### CIRMC WEEKLY UPDATE



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# UCJCI Focuses on Family (April - June 2018)

Exerts from the UCJCI plan of action and implementation for congregations of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands for the year 2018. |Prepared by: The UCJCI Strategic Planning for Mission Committee

At the 40<sup>th</sup> Synod of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, held in April 2017, the decision was taken to pursue its Renewal and Transformation Agenda, under its current theme; *"Renewal and Transformation-Discipleship for Life"* for the next three years, (until 2020). At the same time, a decision was taken to embark on specific actions to realise that goals and themes within which some of these actions would be implemented.

Accordingly, through this document, the UCJCI has decided to present to its local congregations a *Template for Action* as it pursues the overall goal of Spiritual growth for all its churches, with the understanding that if real spiritual growth is achieved, numerical and financial growth will follow.

These four major areas of focus will be weaved into the **twelve Discipleship Themes** which will guide our worship experience **during the years 2018-2020. The 2018 GENERAL OBJECTIVE:** Within the context of our **Vision and Mission**, our continued strategic general objective is: "*To deepen the ministry of the individual, congregation and community*".

WORSHIP - THEMES for 2018 are as follows:

- First Quarter: 'The Word' (Church in Ministry) (Jan-Mar).
- Second Quarter: 'Adult and Family Life' (April- June)
- Third Quarter: 'Children and Youth' (July- September)
- Fourth Quarter: 'Advocacy' (October-December)

(April to June 2018) - Theme: 'The Family'. The United Church in fulfilling the call to be missional is seeking to re-position the family at the core of congregational life. There is a consciousness that the nuclear family and its value system may no longer be a dominant feature in society as persons are creating and adopting their own sense if what it means to be family. The church cannot coalesce to the degree that the family, which is God given, God informed and God resourced become an unimportant entity, defined by those for whom family might be meaningless.

Biblical evidence speaks to the building up of healthy families for the honoring of the word of God (Titus 2:5) Church leaders being responsible for their households (1 Timothy3:5), and Christ and the Church being the patterned for the marital union. The family is the primary unit through which individuals come

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THE RESURRECTED CHRIST

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CAMP LEADERS' TRAINING

For all camp leaders who plan to assist in the upcoming 2018 camps, it is important that you attend the Camp Leaders' Training taking place on April 20 from 5:30pm - 8:00pm.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### April 14

Camp Planning Meeting - Council Office at 10:00am

April 15 Jamaica's Convocation

#### April 22

Cayman Convocation - Cayman Prep & High School Auditorium, Walkers Rd. at 9:00am

#### April 25

Administrative Professionals Day -**Congregations Administrative Staff meet** at the Council Office 12:30pm - 3:00pm

#### April 28

Girls' Brigade Council Meeting -Savannah United Church Hall at 9:30am

April 28 Youth Rally Meeting - Council Office at 10:00am

Click here to view the full CIRMC Calendar

## Look Ya Nah!



A Moment with Bethesda: Did you know that the Bethesda Counselling Centre has been a mission of our Council since 2007! (Providing 10 years of ministry to the Cayman Islands

#### Facebook: Cayman Bethesda Counselling Centre



#### **THEME:** The Resurrected Christ

April 15 - Lay Pastor John Macmillan (Theme: The Resurrected Christ in the Family)

April 22 - Ms. Angela Martins (Theme: The Resurrected Christ calls us to be Disciples of Peace)

# UCJCI Focuses on Family contd.

to an understanding of God and a validation of one's self. It is also the first learning space where an understanding of love is developed as well as the place where there is the recognition of the importance of the other.

In some instances today, the traditional values of family life are being challenged by individualism and relationships that are sometimes at best remote. Even within the Church we are losing sight of the fact that the family provides the major operational space for individuals.

