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UCJCI WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WCC

Going Further, Doing More



This picture records a project being worked upon by an ecumenical group advocating for the Rights of Children. In the Photo, UCJCI, CANACOM and JCC.

World Council of Churches (WCC) is the most extensive and inclusive ecumenical movement organisation in the world. A movement that calls for Christian unity. Christians Unity is about cooperation and solidarity amongst Christians in issues relevant around the world. The WCC sees itself as an international venue for the promotion of such cooperation and solidarity.

What does WCC Believe?

The organisation's founding tenets are based on the members common acknowledgement of Jesus Christ's life and teachings and adherence to the Christian faith.

WCC makes a claim, "The WCC brings together churches, denominations and church fellowships in more than 110 countries and territories throughout the world, representing over 500 million Christians and including most of the world's Orthodox churches, scores of Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed churches, as well as many United and Independent churches. While the bulk of the WCC's founding churches were European and North American, today most member churches are in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, the Middle East and the Pacific. There are now 350 member churches."

(<https://www.oikoumene.org/about-the-wcc>)

WCC states that programmes are aimed at supporting

member churches while promoting justice and peace. This promotion of justice and peace finds its place in faith expression and programme areas of Unity, Mission and Ecumenical Relations, Public Witness and Ecumenical Formation. These programmes tackle issues such as strengthening relationships with member churches and ecumenical partners, spiritual life, youth engagement, inter-religious dialogue and cooperation and building a just community of women and men.

How has UCJCI participated in WCC?

It is natural that the UCJCI would have played its part in WCC as we have been a member church since 1967. Over these years members of our church have served the WCC in a number of capacities. We have played active roles in programmes and have hosted directly or have played significant leadership roles in major events such as 2011

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Peace Convocation.

In 2018, WCC celebrated 70 years of Ecumenical Partnership. Its Central Committee met under the Theme: "Walking Together Serving Justice and Peace" during the period June 15 – 21 in Geneva, Switzerland. The Pope Francis was in attendance to pay special tribute to the Council. Among the persons in attendance at this special central committee meeting were members of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. There were also members from other denominations and ecumenical groups in attendance.

Representative of the UCJCI have served on some bodies within the WCC:

Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network (EDAN)

In 2001, Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans was part of the three-member core group and has remained active in the life and work of that group.



Participants gathered to discuss the UN Convention on the Rights

School of Evangelism

Rev. Sylvan Hind and Rev. Verna Cassells participated in the School of Evangelism.



Publications

In terms of publications, there has been a presence of the UCJCI for example Professor Roderick Hewitt.



International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (IEPC)

Rev. Gary Harriott, former General Secretary of the Jamaica Council of Churches, expressed his deep appreciation to all participants and the WCC for having held the IEPC in Jamaica. "This was the first time that such a major gathering of the World Council of Churches took place in the Caribbean, and we look forward to having you again." (Building Peace on Earth. Report of the [International Ecumenical Peace Convocation](#), p.39). Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans was also a participant at the IEPC in 2011.



BUILDING PEACE ON EARTH

Report of the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation



Conference on World Mission and Evangelism (CWME) Conference

There was representation from the United Church including Mrs. Debesha Grant-Roberts, Mrs. Jennifer P. Martin and Rev. Nicole Ashwood among those who were present. Mrs. Jennifer P. Martin is a Commissioner on this committee.



Mrs. Debesha Grant-Roberts.

Pilgrimage of Justice of Peace

Mrs. Jennifer P. Martin is Co-Moderator of the PJP



Mrs. Jennifer Martin addressing the Central Committee

Employment

Rev. Nicole Ashwood is the Programme Executive of Just Community of Women and Men. She is a strong believer of the global movement for a world without rape and violence -Thursdays in Black which the UCJCI has advocated through auxiliaries and the instigation of Moderator, UCJCI, Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott.



