

Lesson 6: *What do we mean by “Holy Church of Jesus Christ”?*

Rural Life Emphasis Sunday

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

General Concept: *The Holy Church of Jesus Christ means being set apart for a special purpose by and for God.*

Biblical References: Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Age Level Concepts

- The Holy Church of Jesus Christ means being set apart for a special purpose by and for God
- The holiness of the church is derived from Christ’s Holiness.
- We live out Christ’s holiness

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to

- Define and associate the meaning of being “Holy Church of Jesus Christ” to the context of the youth
- Simplify Christ’s holiness suitable for the young people’s perspective.
- Resolve to live out Christ’s holiness.

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket / Paypal/ GCash, Used Calendar for Sunday’s Phrase and Memory Verse

Background

Romans 6:12-23

Paul was confronted with the attitude of the believers in Rome. They think that they can go on living in their old self knowing that it is by God’s grace they had been saved in Jesus Christ. The more they sinned, the more God’s grace will be bestowed on them. Paul said that they are already dead of sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ. Though the power of sin is still active in the world and Christians are confronted with the real peril of falling back into the submission to sin but God already rescued them out of the mud and cleansed them off through the bath of Baptism. Thus, Paul suggested they stay out of the mud. His motivation for them was that Christ brought them from death to life, thus, Christians have the opportunity to give themselves to God and to live according to God’s righteousness, God’s will, God’s power, God’s purpose and action in the world for salvation.

God’s grace is the source of liberty and security. With this, it freed them from the power of sin. God’s grace per se is at work doing for Christians what they cannot do for themselves. Sin will

have no dominion for we are under grace not law. As believers, we should not lapse into a lifestyle of sinfulness but devote life for God and God's work in the world so that we will continue to grow in God's grace. Involvement with sin means no involvement with righteousness. Involvement with righteousness means no involvement with sin.

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23.

Sower, the Seed, and the Soil

In Chapter 12 of Matthew, Jesus's conflict with the Pharisees heighten to the point of plotting to destroy Jesus and accused him of doing the work of Satan. On a boat, Jesus taught this parable to let people understand the variation of receptiveness of every hearer. He used the images of the sower, seeds, and the soil. He focused on the interpretation reception of the seed by various kinds of soil as an allegory for varying responses to the message of the kingdom of God. The meaning could not easily be grasped by the people, especially to his disciples. He needed to have a close session to discuss the meaning with them. The good soil refers to the one who hears the word and understands it and indeed bears fruit and yields an abundant harvest (13:23).

For Jesus, the tax collectors and the prostituted women are going into the kingdom of God ahead of the chief priest and elders (21:31-32). In the parable of the goat and the sheep, Jesus illustrated who are righteous in the sight of God and who bear fruit by serving the least of the people. Even those who were considered sinners were surprised to find that they have been serving Jesus (25:34-40).

Though the disciples had a hard time understanding and even living out the commands of Jesus still Jesus did not give up on his disciples. He continued to invest in them even to the point of entrusting the future of his mission to them.

Righteousness is the evidence of being Christ's disciples and that is not just being "good" and "obedient" to every law but those who are doing God's mission, serving the least, the lost, and the last. We have to take risks as Christ's disciples no matter what is in store in doing God's mission. We should remember that we are on a course with direct collision against the power of this world.



Chill lang, please! For God is in control.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Doing your class through

a. **ZOOM Application.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>

b. **Messenger Room.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKEUTnprtK4>

c. **Classroom Context.** Keep "social distancing and wear one's face mask. Observe the washing of the hands and disinfecting your classroom.

Greeting Time



(Post in ZOOM Share a Document- Picture: Chill lang Please for God is in Control)

Welcome each student with a smile as they participate in an online classroom through ZOOM or Messenger Room. After all have access in, say this statement “Chill lang, God is in Control”

Songs of Gathering

DUBIDAHDAH PRAISE GBB 19-25-07

We gonna um! Ahh! (dubidadidahdah 2x) Let’s praise our God 2x

This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad
Together let us join our hearts in prayer
as we dance and praise God’s name.



“Let Go and Let God Have His Way”

Let go and let God have His wonderful way,
Let go and let God have His way;
Your troubles will vanish, your night turn to day;
Let go and let God have His way.

“Walking with Jesus”

Walking with Jesus; Walking everyday, walking all the way
Walking with Jesus; Walking with Jesus alone.

Opening Prayer

All: Good morning God. We thank you for today, for the new life and new opportunity to serve you. Be with us as we learn more about how to live a holy life in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Getting Ready

Share to the learners this video entitled: “Holiness”
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19vn5UvsHvM>) Encourage everyone to share her/his thought about the video and relate it to the lesson today about Holy Church of Christ.



Learning Time



Discovering the Biblical Truth. Read the biblical texts (Romans 6:12-23 and Matthew 13:1-9,18-23) aloud. Group the learners into 2 and assign a biblical text to each group.

Points to Reflect On

Romans 6:12-23

1. What is the passage all about?
2. What is the issue that Paul is trying to reconcile?
3. How did Paul encourage believers to live out Christ's righteousness?
4. What does this message tell us today?
5. How do we as young people live Christ's righteousness?

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

1. What is the passage all about?
2. How did Jesus explain the parable to his disciples?
3. What does the parable mean to young people today?
4. How do young people receive Christ's message and his invitation to do God's mission today?

