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***The
Stewardship
of Faith
Formation***



Moderator *speaks*

As we enter the month of September the General Elections would have been behind us and we would be half-way through the 28-day lockdown to contain the spread of the deadly nCoVid-19 virus. In addition, Primary School students would have finally sat the S.E.A. examination and the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad (PCTT) would have convened its first day of the 60th Annual General Meeting via Zoom.

By consensus, Synod members decided to conduct the affairs of the church via Zoom. It was a 'consequential necessity' which did not come without its challenges. The consensus was that the work and mission of the PCTT should not

others. Faith formation is the very mission of God's church, to equip members to fulfil their Christian responsibility in the community and the world. Moreover, it is the process by which our faith grows, and our lives are shaped for service amid trials and tribulations. Thus, as a people of faith, we discovered our ingenuity out of necessity during this global crisis.

There is no doubt that these are still very unprecedented times in which we live. For a second time, all churches and religious organizations have been instructed by the Government to cease holding worship services and to abide by the necessary protocols. Our continued participation in social distancing offers us all an opportunity to



THE RIGHT REVEREND JOY ABDUL-MOHAN

we have received from God? Have we been good stewards of both our material and spiritual gifts especially in this time of uncertainty?

It is important to note that Stewardship is not just about how we manage our time, talent, and material gifts, but how we 'manage' or utilize our spiritual gifts. With worship services on hiatus, it does

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cease as we wait in hope to meet in-person. It was both a historic and successful innovation. Considering the trend this virus is taking in-person meetings may not happen soon. How does a decision like this relate to the Stewardship of Faith Formation?

The Stewardship of Faith Formation can be defined as every action, experience, or relationship that nurtures, shapes, and transforms the way we serve God and interact with

actively help flatten the curve and prevent the needless transmission of the nCoVid-19 virus to anyone we might meet and interact with. It is imperative that our churches follow the instructions of the Government and the Ministry of Health.

Be that as it may, as a Presbyterian community, we are reminded that September is designated the month of Stewardship. The questions we may ask in the context of our faith are, "How have we 'managed' all that

not mean that faith formation is on hiatus too. In fact, now is the opportune time for each one of us to demonstrate our faith and spiritual experiences of Jesus Christ in our lives.

May God continue to guide all our decisions during this second lockdown that we may become better stewards of God's gifts – material and spiritual. Keep safe and healthy.



RISING ABOVE RACISM

As unfortunate as it is, racism and all its synonyms, continue to pop up from time to time to strain the relationship among citizens of cosmopolitan Trinidad and Tobago. The latest flare-up coming after the 2020 General Election betrays an underlying vein of racism that exposes itself during high emotional events. There is no place for racism here. Sadly, it shames us who heed the Psalmist injunction, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity".

The late United States freedom-fighter Martin Luther King identified racism as one of the three evils in the world. The others being poverty and war. If we take the time to examine the effect of racism and bigotry on people, we will soon understand how dangerous they can be for humanity. It would be useful for

us to read of how racism affects human beings in other parts of the world to understand why we must condemn it and stamp it out completely.

The horror stories coming out of the slave trade and human trafficking, the holocaust and the apartheid system in South Africa should unite us against acts of racial discrimination. It was racial animosity that led to the 1994 genocide in Rwanda where 800,000 citizens were massacred in 100 days of civil terror. That was 26 years ago. And the fight against racism continues even today in the USA – the bastion of democracy.

In the aftermath of these tragic events the cry from right thinking people around the world was, "Never Again". Yet it happened again and again. Where have we failed? Leaning on the vision of our Lord Jesus Christ, the late South African anti-apartheid leader Nelson

Mandela offered this advice:

"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must have learnt to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love. For love comes naturally from the heart than its opposite."

As a church involved in education, we would have the opportunity to make the case for values education at the proposed discussion on curriculum transformation in schools. We must embrace this opportunity to lead the change. If we are to have a safe, equitable and creative space we must develop a sense of right and wrong that is trustworthy and ethical. We do this within a framework that is not cold, lifeless nor legalistic, but with inspiration, compassion and understanding. It is up to all of us.

