



# The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

## Weekly Update

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Rev. Edwards and Principal of Clarendon College, Mr. David Wilson.

### 80 Years of Existence Clarendon College

On Wednesday, February 02, 2022, Clarendon College commemorated 80 years of existence in its Founders Day Celebration.

In this 2022 celebration, Rev. Hyacinth Edwards, minister of the Salem Charge was recognized for 24 years of service to the institution. The UCJCI salutes Clarendon College for its contribution to nation-building through education and applauds, Rev. Hyacinth Edwards for consistency in providing Christian nurture and inspiration for students and staff over these many years. Several other individuals were recipients of outstanding performance, contribution to the

### Condolence and Prayers

It is with a heavy heart that I invite you to be in prayer for the staff and students of St. Andrew Preparatory School who are at this time mourning the tragic and untimely passing of the acting Vice Principal, Mrs. Phyllis Ramsay, who along with her husband, Cecil were both killed last evening.

Along with the Methodist Church, who are co-owners of the school, we have organized a series of interventions with the staff and students.

We pray for God's comfort and peace as well as for the reversal of the levels of violence in our societies at this time.

-From the office of the General Secretary,  
Rev. Norbert Stephens

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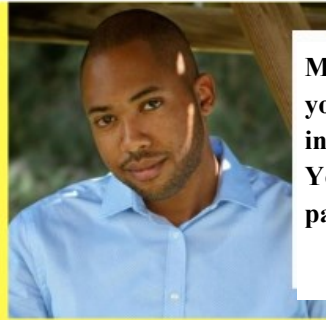


### 2022 THEME

**"Black Health and Wellness"**

**The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done well.**

# CAREER WISE



Markel Virgo, Attorney-at-Law and youth advisor from Hope United, was invited to the St. Stephen's United Youth Fellowship to share on career path, success and time management.

**What do you like doing?  
What brings you joy?**

**Why parents tend to  
choose their kids careers?**

- **Financial Stability**
- **Job Security**
- **Status**
- **Happiness of the child/what brings the kid joy**



**What are the jobs in demand?**

- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)**
- **Visual and Performing Arts (Pre-COVID)**
- **Teachers/Educators**
- **\*Ministers/Pastors**

**Is there an objective way to measure success?**



# CAREER WISE

**"Multitasking is Madness"**

## IG SUCCESS vs ACTUAL SUCCESS



### What social media makes us think success is

- Having a lot of money (and being able to flaunt it) equals success
- Going on vacations (local and international) and dining at the finest (or most popular) restaurants/hangout spots means success.
- Drip equals success.



### What success actually requires

- Hard work, long hours
- Sacrifice
- The willpower to put up with others, even those who it's difficult to get along with.



## Time Management Tips

- 1. Organize your work around your energy levels.**
- 2. Make a plan for the day.**
- 3. Start your day with the most important task.**
- 4. Prioritize tasks.**
- 5. Learn to outsource/delegate.**
- 6. Automate repetitive tasks.**
- 7. Eliminate unnecessary distractions.**
- 8. Realize that things do not need to be perfect.**

# LAY LEADERS GRADUATION



Official Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and The International University of the Caribbean.



The Moderator and Synod of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands express a hearty congratulations to the graduates of the Lay Leaders Training. One hundred and sixteen congregants graduated from Module 1 on Sunday February 6, 2022, at Hope United Church. The playback of the ceremony can be found on YouTube at **UCJCI's Channel**.

## At Home Liturgy

February 13  
6th Sunday after Epiphany

### Rooted in Christ and Called to Flourish and Bear Fruit

The Psalmist and the Prophet work well together this week. Explore the imagery of the tree that is well provided for in both texts.

“They shall be like a tree planted by

water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.”

- In whom are you grounded?
- Where are you planted?
- What does it mean to be constantly nourished and not afraid of the challenges of life?
- Are you consistently bearing fruit even during trials?

Faith should not be easily shaken and if we are fully grounded in Christ, our

leaves and fruits will not wither and perish.

The Lucan text offers new Beatitudes with the blessing and woe contrasts which speaks to faith and conduct in the community of believers.