Lessons Learned



In one's group, let one read **Section 1 of the UCCP Declaration of Principles together**, "**Section 1. The United Church of Christ in the Philippines is an *integral part of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.***" Ask the learners within the group to paraphrase in their own words and explain the meaning of "Holy Church of Jesus Christ." in today's context. How can young people live out Christ's holiness today?

Youth Speak!

Using your photo gallery, pick a picture that best illustrates a person living Christ's holiness today. If one cannot find any picture from one's gallery one can research from any research engine. Share your picture and discussion with the whole class.



Closing Worship

Memory Verse:



"No longer present your members to sin as instruments[a] of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness." Romans 6:13

Offertory

Leader: Holiness is being conscious of God's mission to the world. Being conscious is being generous to give for the ministry and mission of God for the world. Let us give our offerings and our commitment to do God's mission.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response “Doxology” New Century Hymnal, 779
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter ;One God Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: We give because we first received God's bounty. Accept O God our gifts and commitment and may it be used for the building of your Kingdom. Amen.

+Closing Song “Called as Partners in Christ's Service”
Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free, and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surrounds each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

+Prayer of Dedication

Each learner will utter a prayer of commitment to God to live a life of Christ's holiness.

“I commit to live out Christ's holiness by _____ “

Response “Blessing Song” (With Body Movement)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o20ZAHahCrQ>

May the love of our God be with us as we serve

May God's loving presence fills our lives

May we live our faith and our love to our God

May we be God's instruments of God's peace



Assignment for Next Sunday

Define what is the meaning of the phrase, "*catholic Church of Jesus Christ*"?

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of July:

- a. Make a promotional video of your online FB streaming inviting all FB viewers.
- b. Make a PPE for our Front-liners. Identify the recipient hospital and staff. Make at least 10 complete sets of PPE.
- c. Make a Vlog. Journey with God in the time of Pandemic. Share how we experience God's presence amid pandemic.
- d. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Tweeter, FB, Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 7: What do we mean by the "catholic Church of Jesus Christ?"

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020

General Concept: The catholic Church of Jesus Christ means it extends throughout the world and at all times and that the Church is universal.

Biblical References: Matthew 13:24-30;36-43; Galatians 3:28

Age Level Concepts

- The UCCP is catholic
- We recognize and respect the diversity of faith expressions
- We establish a partnership with other faith communities in doing mission

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to

- Recognize that UCCP is a catholic Church of Jesus Christ.
- Illustrate ways to respect and ties with the diversity of faith expressions.
- Discuss ways in establishing partnerships with other faith communities in doing mission.

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket / Paypal/ GCash, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase, Pictures or Logo of other faith communities whom UCCP has been working with throughout the years and Memory Verse

Biblical Background

The word "catholic" is derived from the Greek adjective καθολικός (katholikos), meaning "general", "universal".[14][15] It is associated with the Greek adverb καθόλου (katholou), meaning "according to the whole", "entirely", or "in general", a combination of the preposition

κατά meaning "according to" and the adjective ὅλος meaning "whole". Although it is not used in the New Testament, its meaning is expressed in Galatians 3:28, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Jesus Christ." This means that the church transcends human barriers and divisions. The "catholic" means universal, for all people at all times.

The catholic is universal because Christ our Lord is universal. Of course, historically Jesus Christ lived at a particular time, place, and culture. But He is universal because God's redemptive act fulfilled in Him is for all. Similarly, a particular local church is universal in the sense that it is open to everyone. The adjective "catholic" means that in the church the wholeness of the Christian faith, complete, all-embracing, and with nothing lacking, is proclaimed to all people without excluding any part of the faith or any class or group of people.[18][19][20] The adjective can be applied not only to the church as spread throughout the world but also to each local manifestation of the church, in each of which nothing essential is lacking for it to be the genuine Church of Christ.

For his subjects, Emperor Theodosius I restricted the term "catholic Christians" to believers in "the one deity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in equal majesty and a Holy Trinity", and applied the name "heretics" to others (Edict of Thessalonica of 27 February 380).[23] In the following year 381, the First Council of Constantinople adopted the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, expressing belief in "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church".

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43. *The Wheat and the Weeds*

Jesus offers an allegorical interpretation of the parable of the wheat and the weed. He spoke about the persistence of evil in the world. For Matthew, it uses the Greek term "zizania" which refers to a genus of wild rice grasses, a notorious weed that closely resembles wheat and is plentiful to Israel. The difference between the "dandelion" and the real is evidence only when the plants mature and the ears appear. The ears of the real wheat are heavy and will droop, while the ears of the "dandelion" stand up straight. The household servants suggested to root those nasty weeds right out but the Master restrain them and wait until the harvest for the Master will send a reaper to gather the wheat to the barn and gather the weeds to be burnt.

The question often ask is that why does God allow evil to grow and thrive? The problem lies is on taking the weed early for it will damage the wheat. It is hard to determine the wheat and the weed in its earlier stage. Also, one has to be reminded that it is the reapers and not the slaves that will take care of this at harvest time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will collect all causes of sin and all evildoers and they will throw them into the furnace of fire.

Jesus makes a clear stand that any attempt to root out the weeds will only do more damage to the crops. Congregation and denomination that root out anyone who does not agree with the "right" interpretation of Scripture, Liturgical practices, or stand one particular or others faiths and declaring them to be destined for eternal damnation, whether a judgment is focused within the church or without it does serious damage to the church and its mission. We cannot be certain who

is in or who is out. God's judgment about this matter will take many by surprise. Get the weeding to the angels and get on with the mission Jesus has given us and that is proclaiming the gospel.

