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OUR VISION: "Touching lives, Nurturing Disciples, Seeking Transformation through Christ."

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PRAY FOR:



An end to the incidences of Crime and Violence that persist in our country, particularly in the parish of St. James.

UCJCI URGES "BEEF UP" IN COMMUNICATION

The Synod Office of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI), is encouraging each congregation to appoint a **Communications Officer** who would be included in the UCJCI's **e-group** and the Regional communication network. This Officer, the Synod envisages, would ensure that communication from the Synod Administration and the Regional Mission Council is **received and disseminated within the congregation and charges.**

Ministers and congregants are also being encouraged to visit the newly constructed Website **ucjci.com** and social media pages (**Facebook, Twitter, Instagram**) with links on the website, as well as a new **YouTube Channel**—'UCJCI's Channel.' All are invited to listen to "United in Faith", which is aired on



RJR Sundays at 6.30 am in Jamaica and **Worship the Lord**, aired on **Radio Cayman, Sundays at 7.45 am.**

Regarding the administration of Communications and IT from the Synod Office, the UCJCI continues to outsource activities of the Unit and has engaged Miss Crystal Lattibeaudiere on a part-time basis to focus primarily on the Social Media area.

Your feedback on the newly revised format of the 'United in Faith' radio programme, has been encouraging. For the month of October, our theme will be

The Ministries of the Church. Your continued feedback is encouraged. The UCJCI is committed to exploring additional avenues to ensure improved communication, the use of the best practices and significant events and to ensure cross communication among regions to celebrate, educate and inspire the wider church!

The UCJCI believes that **truly 'renewed' congregations** are energized and empowered for development and growth; have members, committed to pursuing personal relationships with God through **prayer, study and worship**, presenting themselves as **"light of the world and salt of the earth"**, displaying high standards of personal and professional integrity and discipline in their ministry, as we seek to live out our vision:

"Touching lives, nurturing Disciples, seeking transformation through Christ"

CELEBRATIONS



TO:

**Rev. Keith Gordon -
October 10**

**Rev. Dave Spence -
October 11**

**Rev. Donovan Myers -
October 12**

NEWS ON FINANCE!



A number of congregations and charges who qualify have applied for the **Central Assessment Amnesty** and those who have complied with the first option of paying 60% of balances owed as at April 2016, have had the remaining 40% written off by the Finance Committee. **The opportunity for a 20% write off is still available** if the identified congregations comply with paying 80% of outstanding balances as at April 2016, while remaining current for 2016.

MOVEMENTS

• **Rev. Sylvan Hinds** has been granted sabbatical leave for the period **September 1 to November 30, 2016**.

• **Mr. Carlington Douglas** was accepted for fulltime Pastoral Ministry and has been placed in the Harbour View Charge effective **September 1, 2016**.

Interns

• **Mr. Donald Burke** has been placed in the Farm Heights Charge effective **September 1, 2016**.

• **Mr. Rohan Kong** has been placed at the Portmore United Church effective **September 1, 2016**.

UCJCI's HAITI DISASTER RELIEF FUND



Les Cayes in Haiti

The UCJCI has established an account to assist our brothers and sisters in Haiti in their recovery from the impact of Hurricane Matthew.

We are encouraging congregations to have **special offerings each Sunday for the rest of October 2016** and remit the amounts to:

NCB Cross Roads Branch, Account # 234297392 — United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands' Disaster Appeal.

Coming soon: **WORKSHOPS ON CHILD CARE**



Work continues on the **Child Care and Protection Policy implementation and the churches in Jamaica will soon be invited to the training workshops in the respective regions.**

Sharing Best Practices

We are encouraging regions to have **capacity building workshops** to showcase best practices within congregations and charges in the areas of **Discipleship, Stewardship and Evangelism.**

This will include available documents and effective programmes in these areas as a means of sharing and educating our leaders and members at the congregational level.

PRAY FOR:

- **Joan Page-Bain, her family** and the people of Haiti who are trying to cope with the effects of the passage of **Hurricane Matthew.**
- Our sisters and brothers in the Caribbean and others Regions, who have been and will be affected by **Hurricane Matthew.**
- **Rev. Nevroy Francis** whose grandmother passed on. Service of Thanksgiving will be held on October 22, 2016.