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OUR VISION: *“Touching lives, Nurturing Disciples, Seeking Transformation through Christ.”*

OUR MAN IN TAIWAN



UCJCI's Roy McGregor (far right) and members of the Training in Mission 2016 and the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan

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Special points of interest:

United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) Graduates will include, UCJCI's Rohan Kong and Donald Burke.

We look forward to welcoming them both to the Pastoral Ministry of the United Church.

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Participants express their *“delight”* in being able to learn about the history of the Taiwanese people and how their social struggles have affected the Church.

Also observed, is the negative impact the ageing of the population has had and continues to have on the Church.

Roy McGregor states:

“During the first week of the program, it was observed that most of the presenters mentioned the issue of youths moving to other villages and cities in Taiwan for the purpose of education or jobs. This is a relatable problem for many churches around the world such as Zimbabwe, Guyana, Jamaica and Myanmar.

In Zimbabwe youths are migrating mostly from rural churches to urban set ups in search for jobs, education and a better life “

We believe that churches are being called to unite together in finding solutions to such critical issues. The Lord is expecting us to come together in one accord. The rise of Pentecostal churches also seems to be a challenge here in Presbyterian Church of Taiwan (PCT).

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR CHURCH?

As we seek to learn from each other, the question being posed is: *“What's happening in your neck of the woods?”*

As you in your church pursue the Renewal and Transformation Agenda, what strategies are working with your congregation? What are the particular programmes or

projects, that are helping to grow your church?

We ask this question with the realization that within the United Church congregations we are a diverse group. What works for some churches in the Western Region of Jamaica, may not work in the North Eastern Region Mission Council nor even in the Cayman Council. - **But then again, they might** with slight adjustments to respond to particular local conditions. This is

the essence of the outcomes we anticipate as we invite all to share.

Do so by emailing us at ucjciupdate@gmail.com
Send us your ideas for sharing.

Also do remember to let us know others themes and ideas we may include in this weekly newsletter so that it may better meet your needs!

EVENTS



The UCJCI's Child Protection Policy will be officially launched during a broadcast of United in Faith, planned to be aired on RJR, on

Sunday, May 22nd.

The Child Protection Policy provides a core set of ground rules for operation in the United Church in Jamaica. Its terms and conditions raise awareness about the responsibilities, risks and boundaries of working with children to facilitate a safer environment for all. While the policy relates chiefly to protecting

the welfare of children, it also applies to the protection of adults, particularly those in supervisory roles involving caring for children and young people and working closely with them.

Observance of this policy is not only expected of Clergy, but of Sunday School teachers, superintendents, youth leaders, camp counselors, volunteers and other adults within the church environment interfacing with children on a regular basis.

The policy also provides an overview of the training and support mechanisms being put in place to facilitate the sustainability of child welfare and protection in the UCJCI.

PRAY FOR:



The successful application of the UCJCI Child Protection Policy.

We believe that 'Every Child Counts' and we want to offer the very

best care and protection we can see all our Church School Children, Youth Fellowship, all who are in our care for one (1) hour, one (1) day, one (1) week or whatever.

This policy will ensure that your child is and will always be protected within any congregational setting or activities organized by the UCJCI.

THINGS TO CELEBRATE: - UCJCI GRADUATES!

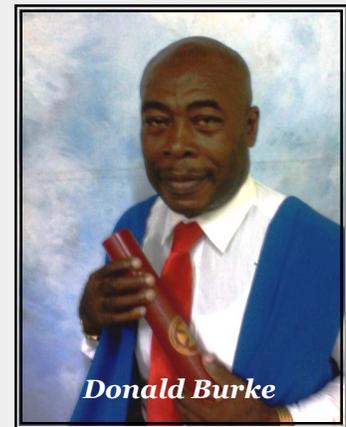
We joyfully anticipate the graduation from the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) of two of our own from the UCJCI:

Donald Burke, and Rohan Kong.

Share the joy we feel, as we look forward to welcoming them both into the Pastoral Ministry of the United Church.



Rohan Kong



Donald Burke

ANNIVERSARIES !!

We celebrate with Harbour View United who will be marking their **50th Anniversary** in a Service to be held on the **29th May 2016**.

WEBSTER CELEBRATES!

The 75th Anniversary Celebrations of the Webster Memorial United Church was a grand affair, with well over a 1,000 strong congregation.

Special guests included the UCJCI Moderator, **Rt. Rev. Christopher Mason**, General Secretary, Rev. Norbert Stephens, the Custos of Kingston, Hon. Steadman Fuller, and Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. **Chris Issa**, Consul for Slovakia, and whose grandfather was the donor of the land on which the church now stands, Regional Deputy General Secretaries, **Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels**, Mrs. **Rose Wedderburn** and Mrs. **Mauleen Henry**.

During the service, the first local full-time Ministers of Webster, **Rev. J. Oliver Daley**, **Rev. Norbert**

Stephens, and current Minister, **Rev. Astor Carlyle**, were honoured and thanked for their ministry at Webster.

Trophies were also presented to former Associate Ministers, **Rev. Gary Harriott**, **Rev. Norman Francis**, and **Rev. Rohan Forrester**.

Certificates of Appreciation were also extended to former local Settled Ministers **Rev. Kimberly Hines**, and **Rev. Dwight Kelly**.

Some 30 persons who have been members of Webster for 50 -75 years were also recognized.