Being a catholic Christian teaches us not to brag on ourselves to be one in Christ but to humbly accept that we are not the solution to the world's problems and we are not tasked to eliminate evils or wrongdoers. We have to accept we are but servants of God and God will assign a reaper to do the segregation or taking out the evil action (greek- Skandala). As a catholic Church of Jesus Christ, we are to take communion with other Christians and other faith communities who are aligned with God's mission for the world. We are a catholic Church that affirms that God could not be put in a box of religion, God moves to every human being even to a person whom we assumed as evil one. We are not the reaper nor the judge, we are to live God's love and preach God's love to all.

Suggested Lesson Outline



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Greeting Time

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Songs of Gathering



"Splendid Light"

I'm gonna light my (splendid light 2x)
I'm gonna light my splendid light shine
bless the earth with my (splendid light 2x)
I'm God's child and I'm with divine,
Like splendid light Shoooo..
I'm gonna let it shine shine shine 2x

"He's My Rock"

He's my rock, my sword, my shield
He's the hole in the middle of the wind
He's the lily of the valley
He's the bright and shining star
I don't care what people say

I've got on my knees and pray
I'm gonna sing until my Jesus comes again.. YEAH HAH!

“Whose Side Are You Leaning On?”

Whose side are you leaning on?

I'm leaning on the Lord side (2x)

I lean, I lean, I lean, I lean

Leaning on the Lord side (2x)

Opening Prayer

Leader: Be with us today O God as we gathered to know more about You and Your will for us all. Amen.

Getting Ready

Share to the learners this video entitled: “What Does the Word “Catholic Means” -https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_XuzsDEWHQ. Encourage everyone to share her/his thought about the video and relate it to the lesson today about the Catholic Church of Christ.



Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth. Read the biblical texts **Matthew 13:24-30,36-43** aloud.



Points to Reflect On

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

1. What is the passage all about?
2. How do we relate the parable to our understanding of the catholic Church of Jesus Christ?
3. What is our understanding of UCCP being a catholic Church of Jesus Christ?
4. What does it mean for you as young people of UCCP?
5. How do we relate to other faith communities?
6. How do we work together with them in doing God's mission?



Lessons Learned

Let one read **Section 1 of the UCCP Declaration of Principles** together, “**Section 1. The United Church of Christ in the Philippines is an *integral part of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.***” Ask the learners to paraphrase in their own words and explain the meaning of the “catholic Church of Jesus Christ.” in today's context. How can young people relate with other faith communities who are also part of the catholic Church of Jesus Christ? How do we live out our being a catholic Church of Jesus Christ in this time of pandemic?

Applying the Lessons Learned

Youth Speak!

Let the learners' group into 2 and assign these following tasks to be reported later to the whole class.

Group 1

1. Identify other faith communities that your local church has been working with. (IFI, UMC, Roman Catholic, Evangelical Churches, etc.)
2. Give two to three activities that show our ties and partnership with these churches. (Example: Making PPE or Mask for the frontliners, Fundraising for the Stranded Passengers)

Group 2

1. Enumerate at least 5 churches that your local church can work with in doing God's mission in this time of pandemic? (IFI, UMC, Roman Catholic, Evangelical Churches, etc.)
2. Suggest projects that we can work together with other churches who are part of the Catholic Church of Jesus Christ. (Example: Youth Fellowship with IFI or Roman Catholic Groups)

Present your discussion to the whole class by assigning a reporter to summarize your whole discussion.

Closing Worship



Memory Verse:

“So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.”

Philemon 1:17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Offertory

Leader: We belong to Catholic Church of Jesus Christ, we are not alone in doing God's mission here on earth, we have partners and co-workers in God's vineyard. Let us then give for God loves cheerful givers.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response “Doxology” New Century Hymnal, 780

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: Accept our heartfelt gratitude to your grace and love O God. May you use our offerings to expand your work in doing good for your people. Amen.

+Closing Song

“FAMILY OF GOD”

GBB 11-06-07

<https://youtu.be/f32uG5B3PwU>

We come together as one, we're family in the household of God
Praising God to whom we belong,
the Source of ev'ry one's life

Chorus

In the love that we give, in the faith that we live
bringing us to a place we called home
In the care that we show, every joy we bestow
joining us in the family of God.

We live together as one, Sisters-brothers in the household of God
Knowing God the head of our home,
We live in community. (Cho.)

We serve together as one We're partners in the household of God
Bringing love, justice and peace
We serve with humility (Cho.)

We hope together as one We are heirs in the household of God
Seeing vision of newness of life
We hope for new reality (Cho.)

+Prayer of Dedication

Each learner will utter a prayer of commitment to God to live a life of Christ's holiness.
"I commit to be partners with other faith communities by _____"

Response

"Blessing Song" (With Body Movement)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o20ZAHahCrQ>

May the love of our God be with us as we serve
May God's loving presence fills our lives

May we live our faith and our love to our God
May we be God's instruments of God's peace.

Assignment for Next Sunday



Define what is the meaning of the phrase, "*apostolic Church of Jesus Christ*"?

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- d. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Tweeter, FB, Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 8: What do we mean by "apostolic Church of Jesus Christ"?

