



UCCSA YOUTH WORKING TOWARDS BECOMING
 “A Justice Youth Ministry”

Injustice is one of the great moral challenges of our time, hence biblical norms of justice, peace and love should be the basis of our existence as the CWM Moderator will say Rev Dr Prince Dibeela

The UCCSA Youth had a workshop on Justice and Transformation under the sub heading on racism, sexism and other forms of oppression. Our church is a transnational church that spans in 5 Southern Countries hence issues of race, culture and gender are bound to come across in our activities we discovered that:

- Unity: it is a grave concern that we as a united church are actually divided. Amongst the youth we have to deal with racial and cultural divisions .There is a huge gorge between white, blacks and black people of mixed descent, the tragedy is that we seem so content on our little islands that is of no bother or concern to us. This is not a problem that originated within the youth, but it is a problem that should be solved from within the youth. We have the power to bring about change, hence the objective of the workshop was.
 1. To increase our understanding of the challenges which inhibit promotion of racial and gender justice among youth in our denomination
 2. To increase ownership of reality of these challenges at all levels of the UCCSA.
 3. To deepen acceptance of biblical and Christian faith imperatives which underpin the values of the reign of God and work for Justice
 4. To increase capacity to develop a culture of Justice[race-,gender-ethnic-class-age-justice etc]amongst youth of the UCCSA and beyond

This youth workshop was targeted at the Youth Leadership of the youth that consist of the Youth Convenor, Youth Convenor Elect, Treasure, Secretary, Chairperson of Finance, with the Executive Chairperson of 5 Countries, then the 23 Committee members who are the regional convenors. There is still a lot that needs to be done in terms of infiltrating the sense to become a” Justice Church “

We long to see a “Justice Youth Movement” that:

- Accepts all people irrespective of race, colour, gender, disability, sexually orientation, and age. E.t.c
- Where multi-racial ministry is practised and celebrated
- Opportunities for leadership and holding of office is made possible through ability and not basis of gender, race or other difference
- Respect for all prevails
- Receives guidance and inspiration from the word of God
- Inclusive language in our hymns,sermons and liturgy

- Offers solidarity, solace, sanctuary and support to downtrodden and the poor

By the end of the workshop a “Justified Choir” was formed that was inclusive of Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe, these youth rendered an inclusive song in church in respect of the languages which were present and it was so amazing, participants came out of the workshop with themes such as ‘Redeeming humankind, Justified, towards becoming a Justice Youth Movement, eyes wide open but the major highlight was the one of OIKTREE “putting Justice at the heart of Faith” We will continue to challenge unjust structures, re-read the bible in light of our experiences and mission.

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