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LAY LEADERS' TRAINING – TAKING IT TO ANOTHER LEVEL

The 2022 Lay Leaders Certificate Course Module 1 featured new dimensions of training. Mrs. Karen Francis, Coordinator of Training for Lay Leaders, introduced the new elements at the recent graduation of a 2nd cohort of Module 1 on Sunday, November 13, 2022.

Reduced Programme Intensity

“We have built on last year’s programme –shortening the weekend training day, by adding a short Thursday evening session. In this way, the time for learning is not compromised but the intensity of the training is reduced.”

Building the Archives

“In many places, the documentation of the rich history of UCJCI congregations is lacking. A practical part of the teaching of the topic: History, Ethos and Polity of UCJCI, was elevated with the addition of fieldwork to research and document the history of the learners’ congregations. This endeavour has added to the archives of the United Church.”

Strengthening ‘Learning by Doing’

“This time around, we strengthened the Action-Reflection component. Learners had the opportunity to test what they had learned in areas such as planning and leading a bible study, planning a worship service and leading a small group. This element included the accompaniment of their minister/lay pastor who undertook the roles of observer, guide and assessor.”

Improving the Practical Skill of Strategic Planning

“The development of a strategic plan was upgraded to a final project. Recognising the necessity of this important skill for leaders, it was felt that adequate time should be committed to the various steps involved in creating a plan as well as applying the taught concepts to the context of the learners – their local congregation. This feature included the benefit of coaching from ministers/lay pastors. This approach not only increased the minister/lay pastor’s awareness of their learners’ capacities, and resource potential for the congregation but also enabled immediate application to the congregation’s planning.

Deepening Partnership with Ministers and Lay Pastors

“The engagement of ministers and lay pastors in the fieldwork, action-reflection and strategic planning was intentional. Recognising that these congregational leaders hold the responsibility of equipping, encouraging and deploying members to be good stewards of the gifts and talents entrusted to them, they were well placed to coach, observe, guide and resource these assessments.”

Module 1 offers 16 topics delivered by competent ordained and lay leaders of The United Church and builds on lay training which has been undertaken in the United Church for years. It is anticipated that in 2023 another cohort will undertake Module 1 and that Module 2 will also be delivered.

LAY TRAINING GRADUATES REFLECT

UCJCI Lay Leaders Certificate Course Module 1 learners reflected on the journey of training, testifying of opportunities to build relationships, and learn about the bible and the challenges of leadership.

Here are snippets of those reflections:

“We each have a place in transforming others. Let’s continue boldly forward”.

“Module 1 has prepared us well, enhancing our capacity with knowledge, information and belief systems to be better stewards in caring for God’s business”.

“We have been endowed with a wealth of knowledge...implored to allow Holy Spirit to guide us”.

“I have a better appreciation of what leadership entails.”

“We have been equipped for the work ahead of us.”

“It was rich in content...our level of confidence has grown.”



SPECIALISED TRAINING FOR LAY LEADERS COMING IN JUNE 2023



We want to hear from you

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.

📞 876-8818783 (WHATSAPP ONLY)

@ laytrainingadmin@ucjci.com

Liturgy for Worship at Home

JANUARY 29, 2023

**RETURN WITH POWER
AND WISDOM**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- Micah 6:1-8
- Psalm 15
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Matthew 5:1-12



**IS / IVCF CAYMAN ISLANDS
INTER-SCHOOL / INTER-VARSITY
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Mrs. Latavia Henry-Campbell

The **IVCF Club** set up a booth on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at the UCCI Sports & Club Extravaganza. As students and staff moved from class to class, they stopped by the table to participate in a 'What's on your bucket list?' activity. They were encouraged to convert their bucket list items into a prayer request and post them in a 'bucket'. These requests will be prayer for during the club meetings, which are held on Wednesdays, 2:30-4:00 pm in Room B1 on the UCCI Campus. In addition to the twelve (12) students who joined the IVCF club at the start of the academic year, nineteen (19) more students also signed up to join the IV/ Club on that day. In addition to those who signed up, several students visited the booth collecting tracts, brochures, and of course snacks.

It is our hope and prayer that these students will actually come to the weekly meetings of the IVCF Club and develop and strengthen their relationship with the Lord.



PRAYER *Corner*

- 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
- 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

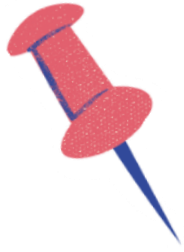


Dear God,

Words cannot describe the wonderment that You sent Your only begotten Son to come to earth as a Man - and to live a life of rejection and sorrow, and to suffer and die for me on the cross of Calvary - so that I might be forgiven of all my sins and live with You eternally in heaven.

Thank You Father that although I was unworthy to approach You glorious throne, and enslaved in the kingdom of darkness, yet in Your mercy and grace You stooped down to me and lifted me out of the Satan's bondage and from the cesspit of sin, and seated me together with Christ in heavenly places and showered me with Your undeserved grace and favor. Thank You that I am now one of Your redeemed children, in Jesus' name I pray,

Amen.



NOTICES

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL
YOUNG ADULTS' ACTION MOVEMENT**

Prayer Breakfast
2023

THEME:
ALIVE!
*Christ-Centered
Life-Focused
Life Giving!*

8AM PRAY FOR THE WORLD
SATURDAY **JANUARY 28TH**

RIDGEMOUNT UNITED CHURCH
@53 Main Street,
Mandeville: Manchester

REV. LEMBE SIVILE
SPEAKER

\$1200.00




EVANGELISM CONVERSATION 2023

UCJCI NORTH-EASTERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL INVITES ALL: ELDERS MEMBERS, CONGREGATION, EVANGELISM LEADERS, MINISTERS AND PASTORS TO AN EVANGELISM CONVERSATION.

Under the theme:
"We are in it Together"

REV. DR. STEPENSON SAMUELS
SPEAKER

FEBRUARY 4, 2023
HOSTED VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM
MEETING ID : 886657494
PASSWORD: EVANGELIZE

MORE INFO:
+1 (876) 864-9557
Zoom Link will be circulated closer to date of the event




End Violence Against Women

Towards a world without rape and violence

THURSDAYS IN BLACK

World Council of Churches

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

#WCC, #UCJCI #evgw #ThursdaysinBlack #endviolenceagainstwomen



ON AIR

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





**18TH
MARCH**

WE'RE BACK !! **NATIONAL** **SPORTS** **DAY**



**Andrews Memorial Young Adults
Presents A Evening of Praise**

**Guest Speaker:
Rev Khureen Wilson Bailey**



The Reason For Your PRAISE

Time : 5pm-8pm

Date : January 29, 2023

**@Andrews United Church , Corner of West Road and Ward Avenue
Admission Free & Refreshments on Sale**

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*

WESTERN REGION MISSION COUNCIL (WRMC)
EVANGELISM MINISTRY

Presents

PRAYER, PRAISE and the WORD

Speaker
Rev. Everton Brissett

February
04, 2023

9:00am to Midday
@ Savanna la mar United Church

WRMC
**REGIONAL
SPORTS**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2023

More information soon!

Cars For Sale

Enquires and offers can be made at the Synod Office.

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

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HAPPY
Birthday



Rev. Bevin Miller
January 25



Mrs. Joyce Williams
January 26



Mrs. Mauleen Henry
January 27



Rev. Paul DaCosta-Pinto
January 29



Mrs. Annie Lyew
January 30

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