

United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands – Cayman Council
Core Values

1. Live in recognition of the Sovereignty of God¹
2. Live in recognition of the truth and centrality of the Bible as God's Holy Word²
3. Live in Relationship with God and community, with careful stewardship of God's creation³
4. Live in understanding that God's Love is to be shared⁴
5. Live in testimony to the inherent worth of the Individual⁵
6. Live in Integrity⁶
7. Live aspiring to the Unity of Believers⁷

Elaboration/footnotes:

1. God is Sovereign (Creator, Redeemer and Provider of all) and we should live so that He is the Lord of our lives, including all our possessions and capabilities.
2. God's Word is Central, and our guide. The Bible reveals God to us, through the enabling and clarifying work of the Holy Spirit, leading us to redemption and eternal life through Christ and showing us how to live on Earth.
3. Each of us must live in a redeemed and reconciled relationship with God, through Christ, and in community with fellow human beings, seeking to understand the comprehensive and complex nature of God's command to 'love your neighbour' in family, societal, international and commercial relationships. This includes care and stewardship of the environment, God's creation which provides us all with glorious beauty, food and our other resources from on top and deep within the earth, the waters and the air, but can become dangerous and deadly for ourselves and our neighbours by human degradation and pollution.
4. God's love is to be shared with others. It cannot be hoarded. The fullness of life God provides, and that Christ came to Earth to make a reality, is sufficient for all. Therefore, we are required to help others become redeemed followers of Christ and to be empowered also on earth, whether by sharing temporary burdens or through education, advocacy, and the provision of other facilities for lasting justice. This calls on us to provide effective Christian nurture within the Church for people of all ages, and meaningful mission and outreach actions locally and internationally that help to lift the different kinds of burdens experienced by others.
5. We are all made in God's image, giving each human being innate value and worth, which no one else can take away. Furthermore, however, Christianity requires action *by* the *individual*; and, in turn, it is the *individual* that we must ensure our actions and words are directed to help, so each may experience the loving care and saving grace of Christ.
6. Integrity to God's standards and precepts in all we do, corporately and individually. God's unconditional love and uncompromising righteousness both work together to build up and protect individuals.
7. Unity of the Body of Christ (His Church across the world). Therefore, within our Church our worship, nurture and ministries must be age appropriate for everyone, and without any other form of discrimination or favour. It truly must be such that all who need a Saviour feel a welcomed part. Beyond our Church, we seek to work cooperatively with other Denominations that believe in the Triune God, to build God's kingdom.