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REVEREND ADRIAN SIEUNARINE

All that we are, and all that we have, belongs to God. We are the servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:1). We receive, embody, and express the mysteries of God in all we think, say, and do. We are stewards of God's grace (Eph. 3:2). What does this mean for us today?

Serving Jesus Christ means we put our money where our mouths are; Jesus spoke a lot about money. Sixteen of the recorded thirty-eight parables deal with how to handle money and possessions. In the gospels, one-tenth of all verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. Jesus was homeless but never helpless on earth because he exemplified that "where your treasure is, there your heart shall also be." (Matt 6:21).

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Even when we buy food for ourselves, we sustain the bodies that are the temples of God. Using money wisely and appropriately advances the Kingdom of God on earth.

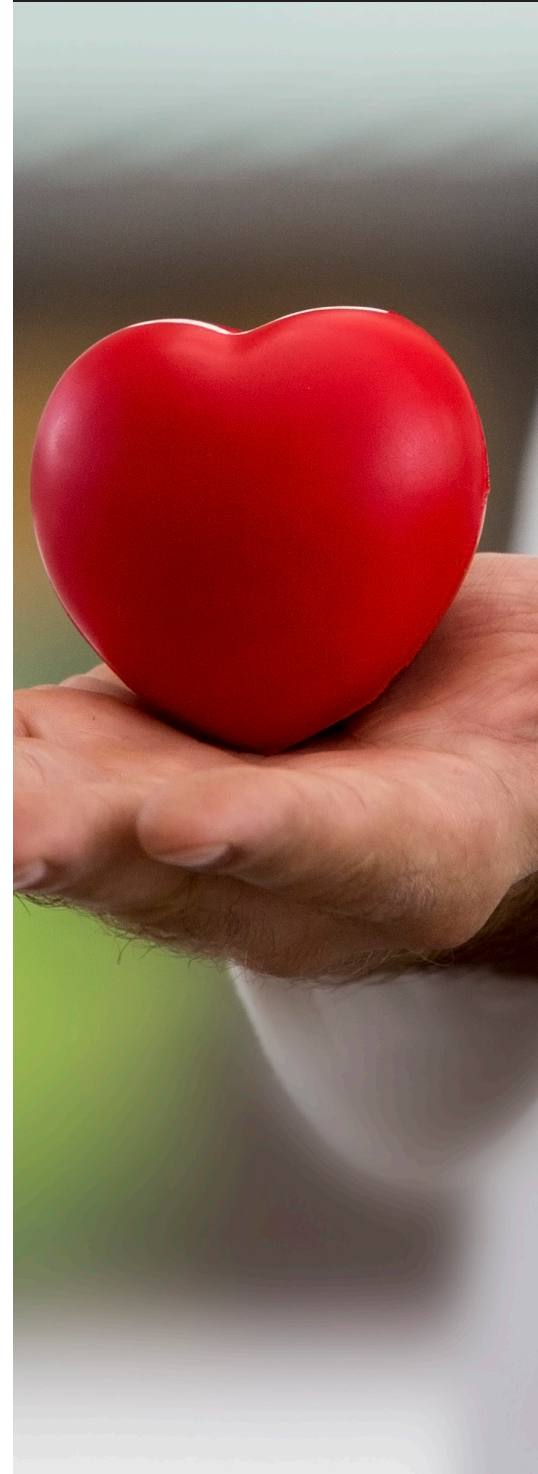
BEING STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD, STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE, MEANS THAT OUR ATTITUDE TO EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE COMES FROM THE ALMIGHTY.

This will mean that the breath of the Spirit will ruffle worldly feathers and blow down the strongholds of evil. The mentality of the Messiah is one of equality, equity, justice, peace, victory, joy, hope, and faith created by divine love.

HOW WE SPEND OUR TIME AND MONEY AND HOW WE USE OUR ABILITIES ARE ALL GOVERNED BY OUR THINKING.

When we "make every thought captive" to Christ, then we discover that obedience to God is true control over our lives and destiny. Stewardship on earth is the success of heaven made visible.

John Calvin says, that "The only correct stewardship is that which is tested by the rule of love." May all that we are, give, and do, show that we are called, chosen, and committed to the Lord.



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What does it take to get your undivided attention?