JULY 1



REV. DR. GORDON COWANS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY 5



REV. DR. LEROY WALTERS

FATHERS' DAY AT WILLIAM POUCHIE UNITED CHURCH

The Father's Day worship service is always huge event at William Pouchie Memorial United Church. On Father's Day the congregation confirmed and welcomed three new members (Maicel Miller, Abryl Miller and Ned Miller III) and for the first



time presented an award for Father of Year. This award was presented to Mr. Ashbert Terry, whose children are all grown up and he now takes his grandchildren to church. The Rev. Mary Graham, guest preacher seated in the background



William Pouchie Memorial UC 'Father of the Year' Award recipient Mr. Ashbert Terry with Rev. Rohan Forrester .

...AND WEBSTER MEMORIAL IN BODDEN TOWN



Fathers receive their tokens at the Father's Day Service at the Webster Memorial United Church in Bodden Town.

MINISTERS AND LAY PASTORS' RETREAT



THE MINISTERS AND LAY PASTORS IN CIRMC gathered for their annual 'Ministry and Mission Team Retreat' on Friday, June 18, 2021, to address the importance of the new Synodical theme, its relevance and practical implications for the life and ministry in the CIRMC. The retreat provided an excellent opportunity for the Ministers and Lay Pastors to reflect on what it means to be 'Rooted in Christ' and 'Rooted in the Spirit'. A follow up meeting will be held in the near future to address the issues of what it means to be 'Resilient!' and 'Responding!'

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP IN CIRMC JOIN THURSDAYS IN BLACK CAMPAIGN



The Women's Fellowship Executive Council meeting in CIRMC was held on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at the Council Office where among many other things a decision was made to join the 'Thursdays in Black' campaign to raise public awareness to the scourge of gender based abuse and domestic violence.

Super Summer in the Spirit!

Over the coming weeks, UCJCI Update will feature plans for activities for youth and children for Summer 2021! So watch this space for details!



THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
CAMP MINISTRY PRESENTS
Teens & Youth SUMMER Virtual ENCOUNTER 2021
THEME: ROOT. SHOOT. FRUIT
FRI. AUG 13 - SUN. AUG 15
6p.m.-9p.m. via ZOOM



JOIN THE EXCITING ACTIVITIES

- Treasure Hunt
- Church Trivia
- Movies
- Resume Writing & Social Media Management
- Spiritual Growth (Mind, Body, Soul)




CHILDREN'S CAMP JULY 18-23 8AM - 6PM
TEENS' CAMP JULY 25-30 8AM - 6PM
CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

SUMMER DAY CAMP

THEME: ROOT, SHOOT, FRUIT

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Preparing for a

Hurricane



In this issue of Update, Southern Regional Mission Council shares guidelines for Congregations and Individuals

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The following are considerations when preparing for hurricanes.

- Identify immediately, an Emergency Action Marshall for each unit
- Ensure there is adequate supply of emergency contingency items:

- ◇ Battery operated radio
- ◇ Flashlights
- ◇ Batteries
- ◇ Plastic bags
- ◇ Tarpaulin
- ◇ Tape
- ◇ First-aid supplies

- Listen for hurricane watches and warnings.
- Ask your local Parish Disaster Coordinator about community evacuation plans.
- Establish facility shutdown procedures.
- Establish warning evacuation procedures which should include a roll-call using the attendance register, to ensure all employees are accounted for.

- Ensure Employee emergency contact information is current.
- Make plans to assist employees who may need transportation.
- Make plans for communication with employees' families before and after a hurricane
- Keep battery-operated radio and battery backup for easy access.

Hurricane Watch

This occurs when:

- A hurricane is possible within 24 – 36 hours.
- Stay tuned for additional advisories.
- Tune to local radio and television stations for additional information.
- Be prepared to evacuate if this becomes necessary.

Hurricane Warning

This occurs when:

- A hurricane will hit land within 24 hours.
- Take precaution immediately.
- If advised evacuate immediately.

