



Conference News for 13th March 2020

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

We give kudos to the youth leaders who participated in an awesome Young Adults Retreat last month and a great big thank you to Wesley, Bimini for hosting the retreat.

Under the theme: "Moving Forward in God" (Phil 3:14), seven excited youth leaders travelled from Eleuthera and New Providence to Bimini on Friday 21st February to be a part of the BCMC Young Adults Retreat. The Youth Leaders represented the congregations of Deep Creek (Miss. Sheilamae Sands), Wemyss Bight (Miss Patrice Thompson), Rock Sound (Miss Americka Missick), Tarpum Bay (Mrs. Erma Cartwright), Hatchet Bay (Deacon Audrea Scavella), Bluff (Mr. Tavaz Kelly), Nassau (Mr. Dante Albury).

The Bimini Methodist Church hosted a banquet/dinner on the Friday evening with a delicious meal of fried snapper and jack fish, pork roast, peas and rice, conch & rice, green salad, pasta, green bean casserole, chocolate and pineapple upside cakes and soft drinks. It was an evening of introductions and fellowship with the Bimini church members.

Saturday began with breakfast followed by presentations on topics inclusive of finances, spiritual maturity, healthy relationships and the role of young adults in the church.

On Sunday morning the entire group participated in the 11:00 a.m. worship experience. They returned home on Sunday afternoon.



THIRD ANNUAL SIR DURWARD LENTEN HONOUR

The celebration was launched on 26th February during the Ash Wednesday services in the BCMC churches throughout The Bahamas as part of the Lenten observations. Saturday 29th February 2020 was promoted as "Sir Durward's Lenten Service Day".

THIRD ANNUAL SIR DURWARD LENTEN HONOUR Continued

On Sunday 1st March, 2020, during the various church services throughout the Conference, special focus was placed on persons with disabilities, their supporters and caregivers.

Please send reports of your activities for inclusion in Conference News.

NASSAU REGION UPDATE

The Nassau Region comprises: Agape, Ascension, Coke Memorial, Curry Memorial, Ebenezer, Global Village, Grant's Town Wesley, Great Bethel, St. Michael's, Trinity

The Region accomplished its mission to seek opportunities to worship God fully, be renewed, call delinquent members to new commitments and call all seekers to choose Jesus Christ as Savior.

Music was a huge part of the three day experience; music grounded in Methodist hymns and praise and worship songs. Rev. Kevin Murriel, Senior Pastor of Cascade United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia along with his praise team, the choirs or praise teams of Global Village, Ebenezer, and Grant's Town Wesley, along with the beautiful renditions by Mr. Urwan Moxey of Trinity, the Regional Men's and Women's Fellowship groups lit up the services.. Participants from the other Region churches, Agape, Curry, Ascension, St. Michael's, Coke Memorial combined to make the three nights of worship and powerful preaching a time of spiritual renewal, vibrant worship and refreshing fellowship.

We thank Grant's Town Wesley for the live stream on Facebook on Tuesday 3rd March. This recording is still available on Facebook.

NASSAU REGION LENTEN MISSION PICTORIAL



NASSAU REGION LENTEN MISSION PICTORIAL CONTINUED



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...and there was lunch at the Warwick



Lunch photos continued



HURICANE DORIAN UPDATE

Bahamas Methodist Habitat continues its work in Grand Bahama and Abaco.

ABACO



Bahamas Methodist Habitat has been working on renovating the Fellowship Hall (above) at St. Andrew's Dundas Town so that Teams coming in to help with renovations and reconstruction of homes will have living accommodations. Board member from St. Michael's, Mr. Larry McPhee, is leading the repairs. Recently, and after a long wait for hurricane strength windows to be custom built, new windows have been installed; water is now in place.

Visiting building and cleaning Teams were slated to start coming in March. These Teams are mostly coming to help with clean up. However, the pandemic Corona Virus/COVIV -19 is causing postponements.

On Sunday 1st March, 2020, Mr. Donald Cash, the Dean of CLET and soon to be ordained Deacon preached at the combined service at St. Andrew's and administered Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. The President preached at St. Andrew's on Sunday 8th March and in the afternoon at the Candle Light Service held at New Vision Ministries Church for those loved and lost to Hurricane Dorian.

GRAND BAHAMA

Repairs to New Hope are continuing. Interior walls have been reconstructed and the tiling of the floor is completed. The altar now has to be repaired. New pews/chairs are needed as the rain damaged the chairs there. New Hope is moving closer to normal. Services continue weekly.

PICTURES OF NEW HOPE UNDER RECONSTRUCTION



CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

The President has issued a communication on the Corona Virus/COVID-19. Please see a copy attached to this email. Also attached is information from the Ministry of Health about COVID -19. Please take special note of what it is all about and how we are to protect ourselves, our families and our communities in general.

2020 GENERAL CONFERENCE

The 2020 General Conference will be held from 20th through to 24th May at Ebenezer on Shirley Street. In accordance with BCMC Constitution, the current officers have served three year terms. All positions, except for the General Secretary, who serves at the pleasure of the Conference, will be open for nominations and elections.

On Saturday 23rd May, 2020 OmniFest will be held. New Providence churches are asked to begin considering which stalls you would wish to have.

