



# UCJCI UPDATE

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Lives, Nurturing Disci-  
ples, Seeking Transfor-  
mation through Christ"**

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## PRAY FOR:



- **Rev. Bevis Byfield** who is not well
- **Rev. Ranford Hewitt** who continues to recover from illness
- **Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler** who is not well
- **Ms. Lorraine Howell** who is grieving after a family tragedy
- **Dejon Harriott**, son of **Rev. Gary Harriott**, who is recovering from an accident

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# MISSION HOUSE TRANSFORMS LIVES!

**I**nternational non-denominational Christian organization, **Samaritan's Purse**, has partnered with the **UCJCI's Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council (CIRMC)** in its **Children's Heart Project!**

This partnership initiative has involved facilitating life-saving heart surgery in Grand Cayman, for children from several countries, including Bolivia and Mongolia, since 2017.

The regional team of **Children's Heart Project** visited Grand Cayman on numerous occasions from 2016-2017, seeking the support of Churches to host groups of children. They soon realized the constraints associated with persons hosting the children in their homes, and as a result, **Mission House**, gifted to, and owned by, the UCJCI's CIRMC, became a reality in May 2018.

Leased to **Samaritan's Purse** for this purpose, each **Mission House** project has a host Mom and host congregation. The children have been hosted there by several different denominations on island, including our own **Council Office, John**

**Gray Memorial, South Sound, and Savannah United Churches.**

Once a church agrees to host the families, they are offered relevant details on their group (consisting of two children, their mothers, and an interpreter). The church then makes a commitment to journey with the groups in a caring, faith-centred way, while in Grand Cayman. The congregation further commits to meeting all financial costs for food, toiletries, and other necessary miscellaneous items.



Once the group arrives, they are met at the airport by the Minister and host Mom, and the journey begins. Minister, host Mom, and other members of the congregation visit the families while in hospital, at which time relationships are built and the Gospel is shared.

The children have their surgeries and are discharged to the **Mis-**

**sion House**, where the host Mom will ensure that the schedule is designed to provide as much exposure to the church community as possible.

The Group attends church each Sunday, and their mothers are given the opportunity to share their testimonies with the congregation. These host churches also take their groups on outings, sharing some of the Caymanian experience with them.

Many Moms have given their lives to the Lord as a result of the experience, and the host churches play an active role in supporting them on a spiritual basis. Many of them have never heard of the Bible or God before going to Grand Cayman, and so it is a life-transforming experience for them.

The **Mission House** has now become popular in Grand Cayman, and consequently, numerous persons donate toys, clothing, and other items to the families.

Since May 2018, 12 children between the ages of 14 months to 17 years have been supported by this Mission.

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## CELEBRATIONS!



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**Miss Laurel-Ann Livingston**  
**Rev. Bryan Stone**  
**November 19**

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Indeed, **Samaritan's Purse** states that: "The host church and family become witnesses of Christ's love, as they experience missions work in their own backyard. The opportunity to impact the nations for Jesus through a family and a Christian community modelling the love of Jesus is enormous! Dozens of parents have accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour through the project. They multiply the blessings when they take their new faith back to their families and nations."

**Chair of the CIRMC, Mission House Coordinator, and Local Church Recruiter, Ms. Angela Martins,** reports that there are indications of commitment from additional United Churches in Grand Cayman who have not previously hosted such families, and who wish to serve as host churches in 2019. To God be the glory for this outstanding initiative!



Rev. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield, RDGS (third from left) and her Group at the CIRMC Office

## SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS!



Pastor Clyde Shaw baptizes a Youth at Buff Bay United Church, Portland, on September 28, 2018



NERMC Communications Officers in training on November 10, 2018, led by Professor Hopeton Dunn



NERMC Communications Officers in training on November 10, 2018



Children gathered together on Church School Sunday at Portmore United Church!

**Send comments and news about your congregation to: [ucjciupdate@gmail.com](mailto:ucjciupdate@gmail.com)**



## LEADERSHIP CORNER

### Attitude: The Extra Plus in Leadership

Just as our attitudes are the extra pluses in life, they also make the difference in leading others. Leadership has less to do with position than it does with disposition.

The disposition of a leader is important because it will influence the way the followers think and feel. Great leaders understand that the right attitude will set the right atmosphere, which enables the right responses from others.

Without a good attitude, we will never reach our full potential. Walt Emerson said, *"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."* Our attitudes determine what we see and how we handle our feelings. Once we think in a negative way, our chances for long-term success diminish. We cannot continue to function in a manner that we do not truly believe about ourselves.

#### WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR ATTITUDES

Our destinies in life will never be determined by our complaining spirits or high expectations. Life is full of surprises, and the adjustment of our attitudes is a lifelong project.

