

## CIRMC MEMBERS INVOLVED IN ECUMENICAL LEADERSHIP

Council congratulates our Chair, *Ms. Angela Martins* who has been elected as **Convener** of the Caribbean and North America Area Council (**CANAAC**) Steering Committee.



**Assembly of the Caribbean and North American Area Council  
of the World Communion of Reformed Churches -October 30, 2018  
(Extract from the final Message of the Assembly)**

**We**, delegates from the Caribbean and North American Area Council (**CANAAC**) of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (**WCRC**), gathered as an Assembly in Georgetown, Guyana, October 25-30, 2018.

Under the theme "**Living Faithfully, Building Relationships**" we came together to strengthen bonds across the region, address critical issues—especially those presented in Guyana—elect new leadership, and set a course for future work, framed by the five interlocking dimensions—communion, justice, theology, mission, and ecumenical engagement & interreligious cooperation—as found in the WCRC's Strategic Plan.

**Theme Plenaries:**

**Human Sexuality: Call to Action-** Commit to standing against discriminatory practices, while nurturing relationships in the midst of difficult and potentially divisive conversations.

**Racism in Church and Society: Call to Action** -Member churches are urged to be voices of courage in confronting and dismantling theologies, practices, and narratives that allow racism to go unaddressed.

**Accra Confession: Call to Action-** **1)** Seek creative ways for communicating and making accessible the analyses presented; **2)** Recognize complicity with empire and identify practices or cultural norms that exclude, marginalize, or silence dissenting voices or those who ask difficult/challenging questions.

**From Despair to Hope: Call to Action-** **1.** Intentionally include the voices of youth and millennials in the discussions of hope around the dire situations which plague everyday life in communities within our Communion. **2.** Reflect the theme of the General Assembly in all the work CANAAC undertakes – 'Living Faithfully – Building Relationships'

**Election of Steering Committee**

Following the CANAAC bylaws, a Nominating Committee put forth a slate of candidates who were unanimously elected to the Steering Committee, serving until the next Assembly. The officers elected: **Convener: Angela Martins (United Church in Jamaica & the Cayman Islands)**; Deputy Convener: **Colin Watson** (Christian Reformed Church in North America); Financial Secretary: **Gail Allan** (United Church of Canada). The committee members elected: **Jesus Oscar Rodriguez** (Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada en Cuba), Valeska Austin (Guyana Congregational Union), **Matthew Sans** (Presbyterian Church in Canada), **Karl Heimback** (Presbyterian Church (USA)), **Simone-Asha Singh-Sagar** (Presbyterian Church of Trinidad & Tobago), along with WCRC Vice-President **Lisa Vander Wal** (representative of the WCRC Executive Committee).



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**WEEKLY UPDATE!**

November 8, 2018

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AND CWM



**Delegates at the CANAAC  
Assembly in Guyana-  
October 25-30, 2018**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY  
TRIBUTE**

*They shall grow not old, as  
we that are left grow old:*

*Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the  
sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- November 11** – Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph – Elmslie Memorial -10:45 am
- November 22** – Women’s Fellowship Thanksgiving Lunch – Fundraiser -Elmslie Memorial - 11:00 am
- November 25** – Women’s Fellowship Thanksgiving Service – Webster Memorial Church -6:00pm
- November 26** – Council Executive meeting -5:00 pm
- November 26**- Council Meeting-6:00pm

**Verse of the Week:**

20 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. John 17: 20-21



**NOVEMBER 2018**

**THEME: ADVOCACY**

- November 11**– Remembrance Sunday- Lay Pastor John Macmillan
  - November 18** – Holding fast to the confession of our faith –Mr. Herbert Crawford
  - November 25**- Who is this Christ? – The Servant King –Rev. Euthman Wray
- Every Sunday at 7:45am on Radio Cayman**

**RDGS – Member of WCRC Communion Theology Reference Group**



**Members of the Communion and Theology Reference Group paused for a group picture at the meeting in Manila, Philippines- October 13-15, 2018.**

The RDGS – **Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble – Bloomfield** has been selected as a Member of the Communion and Theology Reference Group of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC). The Reference Group at the meeting in Manila outlined the programmes that the WCRC will be engaged in towards the strengthening of the Communion by offering resources to member churches. The programme dimensions for “Communion and Theology” will be in many forms: publications, presentations at conferences and consultations, development of resources for member churches and their congregations, consultation with Working Groups.

Following the WCRC 2018-2024 Strategic Plan, particular attention will be given to:

- 1) **What it means to be Reformed according to the Word of God.** What new reforms are needed in the church and the world today?
- 2) Discernment around the implications of our being “**called to communion, committed to justice**”.
- 3) Continuing relevance of the **Accra, Belhar, and Barmen Confessions.**
- 4) Assistance with the RAN initiative (**Racism, Authoritarianism, and Nationalism**)
- 5) **Developing a theology of sanctuary**

It is expected that this work will enhance the availability of diverse voices, the full range of regions and the theological perspectives of the Reformed family. The desired Impact is that the WCRC will utilize this bank of resources to bring theological insight and expertise as needed in all of the five dimensions: Communion, Justice, Theology, Witness, and Mission. These persons will assist in the work of discerning, confessing and witnessing.

**COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION (CWM)**



**Ms. Renita Barnes** our former Programme Secretary and Communications Officer has been invited to participate in a Council for World Mission (CWM) Seminar on **Gender, Sexualities and Empire**. It will be held in Stellenbosch, South Africa, December 3 – 6, 2018. Renita has been invited to bring a youth perspective and thought to the discussion.