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SYMPOSIUM ON PEACE BUILDING



Last Thursday, March 9, 2023, stakeholders gathered for a full day of presentations and workshops for a symposium on Peacebuilding in Schools under the theme, “Overcoming Conflicts through Peacebuilding in Schools”. The presentations on Peace Building Programmes were done by Dr. Kim Scott, Programme Director for the Child Resiliency Programme, Dr. Geoff Walcott, Director of Dream a World, DSP Natalie Palmer, Safe Schools Programme and Rev. Kevin Nana Moses Calvert, Director of the Kairos Project.

Mr. Richard Troupe, Director of Safety and Security, at Ministry of Education and Youth, also shared greetings.

A lot of important information was strategically shared as one of the intention of this symposium was to provide training for the stakeholders for them to go back into the various spaces and share, practice and implement. As such, they were invited to register for one of three workshops in their area of interest and expertise.

Workshop one focused on *Implementing Peace Building Strategies in the School Space*, workshop two focused on *Peace Building in School and Community* and workshop three focused on *The Church in Peace Building in the Home and Community*.

Students and teachers from Carron Hall, Meadowbrook, Oberlin, Denham Town, Camperdown and Westwood High Schools and Clarendon and Knox Colleges were present.

REVIEWS

Rev. Norbert Stephens, General Secretary

This was a timely and impactful event attended by a significant number of UCJCI and other educational institutions. The presentations by various stakeholders were insightful and served to expand the views and offer effective options for peace interventions in our schools.

IUC through its Peace Institute must be commended for this intervention in an ongoing crisis and we look forward to other similar engagements in the near future.

Mrs. Carlene Andrade, SRMC, Administrative Assistant

I am really grateful for the opportunity to attend on behalf of the Southern Regional Mission Council and by extension the Church School of which I am a part.

Peacebuilding in schools and with our children and youths is indeed a partnership as one person cannot do this. Each person needs to play his or her role in order to make Peacebuilding a reality.

I strongly recommend that symposiums like these should be held all over the country and in particular the troubled schools to save the next generation. One keynote speaker elaborated on the four (4) Ps that will help to make this successful: Policy, Personnel, Partnership, and Programme.

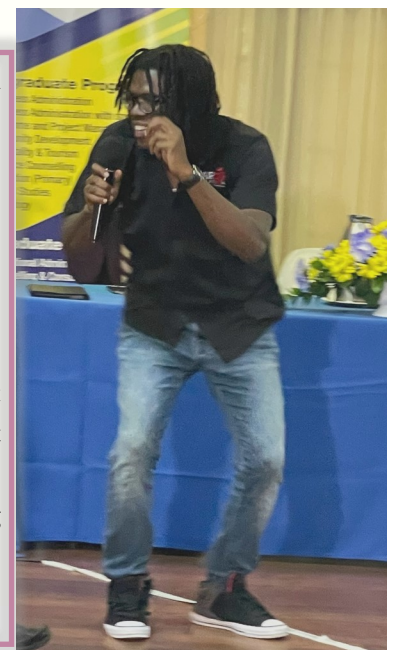
If these are followed, we can save our nation's children and youths.

Rev. Kevin Nana Moses Calvert, Director of Kairos Project

It was a very good experience for my team and I to participate. It provided an avenue and space for the creative to express themselves and to recognize that being creative is not merely about entertaining or just filling the gap. Sharing in spaces like these continues to be a part of the mission of Dr. Lester Lewis and Singing Rose.

The symposium shows the connectivity between academia and the creative arts. How the arts provide therapy and act as advocacy to quell conflicts.

It was good to witness and be a part of such a great initiative and realize that there is more work for the church to do and for the creatives to do in bridging the gaps between different institutions. We look forward to continuing to push and represent this kind of work. It is forward-thinking and timely as it also provides a great evangelical thrust in getting the gospel to be outward-focused and letting the gospel be relevant, practical, and interesting while providing an interception for sensitive and difficult subjects.





2023

SYNOD UPDATES

Rooted, Resilient: Re-ignited by the Spirit
(Return, Reconnect, Realign, Re-ignite)

Date: April 23 – 30, 2023

Model: Blended

Locations: Emslie Memorial/Savannah United (CIRMC)



ORDER OF BUSINESS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Sunday, April 23, 2023

- 4.00 p.m. Opening Service – Emslie Memorial
- Synod Constitutes
- Induction of the Moderator
- Theme Expression

Monday, April 24, 2023

- 6 a.m. – 6.45 a.m. Online Bible Study – “Realign our Worship”
- 7.15 a.m. Breakfast (Cayman)
- 8.00 a.m. Bible Study rebroadcast (Cayman)
- 9.00- 9.50 a.m. Delegates Bible Study Reflections
- 10.00 am – 11.30 am Business Session 1
 - Courtesies, Orientation, Minutes, Invitation to Resolutions
 - General Secretary’s Synod Report Presentation
- 11.30 – 12.50 p.m. Business Session 2 (Table Group Discussion)
- 12.45- 1.00 p.m. Regional Story (Cayman)
- 1.00 – 2.00 p.m. Lunch
- 2.00 - 3.00 p.m. Business 3 (Supplementary Report)
- 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. Presentation and Plenary
- 6.00 p.m. Moderator’s Reception

