



# UCJCI UPDATE

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

Volume 2: Issue 45

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

Congregational,  
Disciples of Christ and  
Presbyterian

12, Carlton Crescent,  
Kingston 10. Tel: 926-8734,  
email: synod@ucjci.com.  
Website: www.ucjci.com

OUR VISION: "Touching  
lives, Nurturing Disciples,  
Seeking Transformation  
through Christ."

## IN THIS ISSUE:

■ **MORE ON THE SERVANT LEADER** 1

● **ARE YOU A SERVANT LEADER?** 2

**LINCOLN KIRK** 2

**CELEBRATES ITS 100TH**

## PRAY FOR:



**The work of the church among our children and young people**

# MORE ON SERVANT-LEADERSHIP

"Whoever wants to become great among you, **must be your servant**, and whoever wants to be first, must be **slave of all.**"  
Mark 10: 43-44.

**L**eadership is an honorable ambition when our motives are right. Real leaders are in short supply – They all have flaws (Moses, David), but they can serve as God's spiritual leaders. Without them, the Church will slip into malaise.

This issue of **Update**, continues the discourse on 'Servant-Leadership'. We look at two principles taught by Jesus and how to assess ourselves as leaders.

When James and John sought to secure top positions in the coming kingdom, before the other ten received their due, Jesus used the occasion as a teachable moment.



"Christ builds His Church with different stones."

Jesus taught two principles of leadership:

1. "I chose you!" - Places of leadership belong to those for whom they have been prepared - **The sovereignty principle of spiritual leadership** (Mark 10:40)

Effective spiritual leadership does not come as a result of theological training or a seminary degree, even though education is important. Jesus told His disciples:

**"You did not choose me, but I chose you..."**

**... and appointed you" – John 15:16.**

**Spiritual leaders are acclaimed by God!**  
2. The **suffering principle of spiritual leadership** is the second lesson. There is a cost of serving in God's Kingdom. The task is magnificent and difficult.

Persons leading in that task must have their eyes wide open and hearts willing to follow the Master all the way.

**Suffering and Serving are paired in the teaching and life of our Lord.**



Happy Birthday

70:

Rev. Bryan Stone

Ms. Laurel-Ann Livingston

November 19

Rev. James Davis

November 21

## WRMC FUN DAY

Date: 9th December 2017

Place: Dunn's River Falls and Park

Time: From 9am to 5pm

Entry Fee: \$600 Adults - \$300 Children

Lunch: Please bring your lunch and enough to share.

**LINCOLN KIRK**

**UNITED CHURCH**

*in its*

**100th**

**YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

*Presents:*

*An Evening of Excellence!*

**November 19, 2017**

**Starring the LKUC Performing  
ARTS Ministry**

**Moodie Hall, Edna Manley  
College School of Music,  
Arthur Wint Drive,  
Kingston.**

**Cocktails served at 5:30 pm**

**Refreshment on Sale**

# ARE YOU A SERVANT-LEADER?

One does not come without the other.

**You are open to criticism, and censure which goes with the calling!**

### THE SPIRIT OF SERVANT-HOOD:-

#### Jesus the Ideal Servant-Leader

Jesus provided an example of leadership to his disciples when He washed their feet (John 13:15). **He imparted the spirit of servant-hood**, the sense of personal commitment and identity that He expressed when He said:

"I am among you as one who serves. **Mere acts of service** are however, not enough. **Our attitudes and inner motives must demonstrate those of the ideal servant, the Lord.** *What are they?*

### ARE YOU A SERVANT-LEADER FOR CHRIST?

**Place a check (✓) in the box of each of the following questions that you would answer with a "yes". If you can check more than seven (7) of these you may be well on your way to becoming a servant-leader!**

Do people believe that you are willing to sacrifice your own self-interest for the good of the group?

Do people believe that you want to hear their ideas and will value them?

Do people believe that you will understand what is happening in their lives and how it affects them?

Do people come to you when "the chips are down", when something traumatic has happened in their lives?

Do others believe that you have a strong awareness for what is going on?

Do others follow your requests because they **want to** as opposed to because they "have to?"

Do others communicate their ideas and vision for the Church when you are around?

Do others have confidence in your ability to anticipate the future and its consequences?

Do **others** believe that in your role as Pastor/Elder/Ministry Leader, you are helping the Church to make a positive difference in Jamaica and Cayman?

Do people believe that you are committed to helping them develop and grow?

Do people in your Church/District have a strong sense of community in terms of how you as Pastor/Elder/Ministry leader direct its actions or rule it as a representative body of the Church?

**How did you score?**

Ref: 'Spiritual Leadership'  
By Oswald Sanders.