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020

General Concept: *The apostolic Church of Jesus Christ means that we trace back our beginning with the call, orientation of the apostles, and their teachings as handed to them by Jesus Christ.*

Biblical References: *Matthew 16: 13-18; 28:19-20, Acts 2:42-47, Romans 10:17-*

Age Level Concepts

- The apostolic Church of Jesus Christ means we trace back our beginning with the call, orientation of the apostles and their teachings as handed to them by Jesus Christ.
- The apostles were taught by Jesus and were "sent out/forth" (the meaning of apostle) to spread Christ's teachings

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to:

- Recognize that UCCP as an apostolic church of Jesus Christ.
- Trace UCCP rootedness to the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed down by the apostles to the Church.
- Appraise how UCCP manifest its being an apostolic church in today's context.

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket / Paypal/ GCash, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse

Background

Apostolic means "in line with the apostles." Some churches have interpreted this to mean that the bishops of the Church are connected by historical succession with the original apostles and therefore speak and act with the same authority. Most Protestant churches interpret "apostolic" to mean that the church must let itself be constantly judged and corrected by the original apostles as

we know them in the Bible. In this sense, "apostolic" is almost synonymous with "biblical." An apostolic-biblical church is marked by the pure preaching of the Word of God and the right administration of the sacraments according to the ordinances of Christ.

But that, however, is only half of it. The word "apostle" means "one who is sent." According to the New Testament, Christians enter into the company of God's people by baptism, hear the Word of God, receive new life and strength as they break bread together, and discipline themselves, to be sent back into the world as servants or "ambassadors" of Christ (II Corinthians 5:20). After all, the Christ who is proclaimed in word and sacrament was Himself an "Apostle" - one sent by God into the world not to be served but to serve and give his life for many (Mark 10:45). His followers in the New Testament heard Him say not only, "Come unto me," but also, "Go!" "as the Father has sent *me*, even so, I send you" (John 20:21).

An apostolic church, therefore, is by definition a church commissioned with a task to fulfill - and equipped by God Himself to do it (cf. I Corinthians 12:4-6; also Ephesians 4:11).

Matthew 16:13-18. *Declaration about Jesus.*

In the District of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked a question to his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is? They responded differently. "Some say you are John the Baptist, others say you are Elijah and others, Jeremiah." But Jesus directed the question to them, "Who do you say I am? Only Simon Peter was able to say, " You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." Jesus did not attribute it to Peter but prevailed by the Father through him. With such an answer Jesus said, "On this Rock, I will build my church where the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

Peter's confession is an intimate realization moved by the Father to see who Jesus is as the Son of God. Such confession defines how to be a true disciple of Christ which is the one who follows him in duty and shall follow him to glory. One has to walk in the same way Christ's walked and be led by His Spirit. Following Christ means a constant realization that one must deny oneself to follow Him and must take up one's cross.

Being an apostolic Church of Jesus Christ is to be able to answer these questions, "Who do we say Jesus is to us in this time of pandemic?" How to we live out our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of the world? How do we commit ourselves as faithful followers of Christ by taking up our cross and follow Christ's life, death, and resurrection?

Being an apostolic Church of Jesus Christ means to engage in the work of discipleship not just indwell with church doctrines and traditions. It is a movement with the urgency of letting God's people especially the least, lost and the last experience God's reign here on earth.

Suggested Lesson Outline



Doing your class through

a. ZOOM Application.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>

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b. Messenger Room. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKEUTnprtK4>

c. Classroom Context. Keep social distancing and wear one's Face Mask. Observe the washing of hands and disinfecting your classroom.

Greeting Time

(Post in ZOOM Share a Document- Picture: Love People the Way Jesus Loves You.)

Welcome each student with a smile as they participate in an online classroom through ZOOM or Messenger Room.

Songs of Gathering

Shabath Shalom

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRhco4fXDoA>)



Bimbambimbimbim, bimbimbimbimbim.2x

(Shabath Shalom (clap) 2x Shabath shabath shabathShabath

Shalom)2xShabath shalom, (shabth 2x) Shalom Shabath shalom, shabath

shalom Bimbam bimbimbim, bimbimbimbimbim.

Seh Yah Hum Buh

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fi-zd2k8wgQ>

Seh Yah hum buh Koo kah Nigh Nie Kwenkos (2x)

Seh Yah hum buh 2x Ohh!

Seh Yah Hum buh koo kah Nigh Nie kwenkos

We are marching in the light of God 2x We are marching 2x Ohh!

We are marching in the light of God.

Maglakaw sa kahayag sa Dyos,

Maglakaw kita kauban sa Dyos (2x)

Maglakaw kita uban Kaniya !Ohh!

Maglakaw kita kauban sa Dyos

“What Does the Lord Require”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjX_TE-bTA4

What does the Lord require of You?

What does the Lord require of You?

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness

and walk humbly with your God.

Opening Prayer

All: We love you that is why we seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you O God. Be with us as we learn more about seeking, loving, and walking with you. Amen.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth. Read the biblical text found in Matthew 16:13-18.

Points to Reflect On

1. What is the passage all about?
2. What does it tell about Jesus?
3. What does this message tell us today?
4. How do we as young people understand what it means to be an apostolic Church of Jesus Christ?

Lessons Learned



Allow a learner to read aloud *Section 1 of the UCCP Declaration of Principles together*, “Section 1. The United Church of Christ in the Philippines is an *integral part of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.*” Ask the learners to paraphrase in their own words and explain the meaning of “apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.” in today's context. How can young people able to understand and live out our being an apostolic Church in the time of pandemic?

Youth Speak!

Group the Class into 3 and assign a person to represent the group to talk about his/her understanding of a word or phrase that entails Jesus’ teachings and core values. Please show the word or phrase one after all 3 representatives have shared their piece.

