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Lives, Nurturing Disci-
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PRAY FOR:



- **Rev. Bevis By-
field** who is not
well
- **Rev. Ranford
Hewitt** who con-
tinues to recover
from illness

UCJCI UPDATE

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NEW UCYPF SYNODICAL EXECUTIVE INSTALLED!

The United Church Young People's Fellowship (UCYPF) Synodical Executive for the period 2018-2020 was installed on September 30, 2018! This took place during a special service at Askenish United Church, Hanover.

Spanning the age range: 13 to 25 years, this group of young people has committed to serve in establishing, challenging, inspiring, mobilizing, and motivating young people within the UCJCI towards discipleship, renewal, and inner transformation.

In their Mission, they will support, equip, represent, and coordinate key activities for youths within various congregations and the wider communities. The Team recognizes and seeks to hone the notable camaraderie and esprit de corps of the various Fellowships, and will offer

their leadership and assistance to the process of building the Groups spiritually and numerically. This is expected to foster improved lives and the longevity of the United Church's Mission.

The new UCYPF Synodical Executive admits that the fulfilment of their mandate is shortened by challenges in the Movement and wider Church, which it relies on for support. They also grapple with the dormancy of rural Fellowships, brought about by the migration of members to ter-

tiary institutions outside of parish and Region.

The Team is, however, hopeful. They are desirous of more support from congregations in regional and national events, and to have appropriate guidance primarily in issues such as Christian Identity, Identification with the United Church, Sexuality, and the influence of social media on their generation.

While noting the importance of their support base, **President, Ms. Jodane Gilling,**

opines that the UCYPF can do some things to have greater impact. She notes the rich talent and creative minds of the United Church Youth, and seeks to utilize and further develop these by working closely with the Youth Commission to further enact the UCYPF motto: "Conversion and Transformation for Christian Service". We thank God for them!



From front left: Jodane Gilling, President; Robertha Hayles, Vice President; Crystal Gibson, Assistant Secretary; Rt. Rev. L. Christopher Mason, Moderator of the UCJCI; Kadesha Baker, Financial Coordinator; Trifener Reid, Secretary. From back left: Bosworth Jayden Ewen, Cultural Coordinator; Micah Brown, Evangelism & Discipleship Coordinator; and Advisors Shelley Ann Brown and Rev. Kraig De Leon Diedrick. Shakeria Gray, Sports Coordinator, is absent from the photograph.

CELEBRATIONS!



70:

Rev. Sylvan Hinds
October 26

Rev. Godfrey Meghoo
October 27

Miss Claire Trueman
October 28

A new Administrative Committee of **CANACOM** for 2018-2020 has been elected. It comprises the following persons:

Rev. Carlington Keen, Chairperson (UCJCI); Rev. Izett Sama Hernandez, Deputy Chairperson (IPRC); Rev. Diana de Graven, Secretary (RCS); Mrs. Merle Buchanan, Treasurer (UCJCI); Rev. Dr. Jo Ella Holman, North American Representative (PCUSA); Ms. Farida da Costa, Caribbean Representative (VPGC); Mr. Miguel Rosa Morales, North American Young Adult Representative; and Ms. Debesha Grant, Caribbean Young Adult Representative (UCJCI)

NERMC UCYPF

TUCKER CUP

NOV 3-DEC 8
8AM-4:30PM

FOOTBALL - NETBALL - MUCH MORE

REGISTRATION: 4000 (PER TEAM), LATE REGISTRATION: 800. AFFILIATION: 500

Newly-Installed National Women's Fellowship Executive!



Mrs. Pauline Bryan, President General (fifth from right), stands with some members of her team and Rev. Khareen Wilson-Bailey, Guest Preacher (front, centre), at the National Women's Fellowship Installation Service on October 14, 2018.

UCJCI FAMILY AD CORNER

HOPE UNITED CHURCH RALLY OF THE MONTHS

APRIL - BORN'S PROJECT



Saturday, December 1, 2018, 3:30 P.M. to 8:30 p.m.

All-inclusive Cruise Package includes:

Comfortable Relaxing Sight-seeing Cruise...The Glow of the Sunset...The Lights of the City
Jamaican Roots Music by "Energy Plus" Mento Band.

Disco Dancing on Deck...under the Stars.

SUMPTUOUS Jamaican Meal and Drink • Complementary Welcome Soup

Come Feel the Christmas Breeze near Lime Cay!