Many of us struggle all our lives to be good listeners

Allow me to paint a word picture for you. You and I are standing outside, and you are sharing with me some very important thoughts you have had recently. In the middle of our conversation, I just turn and walk away, leaving you hanging mid-sentence. Even if I am

not quite that rude, I start looking around and with my body language I communicate that I am not the least bit interested in what you have to say.

If you are a normal person, you feel hurt and offended by my lack of respect for you. You have quickly seen that I am not a sincere listener.

Our children feel the same way when they are trying to say something to us, and they cannot get or keep our attention. Not only do they want our attention, but they also yearn for a parent to understand what they are going through. They need for us to ask questions, not in a badgering manner but in a genuine desire to understand their thoughts, feelings, hurts and desires.

Some people are better at listening than others. Many of us struggle all our lives to be good listeners. One has to learn the art of listening. It is especially difficult for many who in their own family of origin were raised with the belief that

children should be seen and not heard. It is necessary we get our children to talk or share their daily activities such as a book they have read; a movie they saw; a trip to the beach or even a conflict with a friend. These could make good rapport sessions. Involving children in common interests such as pets, gardening, or sports make communication easier. Understanding their need for support can only come about by active listening.

Once children realise that their views and opinions are appreciated, they would be encouraged to talk. And then they would really begin to listen to us as adults. Only then respect and love would grow. Remember that respect is to fathers what communication is to mothers. And to gain respect we have to give respect.

NEW MINISTER TO BE ORDAINED

BJORN WARDE, STUDENT MINISTER

The 60th Annual General Meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago (PCTT) accepted Intern Minister Sanya Beharry as an Ordinand with ordination set for 25 October 2020.

The Jubilee AGM was held virtually on 21 August 2020 for the first time due to Covid-19 pandemic. It was originally scheduled for April but postponed in July due to the Covid-19 lockdown. It eventually was convened through the Zoom meeting platform due to further pandemic restrictions. The meeting also received three new candidates for the Ministry. They were Jessica Mahadeo, Stephan Wilson, and Peter Arjoon.

The virtual meeting began with a worship session conducted by the South-Central Presbytery. Participating were Student Deaconess Amber Seesahai-Payne and Intern Minister Sanya Beharry. In her homily, Sanya Beharry explored the conversion of Saul reminding Synod members that while they were caught up in the whirlwind of life, God's intervention continues to show what is important. Intern Minister Beharry called for Christ's love to illuminate and lead in unity and reconciliation.

The business session of the meeting was presided over by the Moderator, the Rt. Reverend Joy Abdul-Mohan. Reports were received from the Moderator, General Secretary, Synodical Council and Executive of Synodical Council, the Property Manager, and the National Youth Co-ordinator. The Zoom technical team ensured that voting was facilitated anonymously, and questions were adequately attended to in a timely manner.



Ordinand Ms. Sanya Beharry



*Rt. Rev. Joy Abdul-Mohan
The Moderator of the
Synod of the PCTT*

*Mr. Terrance Warde
The General Secretary of
the Synod of the PCTT*



*Mrs. Simone Singh Sagar
The National Youth Co-ordinator of the PCTT*

8 CONFIRMED AT BARRACKPORE



In the midst of the nCoVid-19 pandemic, the Barrackpore Pastoral Region successfully completed its Adult Baptism and Confirmation classes and confirmed eight new communicants for 2020. The classes started in March, but were suspended due to the COVID lockdown, with only three of the six sessions completed.

When gatherings were allowed to resume, it was decided to complete the classes in one extended Saturday afternoon session at Barrackpore Union Presbyterian Church. On 18 July 2020 Presiding Elder William Gokool, Ministerial

candidate Peter Arjoon, and Rev Manan Deo hosted the final session. Among the topics discussed were the history of Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago (PCTT), sin and salvation, and the Sacraments. The candidates were also addressed by Karamchand Mitchell, Clerk of Session. Baptism and confirmation took place at the respective Holy Communion services in August.

Barrackpore Pastoral Region welcomes this group of teenagers and young adults as full members of the Church of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to Almighty God.

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The Marabella Presbyterian Church received a donation of a four-draw filing cabinet from CMR and Company Ltd which was dedicated by The Reverend Gloria Hay on Sunday 02 August 2020.