Tuesday, April 24, 2023

- 6 a.m. – 6.45 a.m. Online Bible Study - *Reconnect our Relationship with Children and Youth*
- 7.15 a.m. Breakfast (Cayman)
- 8.00 a.m. Bible Study rebroadcast (Cayman)

- 9.00 - 9.50 a.m. Delegates' Bible Study Reflections
- 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. Business Session 4
 - Courtesies and Minutes
 - Tenure Awards
- 11.00 - 12.45 a.m. Engaging Children's Ministry
- 12.45 - 1.00 p.m. Book Launch "**Called to Serve**" – Rev. Raymond Coke
- 1.00 – 2.00 p.m. Lunch
- 2.00 - 2.15 p.m. Regional Story (WRMC)
- 2.15 - 4.00 p.m. Business Session 5
 - Engaging Youth Ministry
- 6.00 pm Celebration of Life and Witness – Emslie Memorial

Wednesday, April 25, 2023

- 6 a.m. – 6.45 a.m. Online Bible Study - *Reignite our Stewardship and Leadership*
- 7.15 a.m. Breakfast (Cayman)
- 8.00 a.m. Bible Study rebroadcast (Cayman)
- 9.00 - 9.50 a.m. Delegates' Bible Study Reflections
- 10.00 - 11.15 a.m. Business Session 5
 - Courtesies and Minutes
 - Resiliency Awards
 - Presentation JCC (Food and Nutrition)
 - Report on Examination of Council Records
- 11.00 – 1.00 p.m. Inter-regional Breakout Groups
- 1.00 – 2.00 p.m. Lunch
- 2.00 – 2.15 Regional Story (SRMC)
- 2.15 – 3.30 p.m. Engaging the Moderator
- 3.30 – 4.00 p.m. Business Session 6
 - Report on the Regional Meetings
- 6.00 pm Public Lecture



- 6 a.m. – 6.45 a.m. Online Bible Study - *Return to Discipleship*
- 7.15 a.m. Breakfast (Cayman)
- 8.00 a.m. Bible Study rebroadcast (Cayman)
- 9.00- 9.50 a.m. Delegates' Bible Study Reflections
- 10.00 - 12.45 p.m. Business Session 7
 - Courtesies and Minutes
 - Resiliency Awards
 - Presentations and Plenary
- 12.45 – 1.00 p.m. Regional Story (NERMC)
- 1.00 – 2.00 p.m. Lunch
- 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. Business Session 8
 - Report of the Listening Team
 - Resolutions
 - Minutes
 - Evaluation
 - Acknowledgment
 - Closing Devotion

Friday, April 27, 2023

- Immersion Experience (Cayman)

Sunday, April 28, 2023

- 4.00 p.m. Closing Service – Emslie Memorial



THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

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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
30**

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<https://synod.ucjci.com>



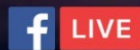
HOPE UNITED CHURCH

Lenten Meditations

**THE ROAD TO THE CROSS:
MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT**

MARCH 5, 12, 19 AND 26, 2023

5:30 P.M.



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Liturgy for Worship at Home

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023.

Transforming our Future *(Children and Youth)*

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- Psalm 23
- Ephesians 5:8-14
- John 9:1-41

Prayer Corner

- The grand-daughter of Ms. Lorraine Howell
- Family and friends of Mrs. Ena Stewart, WRMC Delegate who passed recently
- Those affected by recent earthquakes
- The son of Mrs. Sheila Arscott Smith, Jerome, who is recovering from injuries from car crash
- People affected by the war between Ukraine and Russian
- Crime and violence in Jamaica and the security force and government as they respond

Lord God Almighty,

Strengthen us against the temptations of the devil, and remove from us all lust and every unrighteousness, and shield us against our foes, seen and unseen.

Teach us to do your will, that we may inwardly love you before all things with a pure mind. For you are our maker and our redeemer, our help, our comfort, our trust, our hope; praise and glory be to you now and forever.

Amen.



IMPORTANT

>>> **ANNOUNCEMENT** <<<



United Church Young People's Fellowship

SYNODICAL SPORTS DAY



"Rooted, Resilient: Reignited by the Spirit"

Noranda Sports Complex

Saturday March 18, 2023 at 8:00am

General: \$200 // CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$100





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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 20-23

4 LAY LEADERS MODULE 1
ORIENTATION



18 UCYPF NATIONAL
SPORTS DAY

23 PRE-SYNOD
CONSULTATION

25 UCYAAM
INGATHERING

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

IMPACT CARIBBEAN II REGIONAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

Saturday, March 18 2023 9 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**RICK
WARREN**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Award-winning Author - Purpose Driven Life &
Chair - Finishing The Task Coalition



Endorsed by: Errol Rattray Evangelistic Assn.

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Presentations From: Wycliffe Caribbean, 24:14 Ministries,
YWAM Tampa Bay, JaHOP, Prayer 2000, Seed Company, &
Dr. Donald & Andrea Stewart

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Rev. Herbert Redway Jr

March 17



Rev. Lembe Seville

March 22

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

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Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott

General Secretary:

Rev. Norbert Stephens

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