Corrected Date: 22nd WORLD METHODIST CONFERENCE 18th TO 21st AUGUST, 2021

Please note that this Conference will be held in 2021 and not 2020. These dates provide opportunity for more persons to attend.

The 22nd World Methodist Conference will be held from 18th through 21st August 2021 at Gothia Towers in Gothenburg, Sweden under the theme “On the Move”. The World Methodist Council meets every five years to plan its programmes, elect leadership, organize its work and review progress made in various aspects of church activities/life. The Conference is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Interested persons may contact the Conference Office for more details.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Intercessory prayers continue each Friday at 11:00 a.m. at the Conference Office. All prayer warriors are invited to participate, continue to be in prayer and to intercede for our members, our country and our BCMC. Please join fellow prayer warriors as we intercede for our church our country and the world as we are under siege from the pandemic Corona Virus/COVID -19.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

(1) Friday 20th March to 29th March - Visit of the Logos Hope Ship

A couple of our churches will be participating in the events. It will not be back in this hemisphere for another ten years. Please see the attachment.

(2) Sunday 29th March – Conference Sunday

- (1) 80% of the offering and tithes is given to Minister/Deacon as an appreciation gift if no other appreciation event is held during the year.
- (2) 20% of the offering and tithes is sent in to the Conference office as an appreciation gift for full time Conference officers who are not assigned to a church

(3) Sunday 5th April – Palm Sunday

(4) Friday 10th April Good Friday

- (1) 100 % of offering and tithes are forwarded to the Conference for the Regional Lay Preachers Fund
- (2) Grant’s Wesley’s Televised Service at 11:00 a.m.

(5) Sunday 12th April – Easter Sunday

Grant’s Wesley’s Sanctuary Choir’s Easter Cantata

(6) Saturday 24th April - Grant’s Wesley’s Great Amazing Race- Churches and families are encouraged to participate. Curry Memorial are the reigning winners from the first Great Amazing Race.



RACE INFO:

This exciting adventure race, modelled after the popular TV show “THE AMAZING RACE”, features teams of 4 persons racing in competition with other teams.

Using a vehicle to get from location to location, each team must complete a variety of fun, physical and mental challenges at multiple stops along the course in Nassau. “Teamwork” is the key as each challenge requires the involvement of all teammates in order to complete.

Participants must be 16 years or older and at least one person must possess a valid driver’s license. A vehicle is required. Team must be families of 4. Rules, clues, etc. available on Race Day.

Registration includes t-shirts in the color of teams’ choice and bottled water. Race ends with a Grill-Out and Fun-Day at the Sir Harry Oakes Monument. Meals start at \$5.00.

Deadline for application Thursday 9th April, 2020
Drop off application at the Church Office or email to gtwmc180@gmail.com
Call 326.8092 or WhatsApp 806.4896 for more info!



(7) Sunday 25th April to 19th May - 25 Days of Prayer for General Conference

PRAYERS



Please remember to keep the following persons and/or their families in prayer:

Sick:

Mr. Klaus Sobeich, Grant's Town Wesley
Mrs. Lorraine Phillpot, Ebenezer, wife of Assistant Treasurer, Mr. John Phillpot
Ms. Alicia Munroe, Zion Methodist Church
Mrs. Sheran Sweeting, Trinity, wife of Rev. Charles Sweeting
Mr. Hubert Albury, Ebenezer
Mr. Clifford Cates, Ebenezer
Mr. Franklyn Bethel, Lay Preacher, Grant's Town Wesley
Mrs. Eula Hepburn, Great Bethel, Cat Island
Mr. Dennis, Seymour, Wesley, Inagua
Mrs. Corella Sands, Epworth, Cherokee Sound
Miss. Rosa Johnson, Wesley, Governor's Harbour
Mrs. Olevia Bowles – Great Bethel

Celebrations

Go Comets Go!!!

Congratulations go to the hard working staff and athletes of Queen's College – the QC Comets - for their second place win in the Bahamas Association of Secondary Schools (BAISS) Track and Field meet that was held last Friday 6th March. The victors (St. Augustine's College) beat QC by a very slim margin of eight and one half points to take the victory from the reigning champions.

The QC Comets showed great spirit as they rallied the athletes. In attendance on the final day were the President, Rev. Carla Culmer, the General Secretary Mrs. Hyacinth Winder Pratt and the Director of Education and Training Ms. Elise Delancy, who is also an alumnus.



PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES

- Sunday 8th March – Preside at Service at St. Andrew's
- Sunday 8th March – Preach at Candle Light Service in Abaco for for those loved and lost to Hurricane Dorian
- Tuesday 10th March – Attend Bahamas Christian Council Meeting
- Wednesday 11th March – Attend Meeting called by Minister of Health to discuss Corona Virus/COVID-19
- Thursday 12th March – Teleconference with UMCOR
- Thursday 12th March – Meeting with Pastor/Deacons of the Nassau Region to discuss Corona Virus/COVID-19
- Thursday 12th March – Meeting to discuss fundraising strategies for Hurricane Dorian
- Friday 13th March - Attend the Bahamian Exchange at Queen's College
- Sunday 15th March - Preach at service at Ebenezer

Should you have information that you would wish to share among the congregations, please send it to bcmc@bahamasmethodist.org.

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