1. Love your enemies (Luke 6:27)
2. Do not judge (Matthew 7:1)
3. I am the Vine You Are the Branches (John 15)
4. Love your neighbor as you love yourself (Matthew 22:39)
5. Seek first the Kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33)

Wrapping Up the discussion

Looking into the life and practice of our local church or UCCP as a whole, how can we say that we are truly apostolic ?

A representative of each group can answer the question and share the groups’ assessment.

Closing Worship



Memory Verse:

“Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah,[a] the Son of the living God.”
Matthew 16:16

Offertory

Leader: We belong to a long and rich heritage of faithful followers of Jesus Christ who were willing to give generously for the sake of

God's kingdom. Let us live out our being an Apostle Church of Jesus Christ by extravagantly share our blessings with others.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response Doxology NCH # 781
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: Accept these offerings as symbols of our loyalty and love for you alone O God. May you continue to bless us that we may also be God's blessing to your people. Amen.

+Closing Song "De Colores" New Century Hymnal, 402
(Sing of Colors)

De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera de colores,
de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de afuera De colores,
de colores es el arco iris que salir
Y por es los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mi,
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mi

Sing of colors, sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing;
Sing of colors of the birds that fly outside my window their canticles singing.
Sing of colors, in the rainbow's of colors God's promise of hope we recall;
Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.
Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.

Sing rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of creation,
Sing rejoicing, Sing to God who so earnestly cares, who has offered salvation
Sing the good news! Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all;
Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall.
Many colors that shine from God's face, many colors that tell us God's love to recall.

+Prayer of Dedication

Each learner will utter a prayer of commitment to God to live a life of Christ's holiness.
"I commit to live out our being as an apostolic Church of Jesus Christ by _____".

Response "Blessing Song" (With Body Movement)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o20ZAHahCrQ>
May the love of our God be with us as we serve
May God's loving presence fills our lives

May we live our faith and our love to our God
May we be God's instruments of God's peace

Assignment for Next Sunday



What does it mean to be a Protestant Church?
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70ivIrm7b3k> &
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qKk-BNUAf4>)

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of July:

- a. Make a promotional video of your online FB streaming inviting all FB viewers.
- b. Make a PPE for our front-liners. Identify the recipient hospital and staff. Make at least 10 complete sets of PPE
- c. Make a Vlog. Journey with God in the time of pandemic. Share how we experience God's presence amid pandemic.
- d. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Tweeter, FB, Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 9: What do we mean by "Protestant heritage"?

Communion Sunday

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 02, 2020

General Concept: Protestant heritage is a set of traditions and beliefs which we inherit from the Protestant reformers.

Biblical Reference/s: Genesis 28: 10-22

Age Level Concepts

- Protestant heritage is a set of traditions and beliefs which we inherit from the Protestant reformers.
- We bear witness to our Protestant heritage.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners should be able to

- Articulate their understanding on Protestant heritage
- Recognize the impact of our Protestant heritage to our Church's life and practice
- Differentiate the Church before and after the Reformation
- Suggest ways to integrate the learnings gained from the lesson in their youth activities

Materials:The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart, offering plate or basket,

Biblical Background:

Genesis 28:10-22

After getting the birthright from his brother Esau and the blessing from his father, Jacob left his family in Beer-sheba due to the death plot from his brother. He started his journey towards Haran. After a long and hard journey, he arrived at Bethel, forty miles away from Beer-sheba. Using a stone that served as his pillow, he falls into a deep sleep.

As he sleeps, he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on Earth, and at the top of it reached the heaven and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. According to Hebrews 1:14, angels serves as the ministering spirits to the heirs of salvation. Jacob's grandfather, Abraham, had received their blessed ministry (Genesis 18:1-16) as had Lot. Now Jacob would also share in this experience.

At the top of the ladder, Jacob saw the presence of God and for the first time, he heard God's voice confirming the covenant to Abraham, most specially God's promise that "I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done that of which I have spoken to you."

From that encounter with the living God, Jacob's life begins to assume a different perspective wherein he has found the gateway to God's dwelling and his assurance was reflected in the name that he was conferred into, "Israel". This turning point in Jacob's life becomes a moment of renewal in the history of God's dealing to all humankind.

Before the Reformation Period, our faith journey can be compared to the life and struggles of Jacob. From his struggles and experiences Jacob went through realizations that led to changes. In the 16th century, there were people in the Church who believed that changes should be made in terms of its systems, structure, teachings and practices. They were called "reformers". Erasmus, Huldrych Zwingli, Martin Luther, and John Calvin saw the corruption, exploitation and immorality and tried to stop it. The Reformation movement brought about the birth of Protestantism. Those who adhered to the much sought reforms separated from the Catholic Church and formed themselves another community of faith. They were later called "Protestants". Protestant churches today continued to strive to live out the principles the "reformers" have had bravely fought for.

Debates sparked among scholars and religious leaders as to the authority of the Bible, on the understanding of grace and salvation. The forerunners of the Reformation movement strongly stressed in their debates the following:

1. ***Sola Scriptura*** or by scripture alone. It asserts that all church traditions, creeds, and teaching must be in accordance to the teaching of the Scripture as divinely inspired by the Word of God. It also asserts that it should be interpreted through itself.

Before the Reformation, the Bible was only printed in Latin, not in local languages understandable to the hearers. It's printing was controlled and censored by the Church including religious services. Church goers have no way of checking whether the priest's words were biblically coherent or not.

2. **Sola Fide** or by faith alone. It asserts that good deeds or works do not determine salvation, it is by faith alone.

