



# CAYMAN ISLANDS REGIONAL MISSION COUNCIL

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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### SEASON OF LENT

#### An Ever-Present Help in Trouble

Less than three weeks ago we entered into the season of Lent which invites us to contemplate on our mortality and on our need to repent and reconcile with God. Strangely enough the sudden appearance of Covid-19 on our shores has turned this notion not only into a poignant and powerful reminder of the above mentioned truth but has also made it a real and frightening reality to everyone.

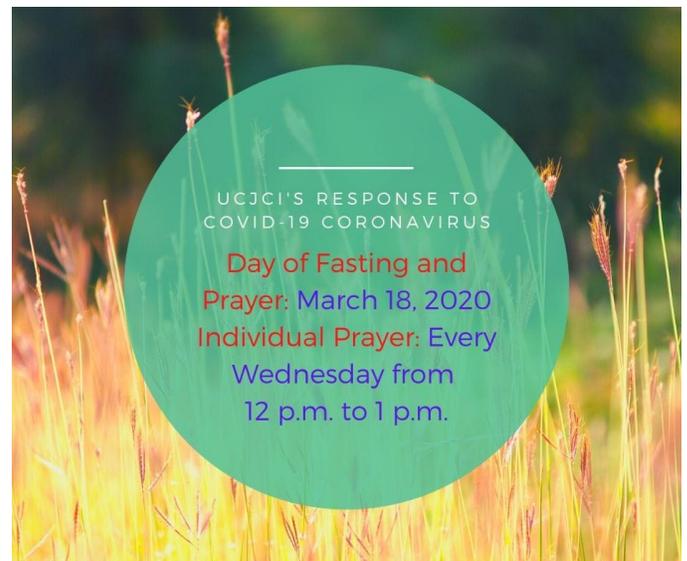
Last Friday afternoon the Government of the Cayman Islands has announced a series of island-wide restrictions to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus in our communities. One of the drastic but necessary emergency measures was the restrictions on public gatherings of 50 people or more which includes participation in church services and activities, too.

Following the announcement, the ministers of the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council have made the decision to reach out to their congregants and beyond by video-recording a **joint worship service** and posting it on the Internet. Although simple in many ways, it was meant to display and reinforce our unity and a sense of belonging as well as to express our commitment to offer collective and personal support in these trying times.



Naturally, the restriction on gathering impacts not only corporate worship but also a host of other church activities. Regular and special events are put on hold until further notice or canceled altogether.

In a time of crisis such as this, when it feels like everything around us is falling apart, when we can't even go to our places of corporate worship, let us rest in the knowledge of God's goodness and mercy, let us lean on our community of faith, let us reach out to one another offering and receiving much needed support, both spiritual and practical.



#### Worship the Lord

-on Radio Cayman 89.9 every Sunday at 7:45 am-  
**March 22.** Moderator – Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans  
**March 29.** Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield and Mrs. Diane Montoya

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 22. (Sunday) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Local United Church Worship Services** will be distributed via video link to congregants.

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