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

# COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AFFECTING CONGREGATIONAL LIFE IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

## Cayman Islands

The number of COVID-19 cases in the Cayman Islands since the start of the pandemic is 11,666. As of this past weekend, more than 6,000 people in Cayman were in isolation after testing positive for Covid-19. The Cayman Government has responded with regulations aimed at controlling the spread of the virus, including but not limited, to protocols for travel and gatherings. Consequently, indoor gatherings, including church services, are now restricted to 100 persons while outdoor gatherings are restricted to 250 persons.

## Jamaica

There are 126,437 confirmed cases of which 3,168 are active with 2706 deaths. There have been 87 new cases in the last 24 hours. The Government of Jamaica said the amendments under the Disaster Risk Management Act (DRMA) will remain the same until February 11, 2022.

Please note and be guided by the following:

1. Church Services – The number of persons allowed in the sanctuary for worship should be determined by the physical distancing requirement of a minimum of six feet between persons, but should not exceed 100 persons.
2. Weddings – the maximum number of persons allowed is 100.
3. Funeral services are allowed with a maximum of 20 persons within the place of worship or facility.
4. Burials are allowed for 30 minutes Mondays to Fridays between 9 am and 4 pm with a maximum of 20 persons at the graveside.

The other relevant provisions remain the same as under:

5. No physical crusades, conferences or conventions will be permitted.
6. Physical gatherings are limited to 10 persons.
7. Stay at home – persons 60 years and over. Fully vaccinated persons are exempt.

Please note that the wearing of masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing are still required for public spaces and gatherings.

# Prayer Corner

## Prayer Requests

- Family of the late Rev. Dr. Edmond Folkes who passed on Monday from a brief illness.
- Rev. Rohan Kong and his wife whose newborn son, Joel Kong, remains in hospital since birth.
- Mrs. Karen Francis, whose husband Rev. Dr. Norman Francis has passed on.
- The climbing number of COVID-19 infections in the Cayman Islands.
- Patients, families and workers in the health sector in the Cayman Islands and Jamaica.
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19.

### Prayer

We pray for the lost, the hurting, the lonely, the sick, the bereaved, and those who are imprisoned— behind both visible and invisible walls. Send your comfort, your peace, and your calming presence to those who are without hope. Protect the defenseless, and hold them close to your heart.

Amen.

## Happy Birthday



**Rev. Gerald Emanuel**  
Feb. 11



**Rev. Anna-Kay Henry-McGregor**  
Feb. 11



**Rev. Sandra Collins**  
Feb. 12

# NOTICES

**HOPE UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS:**

**TRAINING IN: PERSONAL EVANGELISM**  
PRESENTER: **REV. SYLVAN HINDS**

**Monday February 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm (Part 1)**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84274832870?pwd=V3pwL0hVVmtGc2FVN2d3dloIdXh0dz09>  
 Meeting ID: 842 7483 2870  
 Passcode: 929328

**Thursday February 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm (Part 2)**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81899001372?pwd=gUdBTzJR1lZSEo0UGVkb1ZQOXJqQ109>  
 Meeting ID: 818 9900 1372  
 Passcode: 294661

Rev Sivile and the new members who were baptized at Bonne Hall Oasis on January 29, 2022 and were received into membership Meadowbrook United Church on February 6,



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**Men's Fellowship National Convention 2022**

**MEN FILLED WITH HOPE**  
Responding to the Crisis

**Speaker:**  
Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott  
Moderator of the United Church



26th February, 2022 10 a.m.

Join the live stream on YouTube:  
**UCJCI'S CHANNEL**

**UCJCI Lay Training Institute**

**TRAINING FOR LAY LEADERS 2022**

Offered in collaboration with The International University of the Caribbean

*Get Ready to Serve!*

**MODULE 1 BEGINS FEBRUARY 12, 2022**

**TRAINING FEATURES**

- Weekend and Weekday classes  
 Saturdays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Thursdays 6 - 8 p.m.  
 (2nd and 4th Saturdays and Thursday in the immediate week following)
- Combination of Learning in Virtual Classrooms via Zoom and in Learners' own time

**ORIENTATION JANUARY 29, 2022**

**REGISTER NOW**  
through your Regional Mission Council office

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