



The United Church Youth Leaders National Executive hosted the 1st Annual Youthquake at the John Gray Memorial Church Hall in West Bay on 12th February 2011. Youthquake provided an opportunity for the young people in our churches to praise and worship God through music, dance, drama, puppetry, culinary arts, arts and craft, and literacy arts. It replaces the former annual event known by more prosaic names like Youth Summit! And like these earlier events it allowed the children and teenagers to make good use of a wide range of different talents, to complement other events like their Sports Day competitions, and it will no doubt in time be expanded to include other activities from the events of earlier years. The theme this year was "Salt and Light" (Matthew 5:13-16) which had to be represented in some way in each piece.

Participating in the event this year were youth groups and individual young people from the United Church Congregations in North Side, Bodden Town, Savannah, George Town, and West Bay. Over 40 young people participated in the different categories.

Special thanks are due to our Youth Leaders for their hard work in preparing the young people, to all who assisted with the event and also to the judges, a number of whom were from outside of the United Church, who shared their expertise in drama and the arts, etc. And a very big thank you to all the young people who delighted the audience - and at times made us cry with some poignant pieces.