



## **UCJCI Church School News May 2023**

**To: RDGSs, Ministers, Pastors & Children's Ministry Leaders**

**From: Children Ministry Commission**

Greetings sisters and brothers! Love and Peace to you all.

May is Child Month and this year our church is celebrating Child Month under the theme **"Reignited by the Spirit to Love and Protect Our Children"**.

This Child Month we want to make our children feel extra special, loved, and protected. In keeping with the Ministry of Education Daily Tips, here are some methods to do so.

1. Remember to say "I love you" to your child/ward daily.
2. Encourage your child/ward to say "no" in situations where they feel uncomfortable.
3. Educate your child/ward on the importance of setting boundaries.
4. Children need affection. Give your child/ward a hug.
5. Teach your children that it is okay to confide in you.
6. Spend quality family time with your children.
7. Attend church with your child/ward.
8. Together, prepare a list of persons to contact in case of an emergency.
9. Give your child/ward hugs frequently.
10. Teach Children to value and respect their teachers.

Let us embrace the day two (2) 2023 Synodical Bible Study which encouraged us to "Reconnect Our Relationship with Our Children" under the following: -

- Recognise and teach your children that they have value and are a part of the Kingdom of God. Matthew 18:4-Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

- Include your children in the regular worship experience, not only Children's and Girls'/Boys' Brigade Sundays. Matthew 19:13-15- Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."
- Guide your children to God. Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Sisters and brothers, as we reconnect and reinforce our love and protection for our children, our parents and church school teachers will be paying tribute to them.

Our children will also be given an opportunity to make a difference in our church with their talents and gifts from God.

### Prayers by Church School Leaders and Children

On each Sunday starting May 14<sup>th</sup>, one Church School superintendent or teacher will pray for our nation's children and each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, three (3) children will say a prayer, a Bible verse or do an item. The prayers will end on June 9<sup>th</sup>. This should be done by audio recording and sent to the Commission at least two (2) work days before the release. This will be circulated throughout the United Church. Each week will be done by a Region as follows:

Week 1 -WRMC	May 14, 15, 17 & 19
Week 2 - SRMC	May 21, 22, 24 & 26
Week 3 - NERMC	May 28, 29, 31 & June 1
Week 4 - CIRMC	June 4, 5, 7 & 9

Please include in the recordings the name and age of the child and the name of the church school.

### Celebrating our Children

The Commission is encouraging the Church Schools to celebrate our children this Child Month by highlighting at least one child with a tribute from a parent(s) during the worship service for the remaining Sundays in May. The Commission is requesting that the profile of one of these children from each Region be sent in each week as they will be featured in the wider United Church.

## Dynamic Kids in Action for Christ (Prepare by RMC) May 28th

We will be hosting another Dynamic Kids in Action for Christ on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The following Regions are responsible for the activities stated below:

RMC	Activity
WRMC	Praise N Worship (2 items), Tribute from a Parent and a Teacher -Max 5 mins each
NERMC	Piano Recital (2 items), Tribute from a Parent and a Teacher -Max 5 mins each
SRMC	Drum Recital (2 items), Tribute from a Parent and a Teacher -Max 5 mins each
CIRMC	Musical Piece (2 items), Tribute from a Parent and a Teacher-Max 5 mins each

## Other Activities

RMC	Activity
WRMC Week 1 (2) Videos Weeks 2-3 (3) Videos Week 4 (2) Videos	TikTok Videos of MOE Tips - Starting Wednesday. Thereafter, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
NERMC - 1 Audio Per Week	Bedtime Story Audios - Sundays
SRMC - 1 Video Per Week	TikTok Videos on Mental Health Tips for Children - Wednesdays

All audios and videos should be submitted to the Commission at least two (2) work days before the release. This will be circulated throughout the United Church.

## Upcoming Activities

May 19 <sup>th</sup>	- National Children's Day
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	- National Day of Prayer for our children
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	- National Child and Adolescent Mental Health Day
June 10 & 24 (Tentative)	- Vacation Bible School Leaders Training (Virtual)
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	- Camp Leaders' Training
July 8-13 <sup>th</sup>	- Children Camp
July 15-20 <sup>th</sup>	- Junior Camp
August 26 <sup>th</sup> (Tentative)	- South Eastern Regional Mission Council Church School Teachers Prizegiving
Nov 2023	- Church School Month

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