This cabinet, which was delivered to the church on Tuesday 19 July 2020, will be used to store important documents belonging to the Marabella church. In presenting the cabinet, CMR owner Marvin Ramnarine and his wife, Cherry Ann Rajkumar, said how pleased they were to make such a donation to

the church. During the dedication ceremony The Reverend Hay expressed gratitude on behalf of the Local Board and members of the congregation for this generous donation by CMR and Company Ltd.

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REVEREND KERON KHELLAWAN INDUCTED

STEPHEN J.J. KASERAM

The Reverend Keron N. Khellawan was inducted as minister of the Princes Town Pastoral Region on Sunday 26 July 2020 at a service organised by the South-Eastern Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago (PCTT).

The service was held at the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

in Princes Town and attended by the Moderator of Synod the Rt Reverend Joy Abdul-Mohan. The induction was conducted by Presbytery chairman Reverend Daniel Chance while Reverend Radica Samuel-Moonoo brought the message. Also participating in the service were Reverend Manan Deo, Presbytery secretary Ashford Tamby and the St Andrew's Senior Choir with vocalist Victor Churaman.

In her message, Reverend Samuel-Moonoo urged her colleague to "preach it, live it, and put Christ in all his activities." She also gave glimpses of Reverend Khellawan's helpful manner while studying at St Andrew's Theological College. In his response, Reverend Khellawan re-affirmed his dedication and commitment to the PCTT and the pastoral region. The Rt. Reverend Abdul-Mohan brought greetings from the Synod. Both the Presbytery and the Pastoral Region welcomed the new minister.

RE-ASSIGNED MINISTERS INDUCTED

MARLENE SHAH

The South-Central Presbytery (SCP) of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago (PCTT) inducted Ministers to the Point Fortin/Cedros and Susamachar Pastoral Regions at services held in their respective regions recently.

Reverend Shirvan Siloch was inducted to the Point Fortin/Cedros Pastoral Region on 01 March 2020. Lay Pastor Ivan Paul led in the service at which Reverend Brenda Bullock delivered the homily. The Point Fortin/Cedros choir was in attendance. Moderator of the Synod, the Rt. Reverend Joy Abdul-Mohan brought greetings on behalf of the Synod while Reverend Anthony Rampersad spoke on behalf of the Northern Presbytery and Gerald Gunness on behalf of the South Eastern Presbytery.

In his response, Reverend Siloch pledged his commitment to work together with the region for further growth and development.

On 09 August 2020 Reverend Letra Jacob was inducted to the Susamachar Pastoral Region. Reverend Stephen Harripersad,

Minister of the La Romaine/Debe Pastoral Region led in worship. The homily was delivered by Reverend Shirvan Siloch. The Susamachar Presbyterian Church Steel Orchestra led in a musical interlude at the start of the service. The Susamachar Acoustic Strings offered two songs. Leonidus Sammy sang, 'You raised me up!'

South-Central Presbytery Vice-Chairperson, The Reverend Ria

Thompson-Jimdar conducted the act of Induction at both services.

Moderator of the Synod, The Rt. Reverend Joy Abdul-Mohan, brought greetings on behalf of the Synod. Reverend Jacob promised to work with the Pastoral Region in serving God's people. The South-Central Presbytery wishes both ministers the best in answering the call to serve the people of God in the respective Pastoral Regions.





Overflow

THANKFULNESS IN THE VALLEY

ORDINAND SANYA BEHARRY

September brings us to a very conventional part of an unconventional year as we mark Stewardship Month within the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago. It's a time when the spotlight is placed on the way in which human beings are called into account for the way in which we have managed God's resources in creation. It's also a time when we think about finances! However, this year's theme from the Board of Theological Education (BOTE) calls for quite a different perspective: "Overflow: Thankfulness in the Valley".

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." ~ Psalm 23:5

Without a doubt, September

2020 truly represents a valley in society. Covid-19 has thrown the entire world into disarray, disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable populations. Job security, food security, physical safety, economic health and, of course, physical health are all now on the line. September marks the beginning of a new normal in education as well as teachers, parents and students aim for a hybrid model to impart knowledge in the safest way. However, approximately 65,000 children will be without the necessary technological and online resources to fully participate in school life this semester.

