

UCJCI UPDATE

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OUR VISION: "Touching Lives, Nurturing Disciples, Seeking Transformation through Christ"

SYNODICAL THEME:

"Renewal and Transformation: Discipleship for Life"

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PRAY FOR:



- has passed on.
- Mr. Alja Dias, United whose uncle, Mr. Trelawny. has passed on.

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Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Synodical Ash Wednesday Convocation!!

under the theme, lem! "#Evangelism: The Heartbeat Church"!!

persons, and a sermon.

The Convocation in the Southern Regional Mis- The Convocation Rev. Dr. Dave sion Council will be held whose at Clarendon College uncle, Mr. Glad- from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Hazle, speaker, Rev Lembe Sivile, Minister of the Lowe River Charge of Churches, The Dean Campbell, theme will be, "Energized to Evangelize", and the afternoon breakout group

26, discussions will centre on North-Eastern 2020, all Regions of evangelism to men, under the Mission Council will be the United Church topics, "Men in Family", held at Boulevard Baptist in Jamaica and the "Mighty Man of Valour: Dawg, Church, Kingston, from 9 Cayman Islands will host Don or Disciple?" and "Men on a.m. to 3 p.m. with speaker, Ash a Mission", and a street march Rev. Norbert D. Stephens, Wednesday Convocation, by youth of the Region to Sa- General Secretary of the

Western Regional Mission groups for discussions on Council will be held at West evangelism. In each location, the event Jamaica Seventh Day Adwill be rich with inspiring ventist Conference Centre, The Convocation in the worship, a message from Mt. Salem, St. James from Cayman Islands Regional our Moderator, the Rt. 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with speak- Mission Council will be in 2 Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans, er, Rev. Donovan McPher- the form of a Council Praycommunion celebration, son, Minister of Eltham er Gathering at Savannah programmes for United Church, St. Cathe- United Church from 8 a.m. 4 children, youth, men and rine. There will also be to 11:30 a.m., with speaker, women, break out groups breakout groups for discus- Rev. L. Christopher Madiscussions on evangelism sions on evangelism and min-son, Minister of to the said categories of istry presentations in song, George Town Charge of dance and drama from the United Churches, and children, youth and adults.



Regional United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, the The Convocation in the and also with breakout

> break out group discussions on evangelism to children, youth, men, and women.

Please pray for our Convocation, that there will be a move of the Holy Spirit, to bring transformation beyond the walls of our churches, to touch the lives of persons in our communities, for the ultimate holistic peace of our nations.

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CELEBRATIONS!

PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Hellshire United Church's Christmas treat for children and senior citizens



70:

Rev. Bevin Miller January 25

Mrs. Joyce Williams
January 26

UCJCI MISSION



Mission Statement

"The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) exists to bear holistic development of all persons and God's creation through life-giving worship and evangelism, social and educational engagement, personal empowerment, advocacy and faith formation toward a just and peaceful society and the ultimate experience of God's kingdom."









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LEADERSHIP CORNER

From Perks to Price

've met a lot of people who desire to become leaders. I often ask them why they want to be leaders. Sometimes their answers reveal that their motivation is really about the perks of leading. They want to be in control. They want others to do what they say. They want a nicer office. They want a higher income. They want a better parking place.

When I started out as a young leader, my thoughts were similar. I was enamored with my title of pastor. It conveyed to me that I was the shepherd of the flock, and I thought people would automatically follow me because they needed me. They would rely on me for direction and be grateful for everything I did for them. It seemed simple.

Then reality hit. The people of the church were kind to me, but they didn't automatically follow me. The title that I expected to be so important didn't come with any of the perks I anticipated. I learned that I would have to learn influence along the way.

Now I lead because of what I can do for other people. That's the best motivation to lead others. It took time to get there, but I made the shift from being focussed on what I can receive as a leader (the perks) to what I can give as a leader (the price).

Take a look at the kinds of questions leaders ask themselves based on where they focus:

Leaders who focus on *perks* ask the questions:

"What will I receive?"

"How will this decision affect me?"

"How long will this take me?"

"What will you give me to stay in the game?"

Leaders who focus on *price* ask the questions:

"What can I give?"

"How will this decision affect others?"

"How far can we go?"

"What must I give to stay in the game?"

Focussing on perks won't take you anywhere worthwhile, because deep inner fulfilment never comes from perks. What they offer is ultimately hollow. And they have never helped a leader to reach his or her potential. Leaders who focus on perks end up misusing their leadership, and because they love perks more than people, they are continually tempted to misuse people to receive, maintain, or improve their perks.

While many of the specifics of the price will be unique to each individual leader, there are some common costs that every leader needs to take into account. Consider these three that should be a part of every leader's shift from perks to price:

REALITY—LEADERS RECOGNIZE THAT EVERYTHING WORTHWHILE IS UPHILL. Let me define the reality of your leadership potential: *it's uphill all the way*. No one ever coasted to success. No successful person has ever experienced accidental achievements.

As I prepare to lead, I think of the words *hope* and *hard. Hope* empowers me to believe that I can make the climb. It fuels me with energy to continue when I get tired. And it enables me to speak hope into the lives of the people who are journeying with me.

While I love the encouragement of hope, I also value the level-setting word hard. It balances my expecta-

tions and prevents me from being naively optimistic. I remind myself that the leadership journey is often difficult. Much of success lies in possessing right expectations.

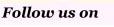
EXAMPLE—LEADERS ACKNOWLEDGE THEY MUST CLIMB THE HILL FIRST. All people with leadership ability have one perspective in common: they see things before other people do, and they see *more* than other people do. However, what sets great leaders apart from all other leaders is this: they act before others and they do more than others. Great leaders face their uncertainty and doubt, and they move through it to pave the way for others. And because they are willing to pay the price first and often pay more than others do, they can say with moral authority, "Follow me."

CONSISTENCY—LEADERS UN-DERSTAND THEY NEVER GET TO STOP CLIMBING. Early in my leadership, I thought that if I led well for a season, I could earn the right to take shortcuts and quit making sacrifices. I thought I could pay the price for a little while, be done paying, and then enjoy the good life—the perks that came with having paid a price. That created a blind spot in my leadership and led to "destination disease". I thought I could arrive at a time, place, and situation that would give me the greatest of all perks recognition without responsibility.

There is no such place—unless you give up leadership. What I've discovered is that I had to give up to go up, and I have to give up even more if I want to stay up!

Source: "Leadershift" by John C. Maxwell











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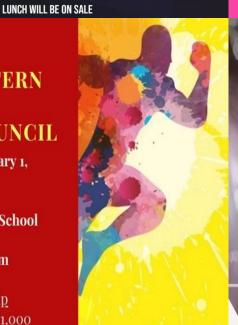
Big People Ting: Man an Woman Argument

NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

> Saturday February 1, 2020

St Andrew High School for Girls Starts 8:00am

<u>Per fellowship</u> Registration fee: 1,000 Affiliation fee: 500



WHATAS LOVE?

Come let's talk up di tings dem

SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2020

Starts At 6PM

Discussion Forum Chair: Rev. Paul DaCosta-Pinto

SPORTS DAY