Before the Reformation, the Church sold certificates that gives assurance of absolution from sins (indulgence). Only rich people could buy their way into heaven while the poor could not – which was opposite of what the Bible says.

3. **Sola Gratia** or by grace alone. This assertion excludes the merit done by a person as part of achieving salvation. Sola Gratia is the teaching that salvation comes by divine grace or "unmerited favor" only, not as something merited by the sinner. This means that salvation is an gift from God through Jesus Christ.

These teachings we inherited from our Protestant forerunners served as a rich foundation of the Protestant churches' life and faith today. We need to embrace and pass it on from our generation to another – just as Jacob's struggle and encounter with God led to changes that impacted Israel's life and faith journey.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Greet the learners with your best smile. Instruct them that they will form a big circle for today's class while singing "We are in the Train" and while holding each other's shoulder and marching, as a reminder that everyone is a part of the train or the family of God.

Opening Songs

"We Are in the Train"

We are in the train of God (Choo! Choo!) (2x)

We are in the train of God's family, we are in the train of God

When I say chaka, when I say chiki

When I say chaka, chaka, chaka, chiki



(Note: When they hear the word "chaka" they should jump forward, while in "chiki" they should jump backward. They can repeat the song until the big circle was formed.)

Opening Hymn

After forming a big circle, invite everyone to remain standing and sing "We've Story to Tell to the Nations", as part of lesson introduction.

"We've Story to Tell to the Nation"

We've story to tell to the nation, that they shall turn their hearts to the right
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light

Chorus:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning and the dawning to noonday bright
Christ's great kingdom shall come to the Earth, the kingdom of love and light

We've story to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord
A song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword
And shatter the spear and sword (*Repeat Chorus*)

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigns above
Has sent us the Christ to save us, and show us that God is love
And show us that God is love (*Repeat Chorus*)

We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod
That all of the world's great peoples, might come to the truth of God
Might come to the truth of God (*Repeat Chorus*)

(Note: Before praying, you might ask two to three volunteers to tell one phrase about the message of the song.)



Opening Prayer

Dear Lord, our wonderful Savior, we come to you this day to glorify You, give thanks to You and learn new things through Your message in our lesson today. Give us wisdom to understand our lesson. Make us Your instrument to actualize our learnings in our daily living. Amen.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Let the whole class read Genesis 28:13-15. Group them into two to discuss and answer the following questions.

1. Why did Jacob leave his family in Beer-sheba?
2. What did he dream about when he fell asleep?
3. In the dream, what did God promise to Jacob?
4. After the encounter with God, what happened to Jacob?

(Note: Ask one representative per group to present their answers. Give them claps afterwards.)

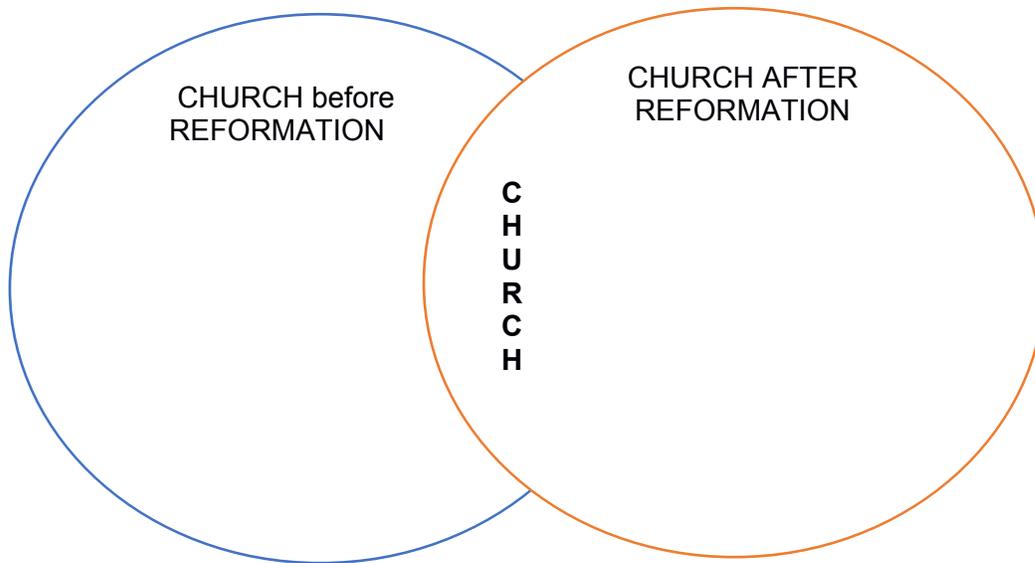
Lessons Learned



After the encounter with God, Jacob undergone many changes in his life – perspective, personality, actions, and even his name. Those changes were a manifestation of obedience to God's will and upholding God's promise.

The Church, underwent also many changes to correct the mistakes made by the church and its people. Those changes happened in 16th century during the Reformation period.

Now, using our knowledge gained from our lesson in Social Studies at school and in our Communicant class, differentiate the Church before (16th century) and the Church after the Reformation using a Venn Diagram. And reflect on the question afterwards.



Points for Reflection: What are impacts of these changes to our church today? In our society?

Applying the Lessons Learned

Instruct the learners to meet as an organization (local CYF). Ask them to plan on how they can integrate their learnings in their youth activities (*e.g. Retreat, Fellowship, etc.*) especially the challenge on how to bear witness to our Protestant heritage in these changing times.