In the midst of this darkness - this Valley - we are being called to shift focus away from our scarcity and fears in a highly transactional world,

toward the provision and security found in God, the Shepherd.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (NRSV) ~ 1st Thessalonians 1:16-18

This year's stewardship month requires us to commit to the "always", "without ceasing" and "all circumstances" pattern of giving thanks. It is no longer about the great abundance of material things we may possess that we can now lavishly and easily give to others and towards the building of God's Kingdom because we are on the mountaintops of achievement and happiness. Our thankfulness has to be maintained, expressed and celebrated in the darkest and deepest of valleys.

The BOTE encourages us to explore this message through four themes during this month of September:

WEEK 1: "IN THE VALLEY: THE PREPARED TABLE"

Prepared by: Rev Keron Khellawan
Scripture: Matthew 26:26-29

The first Sunday of September sets the tone for the month by looking at the Table Ministry that God practices throughout salvation history. This Table Ministry reminds us that God prepares the table for "me", in a very personal manner. However, this does not mean that whatever we want to eat is at the Table. We must submit to God and embrace the special relationship that God desires to build with us. This is especially done through the celebration of the Eucharist (a Thanksgiving meal) for the Sacrament of Holy Communion that also shows that we must have a relationship with others, as well as God. When we consider that God's Table has more than enough room for all, it is a call for us now to be good stewards of that invitation and extend it to others who may be starving spiritually and physically.

WEEK 2: IN THE VALLEY: THE ANOINTING OF PURPOSE

Prepared by: Candidate for Ordained Ministry, Stefan Wilson
Scripture: 1st John 2:27,29

To anoint means to consecrate and set apart something/someone, usually with oil, for the work, witness and glory of God. When the Psalmist says, "He anoints my head

with oil", it points to a powerful truth that we, as God's children, have a specific purpose to fulfil. God's Spirit dwells in each of His people, and this is what equips us to endure the Valley. This Anointing of Purpose also means that Christ is our guiding light and compass who will lead us through the Valley of the Shadow of Death. We do not have to give in the fear or despair, but instead fix our eyes on Christ, who has already conquered Death and lives in victory.

WEEK 3: "IN THE VALLEY: THE GIFT OF THE MIND"

Prepared by Student Minister, Cynara Dube-Sookoo
Scripture: Psalm 77

Oftentimes, Christians are tempted to practice a harmful type of theology that encourages us to dismiss pain and hardship, reject doubt as blasphemy, and leave no room for confusion. Psalm 77 is a human universal reminder that distress can happen to anyone - even those who "*all night long lift my hands in prayer*". Although life in the Valley may be bitter, stewardship calls us to put our minds to work and remember, recall, think and meditate on who God is and what God has done. By doing so, we can be assured of the wonderful promises of God who is holy, mighty and a loving shepherd.

WEEK 4: THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY - "IN THE VALLEY: OVERFLOW"

Prepared by Rev Adrian Sieunarine (SATC Principal)

Scripture: Luke 6:45

This final Sunday of September allows us to mark another special day in the life of PCTT with Theological Education Sunday. It continues the theme for Stewardship with a sense of remembering the past, celebrating the present and journeying into the future. The key of the "Overflow" in this context is selflessness. God is the only one with the power to truly transform hearts away from the selfish individualism that has deeply harmed our nation and world in their attempts to contain nCoVid-19, into selfless servant leaders. These are leaders who will walk along with others on the journey towards a world of enlightenment, love, justice, faith, grace and encouragement. This overflowing abundance of gifts is given by God and then streams out in varied directions across the world.

In closing, Stewardship Month for 2020 truly is a departure from the usual calls to sound management of material and other gifts from God. However, the heart of the message remains the same: All good things come from God. Even when we are in the Valleys of our lives, our response must be gratitude because God's faithfulness cannot be denied. In the Valley, the Table is Prepared in full abundance. In the Valley, we are anointed for a purpose. In the Valley, our minds must stay honest and alert. In the Valley, God's goodness overflows in each of us.