Steps to be followed when there is a hurricane warning:

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- Survey your facility and make plans to protect outside equipment and structures.
- Make plans to protect windows.
 - ◊ Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection.
 - ◊ Covering windows with 5/8" marine ply-wood is a second option.
 - ◊ Tape over glass to reduce the effect of shattering.
- Consider the need for backup systems:
 - ◊ Portable pumps to remove flood waters.
 - ◊ Alternate power sources such as generators or gasoline-powered pumps.
 - ◊ Battery-Powered Emergency Lighting.
- Prepare to secure &/or remove records, computers and other valuable items within your facility to another safer elevated location and these should be stored using water proof material e.g. (plastic, tarpaulin etc.).
- Prepare for cessation of electricity supplies by turning off all main breaker switches.
- Turn off all cooking gas cylinders.

Deactivating the Contingency Plan

The Contingency Plan is to be de-activated once normalcy has been restored.

A thorough inspection of all property is to be conducted once normalcy has been restored. Report all loose and dangling electric wires to the power company. All damage sustained must be documented in detail and photographs taken of the damaged areas from different angles. A comprehensive report is to be submitted to the UCJCI Synod Office immediately to facilitate any insurance claim and/or other measures which may become necessary.

Hurricane Preparedness Plan
 Adapted from ODPEM Emergency Management Guide for
 Business & Industry & Other Sources

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APPLY FOR 2021



SHORT COURSES AVAILABLE RIGHT THROUGH THE YEAR



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POSITION AVAILABLE Manager Garden Operations



Meadowrest Memorial Gardens (The Gardens) is located in Whittaker Mountain off the St. John's Road in St. Catherine. The Gardens has been developed on 55 acres of rolling countryside and magnificent views which serve as a perfect final resting place.

Job Summary:

The position holder, reporting to the Chief Executive Officer provides astute leadership and management over the general operations of The Gardens, in accordance with policies, brand standards, best practices and the law.

Minimum Qualifications and Experience:

Bachelor's Degree in Operations Management or a related field;
5 years leadership and management experience;
2 years experience in Cemetery Operations or in a similar capacity.

*Applicants are requested to email their resume with a covering letter identifying strengths relative to the requirements no later than **July 15, 2021** to: humanresource@ucmeja.com*

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**Remember to wear
black on
Thursday.
Take a Stand! Work
for a world without
violence.**

PRAY ♦ PRAY ♦ PRAY

UCJCI responds to the COVID-19 pandemic as a community of faith

A Call to Prayer

Every Wednesday

12 noon—1:00 pm

LET US BE DILIGENT IN PRAYER

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.- 1 Chronicles 16:11

- Safe experiences during the 2021 hurricane season
- The mental health of the people of our nations
- Continuing challenges of COVID 19 including the politics and economics of access to health care
- Wisdom and good judgement in relation to preserving health following the changes in the Disaster Risk Management regulations in Jamaica.
- The Worship, Witness and Work of UCJCI in Cayman, Jamaica and through our international partnerships.
- Safety for summer activities for children, particularly at beaches and rivers.
- New and deepened commitments to Christ through evangelism and discipleship efforts among children and youth this summer.

LITURGY FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

This coming Sunday...

July 4, 2021



Messengers of Peace: Confident of Our Call In A Rebellious World

Ezekiel 2:1-10; Psalm 123;
2 Cor. 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13

Next week...

July 11, 2021



Messengers of Peace: Confronting Violence

Amos 7:7-15 and Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29

UCJCI VALUE S

In seeking to live out our calling, we particularly value and are committed to:

Evangelism:

Sharing the story of God's amazing love demonstrated by Jesus Christ, in a relevant manner, to those without Christ in our community and beyond
(Matthew 28:18-20).

IN A COMING ISSUE...

Celebrating our Partnerships
Jamaica Ecumenical Mutual Mission

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SYNODICAL THEME:

“Rooted, Resilient: Responding in H.O.P.E. (Health - Opportunity - Peace - Evangelism)”