Ask someone to report on the proposed mechanics or concept of the activity.

Closing Worship

Offertory



“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess His name.” Hebrews 13:15.

Closing Hymn

“Forward Through the Ages”

Forward through the ages in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine

Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold service, one the sure reward

Chorus:

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine

Wide grows wide dominion, reign of love and peace,
For it we must labor till all striving cease
Prophets have proclaimed it, teachers testified,
Poets sung its glory, martyrs for it died
(Repeat Chorus)

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall,
In each lost or triumph, lose or triumph all
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
Move we on together to the shining goal
(Repeat Chorus)

Closing Prayer

Our loving God, we continue to thank you for all the wonderful blessings that we received today. We thank you for the rich experiences of learning and for the knowledge we gained. Thank you for reminding us of our rich journey of faith. May we be Your instrument to share this knowledge to others and may we bear as witness to our Protestant heritage in these changing and trying times. Amen.

Assignment for Next Sunday: Ask your parents what it means being a “reformed church.”



Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of August: Mission Month

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2. Film Showing. Download the film entitled, “The Mission”. Schedule a film showing and reflection activity.
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Lesson 10: What do we mean by being a “reformed church?”

General Concept: *The UCCP aligns itself with the Reformation movement of the 16th century that brought significant changes in the beliefs, system and structure of the Church then.*

Biblical References: 2 Kings 22:1-20, 23:1-20

Age Level Concepts

- The UCCP aligns itself with the Reformation movement of the 16th century that brought significant changes in the beliefs, system and structure of the Church then.
- We affirm our reformed tradition.
- We live out the examples of our reformed traditions and beliefs.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners should be able to

- Compare the story of Reformation movement to Josiah's reign and reforms
- Appreciate the significance of the changes that happened in the church
- Affirm our reformed tradition
- Assess how the church as a body lived out the reformed tradition and beliefs

Materials: Manila paper/cartolina, marker, bible, song chart

Biblical Background

2 Kings 22:1-20, 23:1-20

Josiah, a good king in the eyes of the writer of book of Kings, like his ancestor Joash nearly 200 years before, raised money to repair the Temple. During the repairs and process of cleaning the temple, Hilkiah, the high priest found the Book of Laws. This was apparently a copy, or the copy, of what we have now as Pentateuch. Being brought to the king and upon reading the law, Josiah realized that they are living far from these teachings.

He asked the high priests to speak to the Lord for him and for the people, concerning the law and the nation's disobedience. They asked the prophetess Huldah for the meaning of the rediscovered law. Huldah prophesied that the nation will suffer all the calamities according to what was written on the book for their disobedience but because Josiah had been so repentant, the calamities would not happen during his lifetime.

Josiah read the law publicly, facilitate the reformation and led the nation in repentance, and renew the covenant. The temple was cleaned out, foreign objects of worship was burned outside Jerusalem and the ashes was brought to Bethel, pagan religions were removed, destroyed the altar set up by Jeroboam at Bethel, and led the people in the celebration of the Pass-over and in following the commandments.

Just like the Jerusalem, where King Josias led, our church – the United Church of Christ in the Philippines is also a product of reformation movement, where it aligns itself, where significant changes in beliefs, system and structure of the Church was brought.

Actually, change as understood by the Reformers, for our church to be reformed, was bringing back the church to where it should be, based on the scriptures, as they felt that the church was journeying in wrong direction. Reformation was a “corrective move” from the wrong direction that the church was moving into.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Greet the learners with your best smile. Welcome the new attendees and greet the birthday celebrants, if there is any.

Opening Hymn “Binabago Mo Ako Araw-araw”



Binabago Mo ako araw-araw, binabago mo ako araw-araw
Ngayon, bukas, at kailanman, ang pag-ibig Mo ay laging sapat.

Chorus:

Ang pag-ibig ng Diyos ay laging sariwa, Sa bawat umagang kay ganda
Kaya’t dapat na ang buhay ko, Sa umaga ay laging bago.

(Note: Ask the learners to tell the message of the song in one word. Expectedly, most of them will answer “change”. You can also ask them why we should undergo change.)

Opening Prayer

Invite everyone to form a big circle and hold each other’s hand as we pray.

Lord, our Wonderful Savior and Almighty, we continue to worship you and glorify you for this meaningful day. We know that you will reveal your message through our lessons this day. Help us to understand and open our hearts for the new learnings that we will be gaining today. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Ask the learners to read 2 Kings 22:1-20, 23:1-20 loud and clear. After reading, divide the class into two and ask them to discuss and answer the following questions.

1. What was the setting of the story?
2. What was discovered while cleaning up the temple?
3. What was the impact of the discovery to the king?
4. What was the interpretation of the prophetess to the book that was discovered?

5. What was its impact to Jerusalem?
6. How would you compare the changes that happen in the life of God's people during Josiah's reign to our church right now?

Lessons Learned

Regroup the class into two, and ask them to fall in line. Instruct them to provide an answer, one by one, to the table chart posted in their area. The group who will get the highest number of correct answers within five minutes will be the winner.

Changes in Jerusalem after the Discovery of Book of Laws	Changes to our Churches brought by the Reformation

Points for Reflection: Why should God's people during Josiah's reign and our church undergo changes? Why does UCCP should adhere to these changes?



Applying the Lessons Learned

We learned that our church is a reformed church, so being part of that reformed church, we (just like our organizations) should live out our reformed tradition and beliefs to which UCCP aligns itself.

At this moment, allow the learners to discuss and assess their organization collectively.