DO NOT IGNORE

Good Advice



THE LATE REVEREND EVERSON T. SIEUNARINE

When a judge or magistrate passes judgement on a person found guilty, a comment that is often made is "I hope this will teach you a lesson". We all hope so, for punishment should lead to contrition and improvement of character. Unfortunately, the lesson is not always learnt, and we see many repeat offenders and those who have found new ways to commit crimes.

We must not presume that because good advice is offered, religious rites are practices or serious warnings are delivered, human nature will be changed for the better. In this letter, the apostle James tells the congregation not to fool themselves; they must not only listen to God's Word but must obey it, or it will be "like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like." (James 1:22-24) It is far easier to look at other people and point out their spots and blemishes.

How many of us know religious leaders who boldly and regularly

remind their people of the virtues of self-denial and sincerity in daily living, while accumulating for themselves wealth and public praise with little thought of charity and sacrificial service! How many of us know national leaders who are always summoning their people to fairness, justice and accountability while disregarding these essential qualities in their personal career! We are not to presume that it is always easy to practice what we preach and advocate as the right and good thing to do.

Simon Peter, the "rock" among Jesus' disciples, was confident he would never forsake Jesus even if all the others did. When Jesus spoke about the impending crucifixion, Peter rebuked him "God forbid it, Lord. That must never happen to you." (Matthew 16:22) But Jesus rebuked him in turn "Get away from me Satan. Your thoughts do not come from God but from human nature.

(Matthew 16:23) Jesus knew human nature. He knew the real characters under the masks of piety and sanctity. He knew the motivations

of the heart even when the hands are stretched out in charity or uplifted in prayer. He knew Peter would fail when the real test came. So, when Jesus was being questioned by the High Priest, some persons recognized Peter in the courtyard as a companion of Jesus. But Peter strongly denied the accusation. "I swear that I am telling you the truth. May God punish me if I am not. I do not know that man." (Matthew 26:74)

Do not presume we will stand up for the truth when the day of reckoning comes, or we will tell the truth when it is not financially advantageous or not very safe. We must recognise we are all prone to evil and slothful in good. An honest look in the mirror will send us to do more confessing and repenting than judging and boasting. As the Reformer Martin Luther said, "A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in the process of becoming."

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REDISCOVERING FAMILY

THE FAMILY CAN - A MONTHLY THOUGHT TO HELP IMPROVE THE FAMILY | HILTON R SIBOO



During the 'stay at home' lockdown of nCoViD-19 did you encounter anyone who looked familiar but who seemed to be strange to you in your home? Was it someone you called wife, husband, mother, father, daughter, son, brother, or sister? There were many instances of this occurring in homes and residences all around the world as people discovered their neighbours and even persons who were always in the same or the next room.

Do not be troubled if you discovered someone or rediscovered family whom you knew in the past but lost somewhere along the way? Especially for those rediscovered under your roof, what is the plan since these experiences will continue to impact both you and the other person the future?

nCoViD-19 has brought us face to face with the reality and truth that families consist of similarly minded or differently minded individuals who use the place of residence as a home or as a transit station or hub to meet or rush towards their demanding schedules of work, school and play. In some instances, there was little socialising and interactions but there existed social and emotional distancing even to the point of isolation called independence.

Are not members of a family co-dependent on each other for growth and maturing whether their exchanges are negative, positive,

or indifferent? Invariably that established an existing 'normal' transaction zone but did the 'stay at home' nCoViD-19 lockdown forced-enforced or facilitated human interactions as its catastrophic magnitude alike a natural disaster resulted in reshaping a new normal that surely impacts living, survival and continued existence?

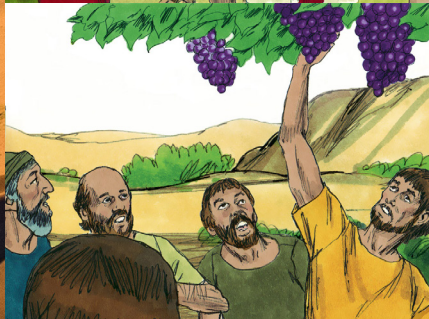
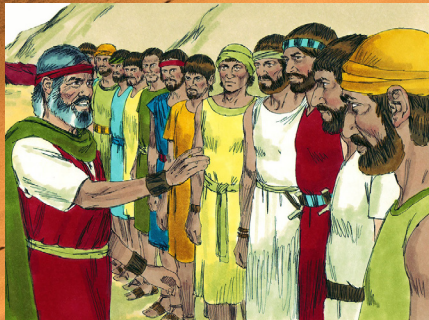
While some of these psychosocial even religious discomforts and experiences may have been traumatic, in other instances they may have brought decisions, reconciliation and healing. This may have confirmed why a person should continue to stay and adjust or get as far away as possible from family, not so?

