



CAYMAN ISLANDS
REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

WEEKLY UPDATE!

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CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!



On Sunday, October 20, 2019, eleven (11) Girls were enrolled as members of the Savannah Girls' Brigade Company. They were enrolled by Chaplin Rev. Euthman Wray and Captain Mrs. Marisa Crawford who is also the Vice President for the Cayman Islands Girls' Brigade Council.

LIVING THE REFORMED FAITH

October 31 each year is recognized as **Reformation Day** and the Sunday closest to that date as **Reformation Sunday**. In our Congregations this Sunday we will therefore celebrate the Reformation. This is of significance to us as in the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands our polity and ethos are based on the tenets of the Reformed Faith. The reformation motto ' **the Church reformed and always being reformed according to Scripture**' is critical to our faith and praxis. As reformed Christians we continue to discern God's will and purpose as we read the Scripture and as we open ourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The noted reformers of the sixteenth century including **Huldrych Zwingli, John Calvin, Heinrich Bullinger** and **Martin Luther** shaped the theological thinking that enabled Christians to deepen their devotion to God and to engage in serving others in meaningful ways. John Calvin wrote ' **We are called to a knowledge of God: not that knowledge which, content with empty speculation, merely flits with the brain, but that which will be sound and fruitful if we duly perceive it, and if it takes root in the heart**'. Being Reformed is to have a living faith which intersects with God and our fellow human beings. If we are serving God, we must serve each other in love and with a genuine care for their well-being. The very mind of Christ must be in us as we live and work in ministry to others together. We are guided by the tenets of the faith which hold sacred the **Five Solas** :

- **Sola Scriptura** ("Scripture alone"): The Bible alone is our highest authority.
- **Sola Fide** ("faith alone"): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

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- **Sola Gratia** ("grace alone"): We are saved by the grace of God alone.
- **Solus Christus** ("Christ alone"): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Saviour, and King.
- **Soli Deo Gloria** ("to the glory of God alone"): We live for the glory of God alone.

These tenets enable us to live our faith with certainty and to so organize our ministry that we touch lives, nurture disciples and seek transformation through Christ. **This is not ancient, static faith but faith that is alive and faith that beacons reflection and action.** The **Renewal and Transformation** theme of the UCJCI has its birthing in the way in which we understand and live the reformed faith. As such, we are called to constantly respond to the leading of the Spirit as we discern God's will and purpose for us as the ecclesia- God's called out people. In this season for our Church we are placing emphasis on **Leadership, Evangelism and Discipleship**. At every level, in Congregational Life, at the Regional and Synodical levels, careful attention is being given to these areas and we are committed under God to ensure that members and adherents as well as the wider community experience who we are in Christ as we live faithfully together and as we show care. We do not claim mastery of our own lives, but we strive to live as God in Jesus Christ would have us live. We seek for freedom, justice, peace and truth constantly. We seek for the image of God **the Imago Dei** in each person as we serve them faithfully and as we engage in ministry and mission together. May all that we do in ministry and mission truly bring glory to God alone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 28:** 5:30pm- Finance and Property Committee Meeting -Council Office
- October 30:** 6:00 pm Synod 2021 Planning Team Meeting -Council Office
- November 1-4:** CWM Mission Audit and Strategic Planning Workshop -Council Office
- November 2:** 9:00 am **Special Council Meeting** – Launch of Lay Leadership Training Programme
- November 5:** 5:30 pm Treasurers' MAT Meeting -Council Office
- November 6:** 5:30 pm -Property MAT-Council Office
- November 7:** **5:30 pm** Strategic Development Task Force Meeting – Council Office
- November 14:** Ordination -Jamaica
- November 15-16:** CMC Meeting Jamaica



- October 28:** Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield
- November 3:** Rev. Norman Francis

UCJCI LAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

The UCJCI has created a new Lay Leadership Training Programme and the **Rev. Norman Francis** will be visiting the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council from November 1-5, 2019, to launch the Programme in Cayman. A Special Council meeting will be held **November 2, 2019** at 9:00 am at the Council Office.

The Programme will be delivered in three (3) Modules and the Programme will be certified by the International University of the Caribbean (IUC).

All persons interested in being trained are invited to attend this Special Council Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS



The Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council extends heartiest congratulations to **Mr. Wilbur Welcome** on his appointment as Deputy Chief Officer in the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands. He will have special responsibilities for Agriculture, Lands and Administration.

As an Elder at the **William Pouchie Memorial Church**, Mr. Welcome has been involved in various ministries especially to children and youth.

We pray for his continued dedication to Christ and the Church and we wish for him every blessing in this new appointment and in his career as a Civil Servant.



The Council for World Mission (CWM) will be conducting **Mission Audit Training and Strategic Planning Workshop** in the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council from **November 1-4, 2019**.

The sessions will be held on Friday from 5:00-8:30pm; Saturday from 1:00am -4:00pm, Monday from 5:00pm -8:30pm. All sessions will be held at the Council Office. Meals and Refreshments will be provided **Participants must be able to attend all sessions in order to be certified.**

Please contact your Minister or Church Office for Registration Forms or contact the Council Office rdgs@cicucjci.com or cirmcinfo@gmail.com

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