

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

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Southern Regional Mission Council

Working together... Growing God's kingdom, one congregation at a time in the South

For this 2022-2023 period, it has been agreed on by our ordained and lay pastors that the region will be focused on growth. We will deliberately engage contextually relevant evangelism and discipleship strategies in our strategic plans to grow the church spiritually, numerically, and financially to support ministry and mission.

We are reminding ourselves in the South that every auxiliary, gender or age specific ministry and special interest group must be a deliberate growth-point in congregations.

This commitment was birth in the 2022 executive planning retreat and was the charge and promise in our recent Ash Wednesday celebration and worship.

As a region, we will Grow, Count and Celebrate the Growth!



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# **Cayman Islands**

## **Regional Mission Council**



The people of Ukraine are subject to violence, upheaval, displacement, and the trauma of war.

Your urgent support is needed!

In response to the humanitarian crisis created by the war in Ukraine, charitable organizations around the world are collecting contributions to provide humanitarian relief (food, shelter, first aid, and medicine) as well as to assist with reuniting separated families, repairing vital infrastructure, homes, healthcare centres, schools, etc.

The Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council (CIRMC) of the UCJCI is inviting all Congregations within its bounds to Help the people of Ukraine with their donations.

Donations will be collected on March 20, 27, and April 3 during the Sunday morning Worship Services or can be dropped off at the church offices during the week (please call your Church Office or speak with the Minister for instructions).

Once all donations are collected from the Congregations, the CIRMC will make the transfer to the Cayman Islands Red Cross.

Your donation counts- No matter how small it may be!

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End Violence Against Women and Children





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### LITURGY FOR WORSHIP AT HOME • Joshua 5:9-12

- 27/ Mar/ 2022
- Psalm 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

#### **Rooted and Reconciled**

All the readings indicate God's actions to save the lost. The reproach has been removed and God is willing to reconcile God's people.

The epistolary reading from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 is perhaps not the first choice as the familiar Gospel reading might be more welcoming. But the Preacher should lead with the richness of the Epistle.

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

- $\cdot$  We cannot keep looking at life according to the flesh kata sarka
- What does this complete reorientation of the outlook on our life and the world look like?
- What does it mean to be reconciled?

#### PRAYER Corner

## <u>Prayer requests</u>

### <u>Prayer</u>

- Rev. Delroy Harris whose niece passed recently
- Rev. Roy Dodman who had a surgery
- Ukraine and all affected by the invasion of Russia
- Victims and perpetrators of crime and violence in Jamaica and security force and government as they respond
- Rev. Rohan Kong, his wife Stephanie and their son, Joel Kong, who continues to improve but is still in the hospital
- Patients, families and workers in the health sector in the Cayman Islands and Jamaica
- Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID-19

Risen Lord, you who walked with your two disciples on the Emmaus Road, and stayed with them in their home, be our companion as we journey through life and stay with us in our homes to the end of our days; for your love's sake.

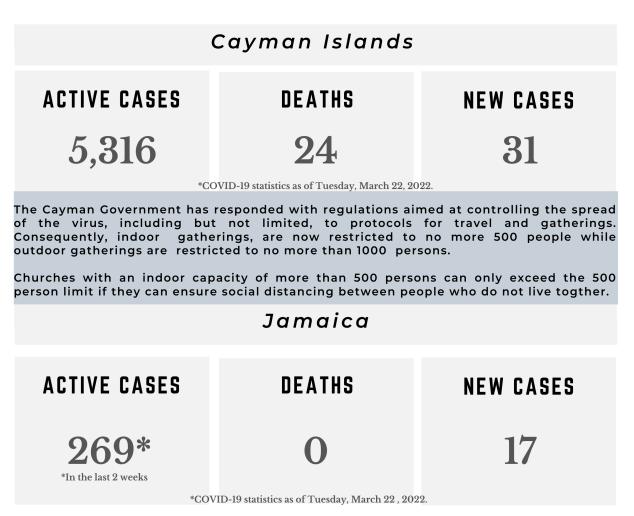
Amen.

- A prayer from Canon S. E. Long.









The Government of Jamaica, announced that the Order and measures contained in The Disaster Risk Management Act (DRMA) will be withdrawn effective March 18, 2022.

Consequently all regulations relative to congregational life, (worship, funerals and burials, weddings, meetings and gatherings [bible studies, prayer, children and youth etc.,]) are no longer in force. Basically this means we are back to operating, at the congregational level, as we did before the advent of COVID-19.

It must be noted however, that COVID-19 is still active and as such under The Public Health Act Regulations, the following are applicable to congregational life:

- Hand washing and sanitizing
- Mask-wearing in enclosed spaces
- Persons who test positive for COVID-19 are required to isolate
- Maintaining physical distance is highly recommended but not mandated

We strongly advise that you ensure compliance with The Public Health Act Regulations. Let us continue to pray for all those who continue to be affected by this pandemic, including our sisters and brothers in the Cayman Islands where protocols to control the spread of the disease are still in place.



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Rev'd. Jane Kaluba March 23



Rev'd. Donald Williams March 28



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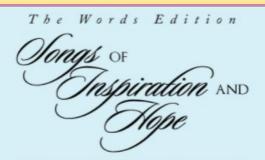
**SUNDAY MARCH 27, 2022** 

5:30PM

Preacher: Rev. Nevroy Francis Minister - Portmore United Church

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