

## JESUS DID IT, SO SHOULD WE!



The **Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans**, in delivering the sermon at the Service of Induction for the **Rev. Euthman Wray** charged the Church to do ministry the way Jesus did it. 'The healing ministry of the Church must not be that of curing malady but must be wholistic, restorative and reconciling and must address the psychological, social and spiritual needs of those who come to us'. He further called upon the Church to adopt the '**Andrew Principle**' of linking people to Jesus so that they may experience the Gospel, the Good News in their lives.

He reiterated that the **Gospel is the Good News of God's Kingdom** and that it must be held in contrast with the false news of the earthly kingdoms we create. He outlined the kingdom values of recognizing that **all persons are made in the image and likeness of God**, the strong being called to help the weak, turning the other cheek in the midst of conflict, praying for those who try to hurt you and recognizing that the earth is the Lord's and therefore we should avoid greed. Rev. Dr. Cowans reminded the Congregation that it is the **humility, purity and trust of the child** that Jesus used to symbolize the kingdom of God. The refrain 'Jesus did it, so should we!' resonated throughout the sermon.

The Service of Induction was held on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at the Savannah United Church. **Rev. Wray**, having served under the Settlement Policy since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017, accepted the Call to serve as the Minister of the Robert Young / Savannah Charge. He was inducted by the **Chair of Council, Ms. Angela Martins** and the members of the Charge pledged their support to work in ministry with Rev. Wray. **Mrs. Diane Montoya**, the Savannah United Congregational Secretary welcomed Rev. Wray to the Charge and **Mr. Charles Watler** presented Rev. Wray with a photograph of the second sanctuary that was built during the 1960s. The Service was attended by members of Council, members of the Robert Young and Savannah Congregations, by other United Church members and also by members of Rev. Wray's family.



CAYMAN ISLANDS  
REGIONAL MISSION  
COUNCIL

**WEEKLY UPDATE!**

October 4, 2018

**IN THIS ISSUE-** Service of Induction for Rev. Euthman Wray and highlights from Council Meeting



Chair of Council inducting Rev. Wray as Minister for the Robert Young /Savannah Charge.



**Elder Janilee Clifford of the Robert Young Memorial Congregation welcomes Rev. Wray during the Service of Induction.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 6** – Women’s Fellowship Executive Meeting – Council Office at 10:00 am

**October 6** – Church School Teachers MAT – 2:00 pm Elmslie

**October 8** – Property MAT – 5:30pm – Council Office

**October 9**- Treasurers’ MAT – Council Office -5:30 pm

**October 14** CPHS Staff Service of Appreciation – Savannah United Church -10:00 am

**October 22-27** – Synodical Committees and Central Mission Council Meetings- Jamaica

**Thought of the Week:**

°So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Isaiah 41:10 NIV**



## OCTOBER 2018

**THEME: ADVOCACY**

**October 7** – World Communion Sunday- Rev. Rohan Forrester

**October 14**– Why overseas mission? Mr. Mike Bowerman

**October 21** – Pulpit Exchange – Rev. Alice Blair

**October 28**- Reformation Sunday – Rev. Dr. Noble Bloomfield and Ms. Tessa Bodden

**Every Sunday at 7:45am on Radio Cayman**

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council met on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the East End United Church Hall. All Congregations were represented.

- **New Principal of CPHS:** - High School **Mr. Karl Murphy** shared his background in education and outlined his vision for Prep which includes finding talents and building teams. For him, the students and their individual learning needs are central in the development of the pathway for students to excel inside and outside the classroom.
- **CPHS** –2018 Examination results were shared by Director, **Ms. Debra McLaughlin**. Council congratulated the students and staff for their excellent achievements. (Details are available at the Council Office)
- **Referral Act:** - All nine Congregations reported on their affirmative response to the Referral Act. CIRMC is therefore **in agreement** with the proposed amendments to Chapter 5 of the UCJCI Constitution on a motion by Marge Quinland and seconded by Jeana Ebanks.
- **Moderator of Synod 2019-2021:- Council** voted for one of the proposed Candidates and will wait for the releasing of the name of the new Moderator by the **Central Mission Council** following the vote results from the other three Regions.
- **Charge Reports:-** These indicated that there are areas of active ministries across Council but that there needs be more intentional engagement with persons towards **salvation** and **making disciples**
- **Back to Church Sunday:** - **1012 persons** were in attendance in our Congregations on September 16, 2018.
- **Children and Youth Commissions :-** An appeal was made for **two persons** to represent Council on the Synod’s Children and Youth Commissions
- **Finance Committee :-** The decision was taken that **new members** will be identified for the Council’s Finance Committee
- **Council Meeting January 2019:-** It was agreed that the focus at the meeting will be on the **theological and spiritual underpinning** needed in Congregational life. It was felt that the Council meeting received reports but that Council needs to be **visionary** and to and **proactive** in encouraging Congregations **meet needs, touch lives** and **make disciples**.

*PRAY WITHOUT CEASING*

**During the course of each day let us be in constant prayer for persons who are facing dire situations in their lives. There are many persons close to us who are sad and lonely, many who face the constant battle of addiction, suicidal ideation, mental disorders, physical ailments, bereavement, economic hardships, and deterioration in relationships inter alia.**

**Sisters and Brothers, there is nothing too hard for God and God’s promises are steadfast and sure. God will make a way where for others it seems impossible. Pray without ceasing!**