

# The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands Weekly Update

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May-Child's Month

# "Listen Up, Children's Voices Matter" Conversation Starters from The Visual and Performing Arts Department



May being child's month, the creative ministry has owned the national children's theme and is mirroring its work around it.

Pieces like *I have No Words*- highlight the Secret Gardens Monument in downtown Kingston and introduce us to listen to the voices of some of our children whose conversation had an abrupt end when they were killed.

Viewers will see a man leaving while a female enters to look at the monument which has run out of space for the new names to be added. They will hear the voice of a young dead girl speaking, which is perhaps the memory of the woman, who sighed before walking away with her hand on her head. There will be a follow up with the lady in the form of a conversation, where she will talk about her experience.

Other themes such as human trafficking are explored. Also, the issue of our children being missing is lamented and expressed with the missing children seen in the video *Carby Gone*.



A Likkle More Love, is certainly not for the faint of heart as it might trigger childhood memory of corporal punishment. Yet, the filmmaker evokes troublesome thought, for those who watch the piece, to break the culture of silence surrounding child abuse.

Much can be said about single parenting in Jamaica and especially the impact that has on the child, parent and society. A My Yute is a dub-poem about a single father

who tried his best to mentor his only child, Sam, to be a decent and upstanding citizen. However, Sam turned out to be a drug addict and a menace to society. The son eventually died because of his decision to live a life of crime. Nonetheless, the father suffers deep anguish caused by the death of his son and the fear of losing him to a Christless eternity is more than he can manage. In the height of his pain he laments without reservation, he even pleas to God to give him back his dead son.



These are just a few of the pieces that are on the channel for you to see, be challenged and call to action.



Rev. Kevin "Nana Moses" Calvert, Rev. Kev, has also started a social media trend dubbed Good Morning. You will see some exciting and high energy short videos featuring UCJCI Congregations and church schools.

You definitely will feel the vibes and be encouraged to record and post a video of your own expression or interpretation of good morning as seen so far in the videos on the

channel.

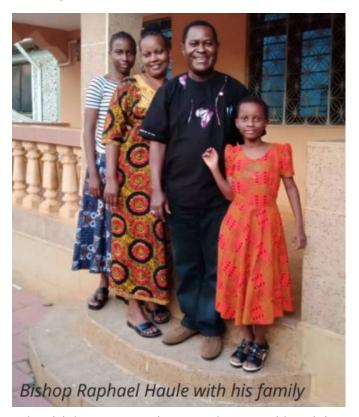
Tune in to our updates and subscribe to the UCJCI channel on YouTube to learn more. A special feature that will happening at the end of the month.

### Mission Trip to Tanzania

By Mr. Mike Bowerman



A team of four will be traveling to Tanzania in East Africa on Wednesday, May 18 at the invitation of the Anglian Union and the Bishop of Ruvuma, Rt. Rev. Raphael Haule. They will be based in Songea, located south of the country. The Diocese of Ruvuma is one of the many in the country and has 151 parishes and 67 clergies.



The visit has two primary goals: to provide training and teaching for the diocesan leadership and to investigate the practicalities of building a school.

Bishop PJ Lawrence and Mike Bowerman will be spearheading the first. The training of about 30 leaders will focus on Old Testament, New Testament, and Church History, led by Bishop PJ, while Mike will do workshops on Evangelism and Witnessing and a second series on Church Leadership. Andrew & Debreca Rollins, who are members at St. George's Anglican, will be working towards having the school built, discussing viability, financing, and project management with the local leadership. Mr. Bowerman will be preaching on the first Sunday at St. Nicholas cathedral in Songea and the following Sunday in Liuli, 120 miles away, located on the shores of Lake Nyasa. missionaries will return at the end of May and will give short presentation on Sunday, June 8, at Elmslie Memorial Church.



Debreca and Andrew Rollins, Rev. Dr. P. J. Lawrence, and Mike Bowerman

#### Please pray

- For God's Spirit to show them what to teach and how to prepare, and to do so in a way which those to whom they are ministering will find understandable and helpful, especially as it is a very different culture.
- For Bishop Raphael and for those who will attend the training sessions. Pray for our interaction together and that the participants will return to their ministries able to serve more effectively and be truly blessed and encouraged.
- For God's protection in travel (about 36 hours, and several airports) and from illness, and for His strength: spiritual, emotional, and, physical.

### Elmslie Memorial Church 100th Anniversary Celebrations

By Elmslie Memorial Charge Family News

The 100th Anniversary Year Celebrations continue in the month of May with two special events, Jazz Under the Stars (Monday, 23rd May), and Fun Run/Walk (Saturday, 28th May).

Please continue to show your support by participating in both exciting events. Registration forms for the Fun Run/ Walk are available on their website www.elmslieunitedchurch.ky.

For tickets to the Jazz event, stop by any of the locations listed in the flyer.





#### What is your church doing for labour day?

Send a WhatsApp message to 876-864-2253 and let us know for a chance to be featured in the Weekly Updated and on our social media.



# **Prayer Corner**

# Prayer Requests

- Rev. Rohan Kong, his wife Stephanie and their son, Joel Kong
- Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels and family on the sudden passing of his niece in the United States of America
- Family and friends of Mr. Paul Miller who passed on recently
- Alando Meredith who lost his sister and mom
- Rev. Laddia Young and her family. A shooting incident resulted in the death

- of her step mother and the wounding of her father and one of her brothers
- 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

# Prayer

#### Dear Lord.

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.

## Liturgy for at Home Worship

May 22, 2022 6th Sunday of Easter 1st Reading: Acts 16: 9-15 RR: Psalm 67 2nd Reading: St.

John 14: 23-29

Resilient: Obedience and Peace At times we miss the connection, but truth be told obedience can be the key to peace...

### **NOTICES**



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St. Paul's (St. James)
Apr 23/30

SRMC Ridgemount May 14/21

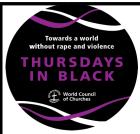


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#endviolenceagainstwomen









Children's/Jr. Camp Wed, July 6 - Sun, July 10 (Ages 8-13)

Pacesetters Teens Camp (Teens 1) Thurs, July 14- Sun, July 17 (Ages 14-17)

Discovery Teens Camp (Teens 2) Thurs, July 21 – Sun, July 24 (Ages 14-17)

Youth Encounter Thurs, July 28 – 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** 

### **NOTICES**



### Happy Birthday!!!



Mrs. Doreen Barnett, Director of Finance
May 19



Rev. Raymond Coke May 20



Rev. Kimberley Hines May 19



Rev. Leighton Mason May 20



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