



The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

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ARE YOU SENSING A CALL TO MINISTRY?

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From earliest times, the observance of the Feast of Pentecost has been of special significance in the life of the Christian community. It has since served as a persistent reminder of the fulfilment of God's promise issued through the Prophet Joel,

**“And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.
29 Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days. Joel 2:28-29**

In many respects, it is because of this fulfilment at Pentecost, immediately following the resurrection of Jesus, that the earliest Christians demonstrated the required confidence to witness the life-changing experience resulting from being in the company of Jesus. Their actions, emanating from this newly found confidence, served to ignite and propel the spread of this Good News (Gospel) beyond Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and, indeed, unto the farthest reaches of the earth.

That being the case, you and I, as members of the Church in general, and the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands in particular, are in a time and season such as this, challenged to ask hard questions about the significance of this observance for us in the twenty-first century.

Over the last two plus decades, our Church has used this time to summon our members to contemplation and commitment or recommitment to the unfinished task of being faithful to the call and commission of God through Jesus Christ.

It is to this that we seek to return during the 2022 observance of Pentecost. We consider this an opportune time for each of us to examine the purpose for which God's Spirit has been and continues to be poured out upon us. It is time to ask fresh questions concerning how we respond to the task entrusted to us and for which we are constantly being empowered by God.

The Ministerial Formation Programme, on behalf of the wider Synod and its leadership, invites us once again to acknowledge that every single one of God's people, regardless of age or gender, location or circumstances, has been gifted and empowered to be a meaningful and faithful participant in the mission given to us by Jesus Christ because the Spirit has been poured out on each of us without exception.

During the month of June, beginning with the first Sunday which is also being observed this year as Pentecost Sunday, we are inviting all our members, corporately and individually, to give deep and honest thought to the depth and sincerity of our participation in the work of the Church.

Please note that specialized theological training, though of vital importance, is not the only training we need to function effectively in witnessing to God's loving grace. There is surely a place for the training we have received as part of our professional development and from which we make our living. These too ought to be used in enriching the witness of the local congregation and enhancing faithfulness in the pursuit of the purposes of God. Each member is asked to consider and decide how this training, whether formal or informal,

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may help to make a difference in how we respond to what God requires of us.

While we do this, we should bear in mind that participation in God's mission is not necessarily limited to our local congregations. There are those of us who, while serving diligently at this level, possess the spiritual and practical resources to further the witness of the Church at the level of our Charges, Regions, the Synod and beyond. We would do well, therefore, to consider the various ways, locations or levels at which we may strive to demonstrate our commitment and faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

To assist us in our deliberations and decision making, we are pleased to provide you with some Bible Study resources which you are encouraged to utilize corporately and individually during the month of June. Additionally, some other resources intended to assist you in understanding the existing personnel needs at the Synodical level will also be circulated.

Our prayer is that all our members will engage in this process during the period identified resulting in a deepening and broadening of their engagement in the work of their respective congregations.

Those persons who may be convinced that God is calling them to serve the wider church in ordained or commissioned ministry are invited to discuss this conviction with their pastors or lay-pastors. Additionally, we invite you to call **876-864-0438** or send an email to **minform.ucjci@gmail.com**. We would be more than happy to assist you not only in clarifying but also in pursuing your conviction.

We look forward to hearing from some of you and pray that each of us will be true and obedient to the leading of God.

Please note that other resources will be sent in the days/weeks ahead.



SRMC Children's Rally of the Zones 2022

On Sunday May 29, 2022, children from all across the Southern Regional Mission Council gathered at Ridgemount United Church for the annual Children's Rally of the Zones under the theme "Listen Up! Children's Voices Matter". Some 332 children with 174 adults were in attendance representing 27 congregations.

The event started with a rally march from the Manchester Shopping Centre to Ridgemount with the accompaniment of officers from the Area 3 police department and energetic music. Each congregation created a banner with their name and a statement related to the theme.

The guest speaker was Mr. Yashi Williams, a former member of the Southern Region's Youth Executive. He brought an engaging and dynamic word to encourage the children to use their voice.

Zone B was awarded the Claudett Robinson Memorial Trophy for raising the most money. Sis. Claudett Robinson was a stalwart of Children's Ministry within the Southern Regional Mission Council. Champion Zone B consists of the following congregations- Ebenezer, Andrews Memorial, Medina, Hyde Park, New Broughton, Grove Town, Pusey Hill, Plowden, Alligator Pond, Marlie Hill, Ridgemount, Hanbury, Royal Flat and Santa Cruz.



North Eastern Regional Mission Council (NERMC) Church School Rally

The North Eastern Regional Mission Council Church School Rally was held on Sunday May 29, 2022 at Webster Memorial United Church. Children & teachers gathered in the sanctuary and the event was streamed via YouTube. It was well supported with a good representation from the following congregations: Boulevard, Duke Street, Eltham, Hellshire, Lincoln Kirk, Manning's Hill, Meadowbrook, Portmore, Shortwood, St. Andrew's Scots Kirk, St. Paul's (LA), St. Stephens and Webster Memorial, while the other congregations joined online (YouTube). Guest speaker Rev. Carlington Douglas encouraged the children to *be salt and light* in a very engaging presentation on the theme "Children of God helping others discover Christ".



