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**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST**

☀ **Riverside United Church** has come up with a unique ministry innovation— "A Holy Ghost Gym !"

☀ **CWM Assembly** under the theme "Healing: Hope in Action", is scheduled for South Korea, June 17 – 24.

## "LISTENING TO OUR CHILDREN'S CRY"!

The Western Region Mission Council's (WRMC's) annual Children's Conference was held on May 28, 2016 simultaneously across the region in three locations.



A total of 8 congregations were in attendance; one group from another denomination, (New Testament) and one group from one outreach area (North Gully) were also in attendance.

The theme of this year's Conference was "Listening to our Children's Cry". The three locations were Savanna-la-mar United, St. Paul's United and Runaway Bay United. The day was a success!

At Savanna-la-mar United, a great time was reported to be had by all. The speaker - Rev. Rose-Green did a great job and interacted very well with the children. He prayed earnestly for the children.

Forty six; yes, (46) children pledged to be more faithful and committed to God. The leaders were encouraged to support the children in their walk with the Lord.

Five congregations were in attendance. Over 50 children were in attendance in addition to the number of leaders.

At St. Paul's United Church, the children excitedly started arriving way before 9 am.

The speaker Ms. Sherika Sewell created room for the children to express themselves through testimonies to demonstrate that God is working in their young lives.

Ms. Sewell shared on the various ways children are being abused and gave pointers as to what to do and who to reach out to if one suspects they are being violated.

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## EVENTS



### CWM ASSEMBLY:

CWM Assembly under the theme **“Healing: Hope in Action”**, is scheduled for **June 17 – 24, 2016** in Jeju Island, South Korea. The Caribbean Delegation consists of 8 persons from Jamaica, Cayman and Guyana. The UCJCI’s delegates are

**Rose Wedderburn, Robert Rainford** (Greendale United), **Diane Montoya** (Savannah United, Cayman) & **Natasha Anderson** (Youth).

**Rev. Henley Bernard** attends as a member of the Nominations Committee; **Rev.**

**Elizabeth and Pastor William Chirwa** as mission partners and **Ms. Renita Barnes** (Cayman) as a Steward.

The CWM Caribbean Region staff, **Mrs. Karen Francis & Mrs. Vickeisha King Burke** are also in attendance.

## PRAY FOR:

● **Mrs. Francine Dennis-Lewis** whose grandmother died on **May 26**.



● **Rev. Norlene Jackson** as she ministers to **Farm workers in Canada**.

● **CWM Assembly June 17 – 24 in South Korea, and all who are travelling for this event.**

## INNOVATIONS... A

### ‘HOLY GHOST GYM!’

**R**iverside United Church has come up with a unique innovation—**A Holy Ghost Gym** in which Christians and non-Christians come together and **‘get fit’**, so that in their words: “we can be free and give God all the praise and glory. The Gym, located on the Riverside United Church grounds has encouraged young and old to stay fit and healthy. **Holy Ghost Gym** is a fun-filled place to be every Sunday, it helps you to feel excited in keeping fit. Out of this initiative we are now having a weight loss competition which has caused persons to be very excited. **We meet every Sunday at 4:30 pm.**” (See Gym scenes below.)

## “CHILDREN’S CRY” CONTD.

The children led praise in worship, danced and moderated among other things. A total of **73 persons** (59 children, 14 adults) were in attendance and 17 children made indication for salvation as follows: 4 Somerton, 1 St Paul’s, 1 Farm Heights, 6 Norwood, 5 North Gully.

**At the Runaway Bay United Charge:** Seven churches were present including: **Bellevue United, Andrews United, Thicketts United, Discovery Bay United, Falmouth United and Runaway Bay United.** Presenter was **Mrs. Charmaine Shreeves**, Supervisor, Jamaica Children’s Evangelism, St. James; and the event was described as ‘dynamic, spirit-filled, thought provoking and inspirational’.

The audience was blessed by her presentation which culminated with special prayers for all who were present. There was no doubt that everyone left with a great sense of hope and comfort in knowing that God is in control, God cares for us all and if we remain faithful we will be able to overcome the obstacles and challenges that we face each day.

A total of **70 persons** were in attendance (53 children, 17 teachers).

