



**CAYMAN ISLANDS
REGIONAL MISSION
COUNCIL**

**WEEKLY
UPDATE!**

June 14, 2018

DAD: Dedicated And Devoted!

IN THIS ISSUE

The Importance of the Father

This coming Sunday we celebrate the importance of the role of the father in the life of the child - regardless of the age of the child. Each of us came into the world with a paternal identity regardless of how active our father maybe in our lives. Some are blessed to have had good, loving and caring fathers who have nurtured them in faith and life. Others may have had fathers who were never active or present, some fathers have passed away, some have been imprisoned, others may not even have been aware that they have fathered children. We are thankful to God for the men who take fatherhood seriously and who train up the child in the ways of God.

May God bless each father on this Fathers' Day and every day.

We share the following statistics, although based on the United States of America; the data can inform us of some of the realities for us in the Cayman Islands:

Men's Statistics Gathered by Man in the Mirror:

- 113,000,000 men in America are 15 years of age and older
- 69,000,000 of these men make no profession of faith in Christ
- Only 6,000,000 men are involved in discipleship or spiritual formation—1 in 18 men. Imagine putting a football team on the field, and only one player had studied the playbook.
- We have become a fatherless nation. 33% of the 72 million children in America will go to bed tonight without their biological father in the home.
- 73% of households with children under 18 headed by married couples (vs. 91% in 1960); 27% households headed by single parents
- Nuclear families comprise less than 23.5% of households
- 40% of troubled boys raised are by divorced or separated parents
- More than 50% children born in 1990s spend part childhood in single parent home
- Two years after a divorce only 53% of children see their non-custodial parent on a monthly basis. Ten years after the divorce on 28% have monthly contact
- 66% children born in America will not live with both biological parents through the age of eighteen



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GB INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Girls' Brigade International Day of Prayer was held on Sunday, June 10 at the John Gray Memorial United Church.

Lay Pastors' Expose



LAY PASTORS' EXPOSÉ

Members of the United Church gathered on June 7 at the Council Office to learn more about the upcoming Lay Pastor trainings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 16

Camp Leaders' Training #3 (Camp Material – Part 2) – Council Office
from 10:00am – 12:00pm

June 16

Girls' Brigade Picnic

June 18

UCJCI Child Protection Policy Training
– Council Office from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

June 20

CPHS Year 13 Leaver's Ceremony –
CPHS Auditorium at 6:00pm

June 20

Youth Splash Committee Meeting –
Elmslie Memorial Hall at 6:30pm

June 23

Leadership Development Training –
Sacraments from 9:00am – 12:00pm
at the Council Office

Click [here](#) to view the full CIRMC Calendar

Look Ya Nah!



A Moment with Bethesda:

Don't abandon yourself, don't hate yourself, love yourself!

Facebook: Cayman Bethesda Counselling Centre

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THEME: Family & Adult Ministries

June 17 - Elmslie's Men Ministry &
Rev. Christopher Mason (Role of
Fathers in the Family)

June 24 - Youth Splash Committee

Please also visit the following websites for further information on men statistics.
Interesting/valuable sources for statistics on men:

<http://religions.pewforum.org>

<http://barna.org>

<http://www.census.gov>

What's Happening in CIRMC?

GIRLS' BRIGADE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Girls' Brigade International Day of Prayer was held at the JGMC on Sunday, June 10, 2018. The theme for day has been an ongoing theme throughout the Cayman Islands Girls' Brigade, "Fruitful and Overflowing".

The Speaker, Rev. Donovan Myers shared a very inspiring message on being filled with the right things in our lives. Each Company participated by offering prayers for the different GB regions around the world. The National Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble Bloomfield offered prayers for GB International, and a special welcome was given to Mrs. Olive Miller, OBE by the Chair of the Cayman Islands Girls' Brigade Cayman, Ms. Debbie McLaughlin.

The Girls' Brigade International Conference 2018 will be held in Zambia in July. The theme song, written by GB Malaysia for the Conference was performed by the North Side Company during the service. The George Town Company performed a dance to the song 'I know who I am'. The service was followed with fellowship and refreshments in the JGMC Hall.

CIRMC PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE LEADERSHIP SKILLS

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Our Council has been encouraging members and adherents of the United Church to be a part of the Leadership Development workshops that aim to provide attendees with a deeper understanding of the United Church to an extent Christianity (as a religion).

It is the hope that the knowledge and tools gained from the workshop sessions will give members a stronger desire to take on leadership roles within our church and communities.



Lay Pastor, Ormond Williams presenting on Discipleship

CIRMC LAY PASTORS EXPOSÉ

Our Council held a Lay Pastors Exposé on June 7, for anyone interested in becoming and learning more about being a Lay Pastor of UCJCI. Members were able to meet and discuss with Lay Pastors currently serving within our Council. The Lay Pastors trainings will commence towards the end of the year, and will be a new opportunity for members to learn more about the United Church and serve the church in a new capacity.



RDGS, Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble Bloomfield hosted the Exposé

CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MISSED! PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE ON
THE CIRMC WEBSITE!

Or go to www.unitedchurch.org.ky/cirmc-weekly.html

CLICK [HERE](#) TO SEE MORE

SAVE THE DATE!**JUNE 2018!****CAMP LEADERS'
TRAINING #3****CAMP
MATERIAL****June 16**

at 10:00am at the Council Office

**UPCOMING CHILD PROTECTION POLICY
TRAINING****Monday, June 18 at 6:00pm**

Our Council has led a series of trainings for the UCJCI Child Protection Policy. For those who may have been unable to attend any previous trainings there is an opportunity to attend an upcoming on Monday June 18 at 6:00pm at the Council Office.

Please note: All volunteers that assist with any youth programme/activity within the United Church is required to complete this training.

**SAVANNAH UNITED CHURCH
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE****PRESENTS:****SUMMER****KARAOKE
NIGHT!****SATURDAY, JUNE 23****7:00PM - 10:00PM****VENUE: SUC HALL****COST: \$5**

For a great mission cause!

**Come &
Sing Your
Heart
Out!**



**Food and Drink
on sale ONLY a \$1**

JUNE 23

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands
Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council

**YOUTH
SPLASH***United with Differences***2018**

Join in on the fellowship as we
come united in differences
under one God.

Saturday June 30th
3:00pm - 6:00pm
153 Manse Rd.
Bodden Town

**Parking:**

Shuttle rides available from Savannah United Church and Bodden Town Church of God Parking Lots.

BRING:
Change of clothes & Towel
OPTIONAL:
Beach chairs/Umbrella & Sunscreen
ENJOY:
FOOD, GAMES & FELLOWSHIP

JUNE 30