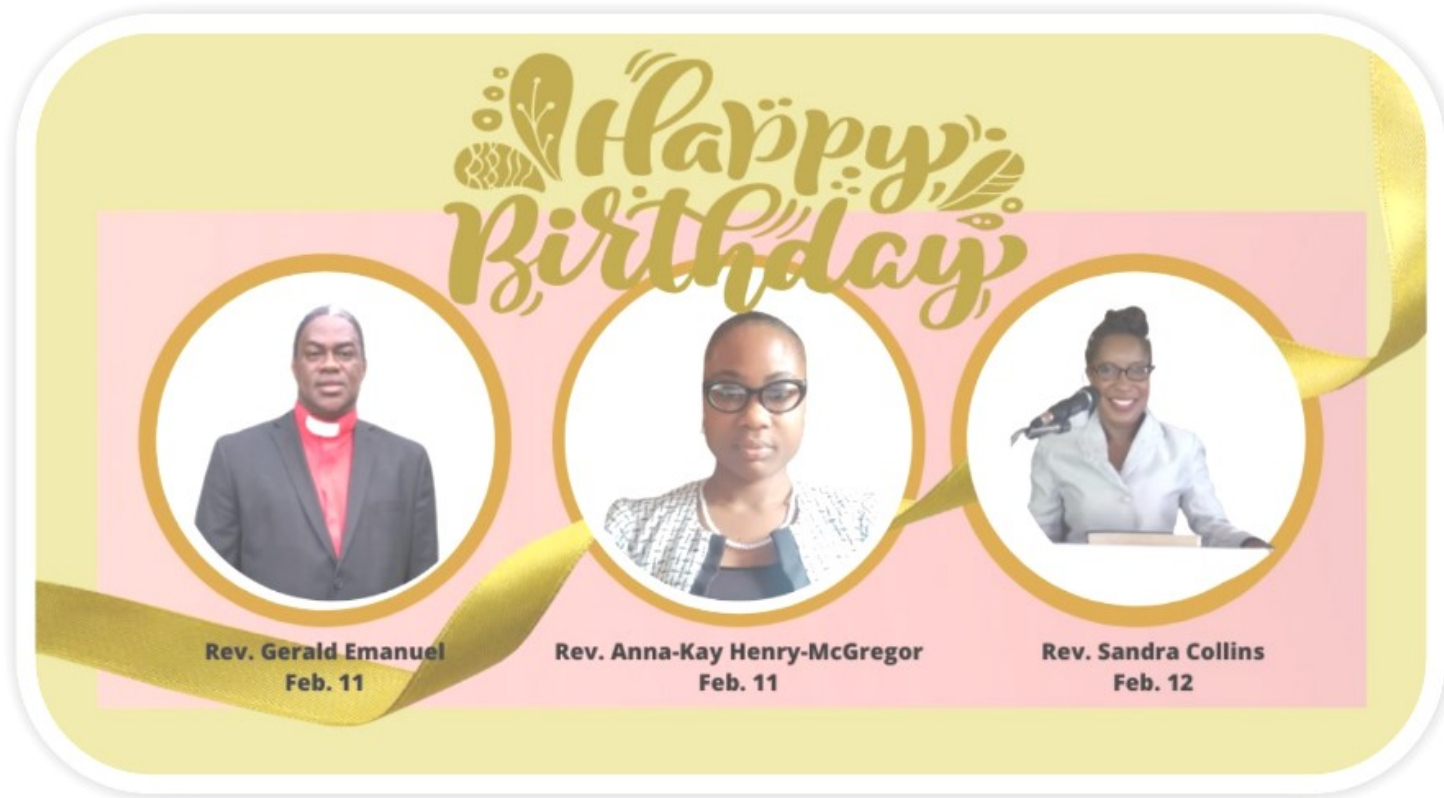
# ASH WEDNESDAY CONVENTION

**"RE-IGNITING THE CALL:  
FROM A SPARK TO A BLAZE"**

**CLARENDON COLLEGE**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2023 AT 9AM**





**The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands  
Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian**

**Moderator:**

Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott

**General Secretary:**

Rev. Norbert Stephens

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Bloomfield

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