*"We cannot choose how many years we will live, but we can choose how much life those years will have."*

*"We cannot control the beauty of our face, but we can control the expression on it."*

*"We cannot control life's difficult moments, but we can choose to make life less difficult."*

*"We cannot control the negative atmosphere of the world, but we can control the atmosphere of our minds."*

*"Too often, we try to choose to control things we cannot. Too seldom, we choose to control what we can...our attitude."* (Anonymous)

You can help yourself in changing your attitude in the following ways:

#### REVIEW THE SIX STAGES OF ATTITUDE CHANGE:

1. Identify problem feelings
2. Identify problem behaviour
3. Identify problem thinking
4. Identify right thinking
5. Make a public commitment to right thinking
6. Develop a plan for right thinking

**RESOLVE:** Whenever a leader needs to ask others to make a commitment of time, two questions must always be answered: *"Can they?"* (this deals with ability) and *"Will they?"* (this deals with attitude). Accompanying the latter is the question of, *"Are the conditions right to enable positive change?"* Also, *"Are right conditions accompanied by a red-hot desire to pay the price necessary for needed change?"* When both questions can be answered with a resounding "Yes!", then the resolve is strong and success is possible.

**REFRAME:** Reframing your attitude means: *"I may not be able to change the world I see around me, but I can change the way I see the world within me."* Denis Waitley said that winners in life think constantly in terms of I can, I will, and I am. Those who lose, on the other hand,

concentrate their waking thoughts on what they should have done or what they didn't do.

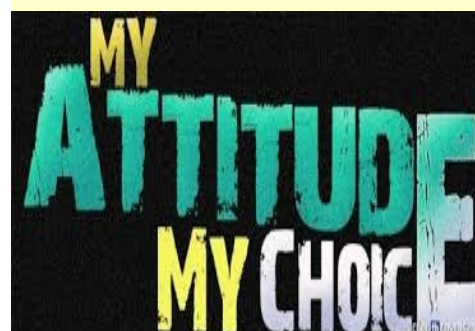
**RE-ENTER:** As you begin changing your thinking, start immediately to change your behaviour. Begin to act the part of the person you would like to become. Take action on the behaviour you admire by making it your behaviour. Too many people want to feel, then take action. This never works.

**REPEAT:** Paul Meier said, *"Attitudes are nothing more than habits of thought, and can be acquired. An action repeated becomes an attitude realized."* Everyday, do the following:

Say the right words  
Read the right books  
Listen to the right tapes  
Be with the right people  
Do the right things  
Pray the right prayer.

**RENEWAL:** The more that negative thoughts are weeded out and replaced by positive ones, the more personal renewal will be experienced. Fortunately, over a period of time, a positive attitude can replace a negative one. The battle is never over, but it is well worth our efforts.

Source: *"Developing the Leader Within You"* by John C. Maxwell



# 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)

**CASH BAR**

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

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

**For Tickets and further Details Contact:**

• Hope United Church, 221 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6 (Mona Prep), Tel: (876) 927 2909, Email: Hope United @cwjamaica.com

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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*

**The "Early Bird" special has been extended to November 15, 2018!**

### JAMAICA ECUMENICAL MUTUAL MISSION (JEMM)

*The Methodist Church in the Caribbean & the Americas - Jamaica District Conference, the Moravian Church in Jamaica & the Cayman Islands, the United Church in Jamaica & the Cayman Islands)*

Presents

### PRE 40th ANNIVERSARY TAKE - OUT LUNCHEON

At

**King's Gate United Church Hall**

(49 Hope Road, Kingston 10)

On

**Friday, November 30, 2018**

**Meals Served: 12 Noon - 4 p.m.**

**Menu:** Escovitched Fish, Steamed Fish, Barbecued Chicken, Jerked Pork

**Served with:** Rice & Peas, Bammy, Festival, Tossed Salad

**Contribution: \$1,200.00**



**Salem United Church**

*180th Anniversary*

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**to a service of celebration**

to commemorate the 180th anniversary of the ministry of the

Salem United Church in the Chapelton Community

to be held at

Salem United Church

Chapelton, Clarendon, Jamaica

on Sunday, 18th November 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

RSVP: 876-863-9913 or by 9th November 2018

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL UCYPF

Presents

IT'S ANNUAL YOUTH CONCERT



DELIBERATELY NURTURING ANOTHER FOR CHRIST

**DECEMBER 1, 2018**

**TIME: 3:30 PM**

**ENTRY FEE : 200**

**SPALDING UNITED CHURCH**

REFRESHMENT WILL BE ON SALE