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### **PRAY FOR:**



- Rev. Bevis Byflield who is not well
- Mrs. Carlene Andrade who lost her brother
- A Holy and Reflective Easter Season

he Western Regional Mission Council. (WRMC), hosted a Church Polity Seminar on the 10th March, 2018, at the St. Paul's United Church's Hall in

Conducted by Rev. Henley Bernard. it targeted both serving Lay Pastors and Lay Pastor candidates and was attended by nine (9) serving Lay Pastors and six (6) Lay Pastor candidates.

Montego Bay.

After opening prayers delivered by the WRMC's Programme Secretary the seminar was delivered in three (3) segments:

1. The first segment focused on the attendees gaining an understanding of church polity and on introducing them to the different forms of church polity, with the facilitator asking the participants to identify the advantages and disadvantages of each form of church polity.

he Western Regional

Mission Council.

(WRMC), hosted a polity and how it has impacted our church's administration and structure.

3. The third segment, provided an opportunity for the participants to understand the Statement of Union (United Church in Jamaica and Grand Cayman/Disciples of Christ) and how it guided the creation of the UCJCI's Constitution.

The seminar which was well received by the participants concluded with prayer by Lay Pastor Merton Jones.



Rev. Henley Bernard

# SRMC WELCOMES REV. LEMBE SEVILE



An invitation has been extended by the Chairman

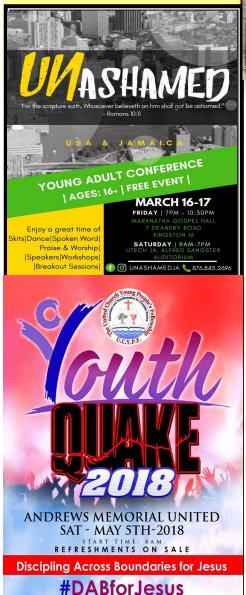
of the Southern Regional Mission Council, of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) to the Welcome/Introduction Service for CWM Mission Partner Rev. Lembe Sivile and family to the Lowe River Charge on Sunday April 8, 2018 commencing at 4:00 p.m. at Lowe River United Church.

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### **CELEBRATION-**



- Rev. Donald Williams March 28.
- Rev. Everton Brissett, April 2,
- Rev. Khereen Wilson Bailey April 4.





Celebrate! - There will be fun activities for the children and empowering engagement for the Youth.

ADMISSION: FREE! - SEE YOU THERE!

## **UCJCI FEATURES AT CAYMAN GOVERNOR'S SWEARING-IN** CEREMONY.

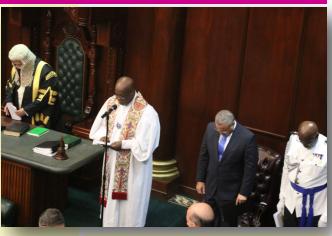
Moderator. Rt. Rev. L. Christopher Mason, participated in the Swearing in Ceremony for the new Governor of the Cayman Islands. He offered the prayers.

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2018. the

The Swearing in Ceremony was held in the Legislative Assembly.

The new Governor His Excellency Choudhury has com-Anwar menced a three year tour of duty in the Cayman Islands. He has emphasized four main areas of interest for his tenure, namely crime reduction, protecting Cayman's financial services and independent judiciary, protecting human rights and forging closer links between Cayman and the U.K.



Above,in Photo, L-R are:

Speaker, the Hon. William McKeeva Bush, UCJCI Moderator, the Rt. Rev. L Christopher Mason, Hon. Franz Manderson, Deputy Governor, Inspector Ian Yearwood of the Royal Caymanian Islands Police Service (RCIPS).

### **LEADERSHIP CORNER**

### **How to Invest in Your Team**

Investing in a team brings benefits to everyone on the team. The question for most people isn't 'why', but 'how'. Jesus Christ built and equipped a team of disciples while on earth, and they in turn brought transformation to many lives after His ascension.

Consider taking these nine (9) steps to invest in your team:

- 1. Make the decision to build **your team:** It is said that every journey begins with the first step. Decide to equip and develop your team. This requires commitment.
- 2. Gather the best team possible: The better the people on the team, the greater the potential.
- 3. Pay the price to develop the **team:** This ensures the growth of the team. You will have to dedicate time that could be used productivity. for personal Sometimes you will have to put aside vour personal agenda.
- 4. Do things together as a team: This provides community for the team. The statement was once made, "Even when you've played the game of your life, it's the feeling of teamwork that you'll remember. You'll forget the plays, the shots, and the scores, but you'll never forget your teammates." That is describing the community that develops among teammates who

spend time doing things 'where' together. The and 'when' are not as important as the fact that team members share common experiences.

- 5. Empower team members with responsibility authority: This raises up leaders for the team. Any team that wants people to step up to a higher level of performance – 9. Give the team the best to higher levels leadership - must give team members authority as well as responsibility.
- 6. Give credit for success to the team: This lifts the morale of the team. People are willing to work hard if they receive recognition for their Compliment efforts. vour Talk their teammates. up accomplishments.
- 7. Watch to see that the investment in the team is paying off: This brings accountability to the team. Some people develop quickly. Others are slower to respond, and that's okay. The main outcome you want is to see progress.
- 8. Create new opportunities for the team: This allows the team to stretch. When a team has the possibility of taking new ground or facing new challenges, it has to stretch to meet them. That process not only gives the team a chance to

grow, but it also benefits every individual. Everyone has the opportunity to grow toward his or her potential. Jesus Christ achieved this whenever He sent His disciples into the 'field' to labour, and it prepared them for very effective ministries later on.

possible chance to succeed: This guarantees the team a high return on their efforts. One of the most essential tasks you can undertake is to clear obstacles so that the team has the best possible chance to work toward success. If you are a team member, that mean making may personal sacrifice or helping others to work together better. If you are a leader, that means creating an energised environment for the team and equipping each person with what he needs at any given time to ensure success.

If your current team experiences are not as positive as you would like, then it's time to increase vour level of investment. **Building** and equipping a team for the future may start slowly, but what you put in brings a high return in productivity and effectiveness.

(Source: "Real Leadership: The 101 Collection" by John C. Maxwell)