At writing, global positive nCoViD-19 cases have surpassed 22 million with 778,000 deaths. As for Trinidad and Tobago the recent phase 2 surge have increased positive cases to near 600 with 12 deaths. Lesser lockdown and orders have been reinstated yet we are reminded to 'stay at home'.

Remember, the family is not just a group or gathering without a common purpose. Whatever may be your family's circumstances, experience the joys of being together as you work, play, and pray and be thankful. Make full use of this time to discover and rediscover your family and yourself. Never let it be that the family can NOT as changes occur and the family is called to adapt and adjust.

Do not lose faith. Hold strong. Believe, The Family Can.

MOSES AND THE 12 SPIES



This month, we continue with the story of Moses from our Virtual Vacation Bible School.

Do you remember that Moses, guided by God, led the Israelites out of Egypt and away from the wicked Pharaoh? What do you remember about the story?

God promised His people that He would lead them to the Promised Land called Canaan. When the Hebrew people reached near the edge of Canaan, God told Moses to choose one leader from each tribe to go exploring (the Israelites were divided into twelve tribes or groups). Moses told them, "Go see what the land is like, and whether the people there are strong or weak, few or many. Look at whether the land they live in is good or bad, and what kinds of towns they live in, and whether the land is rich or poor."

The men went into the land and found that it really was a good. The

grapes were so big that it took two men to carry a cluster of them on a pole between them. But the people there were very big and tall, and the spies were afraid of them. They were gone for forty days.

When the spies returned, they went to Moses and Aaron, and the rest of the Israelites gathered. The men showed the Israelites the large bunch of grapes, pomegranates, and figs. The Israelites became very excited as they had hoped to hear good news.

"But" ten of the spies began to tell the people about the giants and how fearful they were. They told of large cities with high walls around them. "The people who live there are powerful, and the cities are strong and large." Caleb, one of the spies, said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it with God on our side." He had seen the land for himself and knew God would give it to them. The other spies quickly

began to argue with him, “We cannot attack those people. They are giants! They are stronger than we are! We felt like grasshoppers next to them.”

Discouragement settled over the camp, and the people began to weep. “It would have been better to die in Egypt or even here in the wilderness!” the people cried. “Let’s go back to Egypt!” Moses and Aaron fell with their faces to the ground. Caleb and one of the other spies, Joshua, tore their clothes in frustration and held up their hands for silence. “The land is exceedingly great,” they said. “God will give it to us. Don’t be afraid of the people there because God is with us.” The crowd was not listening and shouted, “Let’s stone them!” pointing to Moses, Aaron, Caleb, and Joshua.

At that moment the glory of the Lord appeared in the tent to all the Israelites and asked, “How long will these people refuse to believe

in Me, in spite of the miracles and signs I have done for them?”

Do you remember any of the miracles and signs God did for the Israelites? Can you list all ten plagues?

God was so displeased that His people did not believe in Him or wanted to obey Him, they were not allowed to enter the Promised Land. The Israelites were punished and had to stay in the desert for forty years, one year for every day the spies were gone. Only younger generations were allowed to enter the Promised Land. A plague came upon the spies who gave the bad report about Canaan, but God spared Caleb and Joshua because they spoke encouragement. They encouraged the people to have faith follow the Lord.

We too should try to be like Caleb and Joshua and always encourage others to have faith and believe in God.





SPY BINOCULARS



**KIMBERLY RAMKISSOON
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THINGS YOU WILL NEED:

2 empty toilet rolls, decorations: like markers, poster paints, glitter, your favourite spy stickers, some colourful gift paper, craft materials (it's best you use whatever you have available rather than purchase!), you also need some scotch or making tape, yarn which is twine or you could even use ribbon and a one-hole paper punch.

