

# CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

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By Rev. Otto Menko

Summer is that special time of the year most of us –regardless of our age- look forward to with great anticipation. Whether we have a two months break from school or just a week or two of a family vacation, it is the time that promises lots of fun, offers opportunities to recharge, explore, and make memories that often last a lifetime.

Then in 2020 came the coronavirus pandemic and we – like most people around the world- were forced into a temporary albeit prolonged isolation and were severely restricted in our movements. Very quickly we had to adapt and adjust to a new way of living, working, interacting, and fellowshipping. For the most part, life, as we knew it, has changed for everyone, including institutions, organizations, workplaces, and the Church. Consequently, in 2020 we had to cancel all the usual summer-time activities such as the children and youth camps, VBS, and Sunday Schools in our congregations and shift most of our ministries to be conducted online.

Thankfully, this summer arrived in our Regional Mission Council with a lot of improvements, and with a great sigh of relief we will be able to host face-to-face summer camps for children and teens, as well as VBS in our congregations. These events are designed to create an opportunity for meeting their physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual needs in these challenging times through the love of Jesus Christ.

It is our hope and prayer that through these ministries our children and youth will build and strengthen their relationship with God, make new friends, and form bonds as they engage daily in impactful experiences and a lot of fun activities. Of course, here in Cayman we remain mindful of the fact that most children and youth-related ministries in the other three Regional Mission Councils of the UCJCI located in Jamaica are still conducted online and we pray that their situation will improve in the very near future.

Well, let us take a closer look at what the camps and Vacation Bible Schools in the CIRMC are offering this summer.



Daily Bible lessons and guided discussions will focus on the following:

#### DAY 1 – The Seed

Matthew 13:1-9.18-23 Understanding how the care given to the seed determines the quality of the final fruit

#### DAY 2 – The Root

Ephesians 3:16-19a Showing the connection between a plant growing deep roots so as to have a firm foundation and the Christian Life of deep faith in Christ that is watered and nourished by God's Holy Spirit

#### DAY 3 – The Shoot

John 15:1-10 Understanding the importance of taking care of the branches / stems and leaves of the plant.

#### DAY 4 – The Fruit

Galatians 5:22-23 Does the spiritual fruit that I bear benefit myself and others?

#### DAY 5 – The Cycle

Act 1:1-10 Helping campers appreciate their role in the great commission – to go and make disciples.

Beside the Bible lessons the daily program will include physical exercise, games, creative activities, trips, mission opportunities, concert and more!

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

#### WEBSTER MEMORIAL BODDEN TOWN

July 12-16 (Mon.-Fri.) 8:00 am – 12:00 pm





### WILLIAM POUCHIE NORTH SIDE

July 12-16 (Mon.-Fri.) 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

#### SAVANNAH

July 12-16 (Mon.-Fri.) 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



JOHN GRAY WEST BAY

July 12-16 (Mon.-Fri.) 8:30 am – 12:30 pm



#### EAST END – GUN BAY

July 14-16 (Wed.-Fri.) 8:30 am – 12:30 pm





#### ELMLIE MMORIAL GEORGE TOWN

August 2-6 (Mon.-Fri.) 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

# IN OTHER NEWS



Seven of the nine new members confirmed on Sunday, July 6, 2021 at the John Gray Memorial UC in the company of Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield and Rev. Louis Sully.



*Gun Bay UC Dinner Sale on July 5, 2021 with stalwart of the church and community Mr. Frank Conolly.* 

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 10. (Saturday) Lay Leaders Training Course – 9:00am - via Zoom Camp Leaders Meeting – 1:00 pm – Council Office

July 11. (Sunday) 7th Sunday of Pentecost



on Radio Cayman 89.9 every Sunday at 7:45 am

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