Savour the Experience!

Contribution \$4,500 (November 1 - 30, 2018)

Early Bird \$4,000 (August - October 30, 2018)

Dock: 3 Port Royal Street, Kingston (beside Craft Market)

For Tickets and further Details Contact:

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Proceeds in Aid of Completing the Youth Centre for the At Risk Youths in the Papine Community and Improving the Church Sanctuary and Audio Visual Equipment

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Instilling Leadership Skills in Children

Many leaders also serve as parents, balancing a daily workload with ball games, recitals, homework assistance, and family dinners. Today's children are tomorrow's leaders. While leadership skills can come naturally, children learn lessons along the way that significantly impact them later in life. Here are fifteen (15) tips to help you instill the right skills in the future leaders in your life:

SET A GOOD EXAMPLE. As a leader, you realize the importance of setting a good example for your team. This is even truer of your role as a parent. By allowing your children to see how well you balance your business and personal roles, you'll teach through accountability through effective leadership.

ENCOURAGE TEAM ACTIVITIES. Early on, identify your children's interests and encourage their participation in group activities. Whether it is participating in sports or joining the school band, children learn valuable lessons about teamwork through these activities.

EMPHASIZE PERSEVERANCE. The best leaders learn to handle failure as gracefully as they handle success. It's important to expose future leaders to disappointment rather than protecting them from it. Children need to learn to handle the loss and move forward when the other team wins or someone else is elected grade prefect.

BUILD NEGOTIATION SKILLS. Every good leader knows the art of compromise. Instead of giving your children a firm "Yes" or "No" to a request, make an offer and allow them to counter that offer by offering solid points. Teach them negotiation skills.

HONE DECISION-MAKING ABILITIES. Children should learn how to make good decisions as early in life as possible. Because children become overwhelmed by too many choices, narrow down the options to two or three, whether a child is deciding on afternoon activities or a movie to watch. Teach your chil-

dren to weigh the pros and cons of each option in order to make the most informed decision possible. This will help them to make correct decisions in everyday life.

PRACTISE CONFIDENT COMMUNICATION. When you go to a restaurant, do you place orders for your children? You can actually turn a simple dinner into a confidence-building exercise by having your children speak directly to the servers. This will also help them communicate what they need.

ENCOURAGE WORK. Often children are eager to begin working in some capacity. If your child wants to set up a lemonade stand, support them and encourage it. Once your children are old enough, they can take on work opportunities like babysitting. These early jobs can be essential to building leadership skills in children.

ENROLL IN SUMMER CAMP. Summer Camp is filled with opportunities to participate in team-building activities. Once youth reach a certain age, they may even be asked to help counsellors, where they will be tasked with leading groups of younger children.

HAVE FAMILY GAME NIGHT. Instead of spending an evening on your respective devices, consider an evening of board games instead. A family game night not only provides a unique way to spend time together, it helps children to learn to be a good sport, play by the rules, and think strategically.

TEACH PROJECT PLANNING SKILLS. As a family, you likely have many planned events, from family vacations to visiting relatives. As you prepare, don't leave children out of the planning process. Treat each event as though it were a business project, holding brainstorming sessions and delegating smaller tasks to your young family members.

USE VISION BOARDS. This is a fun

way to teach children goal-setting. They'll have fun cutting out pictures and arranging them on a board, and in the process they will learn to visualize what they want to achieve.

AVOID JUMPING IN. When your child works on a project or activity, it can be tempting to jump in and help, especially if you see your child struggling. Instead, consider stepping back and letting your children work through it themselves. After the fact, you can review the obstacles and challenges that emerged during the task, and ask for ideas on how things could have been done differently.

FIND A MENTOR. A trusted friend or family member can be a great mentor, especially if that person is accomplished in an area in which your child expresses interest.

ENCOURAGE READING. Studies have shown the benefits of reading for fun in childhood, with children who read having greater intellectual progress in a variety of subjects. Young readers tend to learn more about the world, even when the reading appears to be of a frivolous nature.

REWARD OPTIMISTIC THINKING. The fact that optimism is connected to success should not be lost on your family. Reward optimism, especially when that optimism is connected to attempting to reach a goal.

In small ways such as these, leaders can prepare the younger generation for their future as leaders, help them to perform better in school, and develop better personal relationships throughout their life. It is indeed worth the investment of time and energy.

Source: "15 Tips for Instilling Leadership Skills in Children" by John Rampton