1. DECORATE THE ROLLS

Using your markers, paints, glitter and/or stickers, decorate the toilet rolls. You can also try using paper in camouflage colours or include a large bunch of grapes!



Arts & Crafts



2. CONNECT THE ROLLS TO EACH OTHER

Tape the rolls side by side. Using the paper punch, make a hole each on the outer sides of the rolls. Thread the twine/yarn or ribbon through these holes to make the straps for the binoculars. Make sure they are long enough to hang around your neck.

3. GO SPY FOR THE LORD! :

Use your new and awesomely decorated binoculars to spy for the Lord. See what you can find. Don't forget to keep it clean and if you're sharing, ask an adult to help you sanitize it.



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Read Your Bible

“Those who lose their life for my sake will find it”

SUNDAY		Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12	Numbers 21:4b-9	Jonah 3:10 - 4:11
MONDAY		John 10:19-30	Acts 15:36 - 16:5	Esther 4:4-17	Luke 5:1-11
TUESDAY	Acts 12:1-17	Acts 14:1-18	Psalms 123	Esther 5:1-14	Hosea 2:16-23
WEDNESDAY	John 8:47-59	John 11:1-16	Acts 16:16-24	Esther 6:1-14	Luke 5:27-39
THURSDAY	John 9:1-17	John 11:17-29	Acts 16:25-40	Esther 7:1-10	
FRIDAY	John 9:18-41	John 11:30-44	John 12:36b-43	Psalms 88	
SATURDAY	John 10:1-18	Psalms 104	Psalms 56	Luke 4:38-44	

September
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IN LOVING MEMORY

Joseph Gyan

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Missing you still

*We know you were not just a father,
but a friend and a teacher.*

*Even when you punished, your purpose had end.
You worked hard every day, our needs you would attend.
Your time on earth came and we had to sadly part.
Now you live in a heavenly home, and in all our hearts.*

Lovingly missed by:

Wife: Elizabeth

*Children: Bernadette, Timothy, Shirley, Paul
and their families and all our loved ones.*



SUNRISE : DATE
SUNSET: 22 07 2007

*Peace I leave with you, my
peace I give unto you: not as
the world giveth, give I unto
you. Let not your heart be
troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

- John 14:27



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Reverend Albert Malcolm Hamilton Bailey

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Reverend Bailey was ordained to the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments in the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago on 17 October 1993. During his tenure he ministered in four Pastoral Regions (Guaico, Sangre Chiquito, Arima and Nariva/Mayaro).

We will always remember you and your ministry with gratitude for your faithful service to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and to us. Our hearts will always hold sincere appreciation and deep affection for you now and always.

Lovingly remembered by his wife, Ramona, children Aryn, and Arianne, mother in law Sumin and brother in law Arnold.

James 1:12

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him



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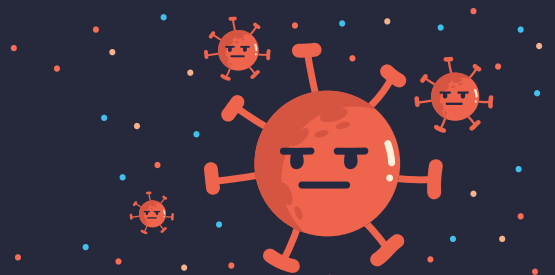
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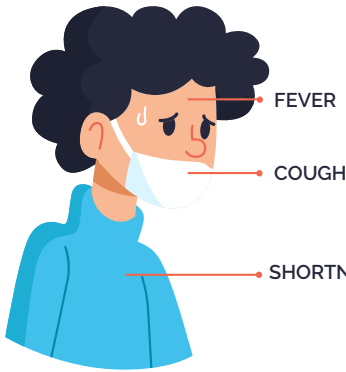
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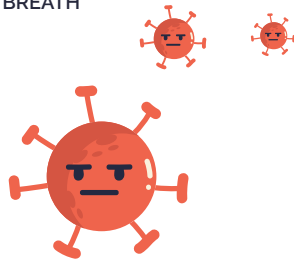


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