

The Rev. Norbert Stephens has been affirmed as the new General Secretary and the Rev. Oliver Daley has been elected Moderator of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands for the 2011 – 2013 Synod Period, following the completion of voting by all four Regional Mission Councils. The new appointments were confirmed and announced by the Central Mission Council of the Church at its meeting on the 19th and 20th of November.

In an official announcement, the Central Mission Council reported that “On the basis of the vote of affirmation taken in the Regional Mission Councils (RMCs), the Central Mission Council (CMC) at its recently held meeting declared Rev. Norbert D. Stephens as the next General Secretary of the UCJCI. Rev. Stephens received a 4/4 affirmation i.e. all four Regions voted in the affirmative to have him as our next General Secretary. His appointment takes effect on January 1, 2011 and a service of induction is being planned.

The Rev. Dr. Collin Cowan, in his final report to the CMC, paid tribute to Rev. Stephens who he described as forthright and most attentive to details as well as a man possessed with capacity for calculated judgement.

In his response, Rev. Stephens declared that the Renewal and Transformation thrust engaged by the UCJCI is the way forward and committed to ensuring that the whole Church is true to this cause. He thanked the Church for the confidence placed in him and committed to glorify God in his attending to this task.

Let us continue to pray for Rev. Stephens, his family and our church.”