Mrs. Rose Wedderburn, RDGS, and Master of Ceremonies, Tajanne Clark from Portmore United Church participating in the presentation of the guest speaker, Rev. Carlington Douglas.

The newly installed NERMC church school Executive 2022 – 2024



(R-L) Mrs. Janice Campbell - Chairperson, Mrs. Chrystine Bernard - Deputy Chairperson, Mrs. Verna Atkinson - Treasurer, Ms. Karen Goulbourne - Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Carleen Murphy- Immediate Past Chair and at the back Rev. Nigel Pusey, Acting Chair of Council who conducted the installation.

Hundreds Benefit from Lucea United Church Wellness Fair

More than 600 residents turned out for the **Labour of Love Wellness Fair 2022** that was held on Monday, May 23.

For citizens of Hanover it was a day well spent. Thanks to Dr. Robyn Hall and five (5) final year students of the University Of Technology, College of Oral Health Services, over 200 patrons received dental care. Many of whom expressed sincere gratitude and excitement upon the extraction of a painful tooth or a first-time dental cleaning.

" A special thank you for a lovely day out thanks for the 2 services I got", said one lady after her spa services.

The services were being offered by professionals who volunteered. These included massages, pedicures, manicures, facials, hairstyling and barbering services, and





detoxes. Over 300 people benefitted.

As we focused on wellness on labour day, the day could not end without the sampling and purchasing of items and vegan food from the exhibitors: Sweet Burners' Candles, Miss Forrester Energizer, Nature Cure, Divine Essentials, Vegan's Utopia, Rahcar Touch – Divine Livity and Irie Booster.

Other activities of the day were a Blood Donor Drive, Yoga Sessions, and an Aerobic Session.

The day's activities were sponsored by Gateway Co-operative Credit Union Ltd., Cherie's Supermarket, Baywest Wellness Hospital, RK Laboratories, GV Service Station, D & G Hardware, LYL Ultrasound, Purple Jasmine Spa and CLEO Electrical and Plumbing Service.

The event was organized by the Health & Wellness Sub-Committee of the Lucea United Church, which is a part of the Family Life Ministries Committee.

Liturgy for worship at home

June 12, 2022

Trinity Sunday

Resilient: Be guided in all truth

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 8

NEW TESTAMENT

St. John 16: 12-15

The work of the Holy Spirit guides us
in truth and keeps us in truth.

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mrs. Janet McConnell who lost her uncle recently
- Mrs. Sheila Arscott-Smith who lost her brother-in-law recently
- Rev. Everton Brissett, Minister of Savanna la Mar charge of United Churches, and family, as they mourn the passing of his mom Mrs. Lillette Brissett
- Rev. Rohan Kong, his wife Stephanie and their son, Joel Kong
- Family and friends of Mr. Paul Miller who passed on
- Patients, families and workers in the health sector in the Cayman Islands and Jamaica
- Ukraine and all affected by the invasion of Russia.
- Victims and perpetrators of crime and violence in Jamaica and security force and government as they respond
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19
- Family of the victims of mass shooting in the United States of America

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank You for your presence in the world. You touch our pain and warm our hearts with hope.

Fill us with the joy of your Spirit and make us faithful messengers of your Gospel.

Amen.



THE SALISBURY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH

Presents A

Cake Sale

On the church grounds

On Friday,
June 24, 2022
Commencing @ 10 a.m.



CAKES:
*BLACK FOREST
*RED VELVET
*CHEESECAKE
*CHOCOLATE MOCHA
*PLAIN CAKE
Served with a bottle of water

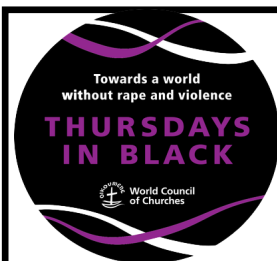
REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

COST: \$900

***CHEESECAKE \$1100**

Proceeds in aid of the church building funds.

End Violence Against Women and Children



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SUMMER CAMPS 2022

DAY

CHILDREN'S (AGES 8-12)
JULY 10-15

TEENS' (AGES 13-17)
JULY 17-22

Theme: A NEW SEASON

THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

IGNITE

for CHRIST!

LOOK OUT FOR VIRTUAL TRAINING

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022

GET READY FOR FACE TO FACE

VBS 2022

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UCYAAM
CONFERENCE
2022 | AUG. 18-21, 2022 | 50th Edition
Madge Saunders Conference
Tower Isle, St. Mary
ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY
LIMITED SPACE



Marriage Enrichment Seminar
Understanding "I do"
Save the date
Saturday, June 25, 2022
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.



CAMP 2022
MADGE SAUNDERS CONFERENCE CENTRE
COST: \$9000
(Includes the registration fee)

FINAL ADJUSTED DATES

- Children's/Jr. Camp**
Wed, July 6 - Sun, July 10
(Ages 8-13)
- Pacesetters Teens Camp (Teens 1)**
Wed, July 13- Sun, July 17
(Ages 14-17)
- Discovery Teens Camp (Teens 2)**
Wed, July 20 - Sun, July 24
(Ages 14-17)
- Youth Encounter**
Thurs, July 23- Sun, July 31
(Ages 18-25)

Register through your regional office by submitting completed registration form and registration fee of \$4500
DEADLINE MAY 31, 2022

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