A healthy, loving family is comprised of individuals in right relationship with each other. Right relationships enable honesty, nurture, safety, congeniality and joy. The community's viability is dependent on the health of the family and the contentment of the individual, therefore the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands in keeping with its missional intent will honour the place of the family, by encouraging Congregations to:

- Ensure family participation in worship in pew and in the chancel
- Develop Bible Study, Sermons, teaching workshops/ symposiums on the family and its importance
- Increase congregational care for the family through home group, Districts and small group ministry
- Recognize and respect single adults and create effective ways of ministering to them
- Provide opportunities for reconciliation in families that are experiencing brokenness/ separation/ divorce
- Prepare persons through Bible Studies and in other ways for the eventualities of life such as birth, death, unemployment, loss of relationships, migration etc. Address issues of domestic violence / sexual/ physical and emotional abuse
- Offer clear teachings on the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse Encourage/ facilitate a healing ministry / Healing Services including a focus on mental health, terminal illness and palliative care
- Utilize discipleship tools such as the Classic Alpha and Marriage Alpha .
- Facilitate persons on the path to self-discovery / spiritual renewal/ spiritual growth
- Encourage / Develop creative ways for families to pray and study together •
- Celebrate families / Family Back to Church Sunday/ Church Family Outing/ Picnics

# What's Happening in CIRMC?

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2018!

#### REFLECTING ON THE RESURRECTED CHRIST

As we reflect on the recent Easter activities of our church and community we want to highlight our Council's radio programme "Worship the Lord". It is aired on Radio Cayman every Sunday at 7:45am. The April theme for our Council's radio programme is "The Resurrected Christ". The theme focuses on the impact of Christ's resurrection in the Christian faith and for Christians around the world. Jesus' sacrifice was the epitome of selfless love! We encourage you to listen in to the radio programme as we talk about the impact of the resurrection in Family life, in being Disciples of Peace, and in our communities.

SPEAKER:

REV. TARA TYME

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NO ONE HAS **GREATER LOVE** THAN THIS, TO LAY **DOWN ONE'S LIFE** FOR ONE'S FRIENDS.

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John 15:13

#### CAMP LEADERS' TRAINING

Please note: In order for youth leaders and potential camp volunteers to attend the Camp Leaders' Training on Friday, April 20. All youth groups across the Council will be closed for that evening.

We look forward to our youth leaders' attendance to this vital training session.

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## **COUNCIL EVENTS**

#### CAMP MINISTRY 2018

Camp Leaders Training #1 April 20, 2018 Council Office at 5:30pm

#### **CAYMAN CONVOCATION**

April 22, 2018 Cayman Prep & High School Auditorium Walkers Rd. Starting at 9:00am

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING #5 & 6 #5 The Sacraments & #6 Worship May 12, 2018 at the Council Office 9:00am - 12:00pm (Worship, Liturgy, Music in Worship) 1:00pm - 3:00pm (Theology of Pastoral Care, Basic Counselling skills, The Sacraments)

#### COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING

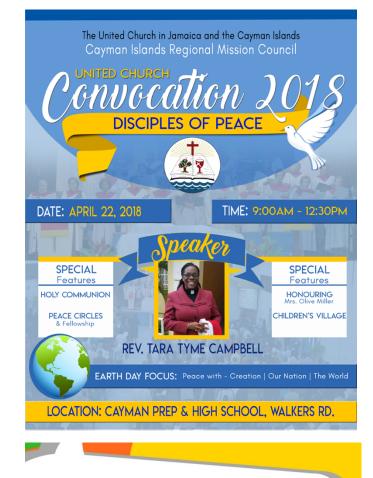
May 22, 2018 Council Office, Prospect At 5:30pm

#### COUNCIL MEETING May 26, 2018 John Gray Memorial United Church

CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MISSED! PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CIRMC WEBSITE!

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# INTERESTED IN BEING A LEADER AT CAMP THIS YEAR?

# CAMP LEADERS TRAINING!

APRIL 20, 2018 COUNCIL OFFICE, AT 5:30PM

Let's put in the effort to make our Camp Ministry impactful!

