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**UCJCI 42<sup>nd</sup> SYNOD THEME – Rooted, Resilient: Responding in HOPE (Health, Opportunity, Peace, Evangelism)**

## UCJCI

### October – December 2022 Focus **Jesus Christ: Our Living Hope**

In this final quarter of the year, much of our readings come from the prophets, as they seek to foster Hope in the lives of God’s people in trying times. We have cause to reflect on their unwavering Hope as the world faces so many things that challenge our own Hope in God. If Faith is Hope in action, what is Hope?

Some of us see Hope as prayerful anticipation, as that which sustains and keeps. It is also the beginning of a concrete reality, not yet come to pass. Of course, Hope is neither incidental nor accidental. It comes from a vision (not always clear to others), nurtured by action and plans.

Within the context of Scripture, two Hebrew words qawa and batah speak to Hope, rooted in trust. As we move through Heritage Week, Reformation Sunday, Pirates’ Week and into Advent and Christmas, our focus shifts to Jesus and His role in our lives of Faith. We seek to understand our Hope in Jesus Christ, unmoving and very much alive, through the lens of Health, Opportunities, Peace, and Evangelism and in the realities of our countries in this season. May we find Jesus to be our Living Hope in good and bad times.

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### October: Older Persons Month in the Cayman Islands **Celebrating Older Persons**



On December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1990, the United Nations General Assembly designated the 1<sup>st</sup> of October the International Day of Older Persons. Since then, nations around the world observe annually this special day with programs and activities designed to

celebrate, create awareness, and express support to the members of the aging population. Taking on this initiative, the Cayman Islands went a step further. Since 1995 the month of October has been commemorated as Older Persons Month by the Department of Children and Family Services.

To have older people around us, whether they are family, friends, or just general acquaintances, is a blessing in many ways. Many of them made great sacrifices (and still do) to contribute to the well-being of their families and communities. Many dedicated years to participate in volunteer work. They also have accumulated great depths of insight and wisdom and became a source of inspiration and guidance.

Many among us make them feel loved and appreciated year-long, yet, the International Day of Older Persons and Older Persons Month gives us the opportunity not only to celebrate them and their contributions but also to become more aware of their vulnerability, their needs, and the many issues and challenges they face (physical, mental, social, discrimination, negative stereotypes, misconceptions about older persons and aging, etc.).

The theme of the 2022 United Nations International Day of Older Persons is **“Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World.”**

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost**

October 2, 2022

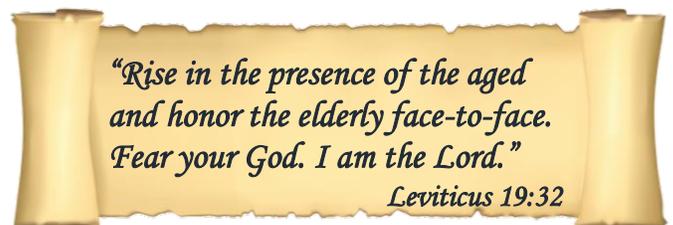
#### **Overcoming Hope (Opportunities)**

Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:22-26  
Psalm 37:1-9  
Luke 17:5-10

Where do Christians go when the world isn’t moving in our favor? Is it time to give up, or to look up?

- How does one ‘Hope’ in God in the face of perilous times
- What are the hidden opportunities present in the season of crisis?

While we don’t have concrete answers for those in crisis, we do have hope in the One who is able to keep us.



# Caribbean Youth Initiative PROGRAMME

The joint CWM Caribbean and CANACOM 2022 Youth Initiative will take place on October 14 – 17, 2022, at the Hotel Four Seasons in Kingston, Jamaica, under the theme, “Rising to Life: Leadership, Identity, Faithfulness, and Empowerment”.

For three days, participants will be engaging from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm daily in worship and Bible Study, group work sessions, round table conversations, and devising strategies to make practical and actionable the theme in focus in their respective contexts.



The Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council will be represented by Ms. Jennelle McLaughlin from the Elmslie Memorial Church. She is well known for her commitment to and involvement in various areas of children and youth ministry in her church and around the CIRMC (youth, music, Sunday school, dance, mentoring, Youth Sundays, and special events). She is an active member of the Youth Leadership National Executive (YLNE) and a role model to teens and pre-teens.

We thank Jennelle for taking the time away from work to attend this event and wish her God’s blessings.

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CWM Caribbean is part of the Council for World Mission worldwide, engaging in reflection, discussion, and mission action within the Caribbean region. It is comprised of the Guyana Congregational Union (GCU) and the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI). Through its partnership with the Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM), CWM Caribbean works with other countries in the region such as Trinidad & Tobago, Grenada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Curacao.



Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM)

The Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM) is a

mission partnership of churches in the Caribbean and North America that practices a unique vision of God’s mission through sharing resources, accompaniment, and empowerment for creative engagement in both the local communities and the global context. CANACOM has fourteen (14) member churches, and the UCJCI is one of them.

## Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

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DATE

**October 29, 2022**  
at 8 :30 AM  
John Gray Memorial United Church Hall  
West Bay

Guest Speaker: Rt. Rev. Gary Harriott

Caribbean Breakfast  
Ackee, codfish, callaloo,  
Boiled bananas, dumplings  
Cost \$15.00  
*A Father Son / Mentee Event*

**United Church Men's Fellowship**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 2 (Sunday) 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
- October 5 (Wednesday)  
**Youth Ministers Meeting – 10:00 am – Council Office**

The new date for the postponed Council Meeting is  
Saturday, October 8, 2022 – 9:00 am - East End United  
Church Hall

### Remember in your prayers

All those God has placed on your heart and those brought to your attention in some way. **Please also include in your prayers at this time Lay Pastor John Macmillan (RYMC) and Mrs. Itza Bodden, Youth Worker (EE-GB) – both face health related challenges.**

on Radio Cayman 89.9  
every Sunday at 7:45 am

October 2, 2022  
CIRMC Youth Ministers

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