Guide Questions;

- Does your organization live out as an example of our reformed traditions and beliefs?
- If yes, what are the specific programs that manifests your answer?
- If not, what are the specific programs that will help your organization to live out these traditions and beliefs?

- What are the new programs that your organization can still add to your existing plan in living out as an example?
- What will be the impact of your mentioned programs to our church and to our society being part of the reformed church?

Closing Worship

Offertory

“Our offering is also an act of worship. Our offering provides us the opportunity in responding in gratitude to the grace, mercy and love of God and put their faith and trust in the Lord into Action.” Let us offer.



Closing Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound! That save a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise, than when we’ve first began

Closing Prayer

Lord Almighty, our praise to you continues. Thank you Lord for the blessing of wisdom that helped us to understand our lesson. We realized that change is necessary to correct our mistakes and as part of our growing up. May You continue to use us in the ministry and help us as we live out as an example to our reformed tradition and beliefs. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.



Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of August: Mission Month

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Lesson 11: What are our distinguishing characters being a reformed church?

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General Concept: A reformed church is Christ-centered, biblically grounded, missionary in character, has its own polity and set of beliefs.

Biblical References: John 14:6, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 12:28

Age Level Concepts

- A reformed church is Christ-centered, biblically grounded, missionary in character, has its own polity and set of beliefs.
- The UCCP bears the characters of a reformed church.
- We affirm our identity as a reformed church.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners should be able to:

- Distinguish characters of a reformed church
- Affirm and appreciate the characters of UCCP as a reformed church
- List down specific actions that a UCCP member manifest being a member of the reformed church

Materials: Bible, Marker, Manila Paper, Song Chart

Biblical Background:

Reformation during the 16th century brought changes to our churches right now – bring back the churches to where it should be. From a church that journeys to the wrong path, it was corrected, and now called as a reformed church.

Being a reformed church have distinguishing character/characteristics – primarily resulted from the aspects that was corrected from the early churches.

1. A reformed church is Christ-centered. Early churches used money to pay for their sins and to bring them salvation. It was corrected by our reformers and they taught us that Jesus is “the only way, the truth and the life, and no one can go to the Father without Christ (John 14:6) Jesus Christ was brought to us to save us from our sins.

2. A reformed church is biblically grounded. Before the reformation period, there is no assurance if teachings of the church were correct since the priest only spoke at their own language and based on their desire. No one can correct them due to the bible were only for priest and was not interpreted to their own language. Through the reformation, our churches were biblically grounded; all the decisions and journey of the church was not based on the desire of our church workers and leaders, it was biblically based. Why? It’s because “scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

3. A reformed church is missionary in character. In early churches, only the priest has the only right in the ministries and all aspects of the church, it was also corrected during the reformation period, wherein the reformers pushed for the “priesthood of all believers”. That all who believe in God are part of the church and was called to work in the different ministries. Our God said, “go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Mat. 28:19-20).” Our God didn’t call only one person, but all of us.

4. A reformed church has its own polity and set of beliefs. As we can notice, our church has its principles – beliefs that serves as our basis in the journey of our church (just what we learn in Lesson 9) and own structure from physical to its administration and its ministry. It was not run by only one person or by the rich people, like the early churches. It was run by all the members of the church who were given by the Spirit different talents and skills and called for service (1 Corinthians 12:28).

All in all, United Church of Christ in the Philippines, as a reformed church have these characteristics.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Greet the learners with your best smile. Welcome the new attendees and greet the birthday celebrants, if there is any.

Opening Hymn “Ang mga Iglesia ni Kristo” MASP 218



Ang mga iglesia ni Kristo, ang tanging layon,
Sa lahat ng taong may damdaming relihiyon
Ay maitanyag si Kristo’y Diyos at Panginoong,
dapat sundin sa buong panahon.

Chorus:

Masiglang magsiawit na may paninindigan,
At laging ibandila ang pagsasamahan
Oo, sa bigkis na matibay ng Kanyang pagmamahal,
Hanggang makamantan ang tagumpay

Pagsikapang ang lagablab ay panumbalikin,
Sa paghahayag ng ating gintong layunin
Ang Banal na Kasulatan ang palaging sundin,
Tayo’y sasamahan sa lakbayin
(Repeat Chorus)

Walang batayan kundi Banal na Kasulatan,
walang tuntunin kundi si Kristong marangal
Walang ibang ngalan liban sa Kristyano lamang,

ito ang aming paninindigan
(Repeat Chorus)

Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, our God, we praise you for this wonderful and meaningful day. Thank you for the blessings of wisdom that You are going to give upon us to understand our lesson for today. Open our hearts and minds to understand it deeper. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Divide the class into four. Assign one biblical reference to each group. Instruct the learners to reflect on it and answer the following questions.

1. What specific characteristic of the church does the verse/s talk about?
2. How can you relate it to the early Church?
3. What is the impact of it to our churches right now?
4. What is the relevance of having this character to our church?

Lessons Learned

Post a table chart in front. Instruct the learners to write specific actions done by our church that manifest its corresponding characteristic as a reformed church.

Characteristic of the Church	Specific Actions/Examples
Christ-centered	
Biblically Grounded	
Missionary in Character	
With own polity and beliefs	

Point of Reflection: What is the impact of all these characters in the UCCP as a whole?



Applying the Lessons Learned

Instruct the learners to reflect personally and list down specific actions that they should show/do as part of a reformed church. Use the same template from the previous activity.

Closing Worship

Offertory

“And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” (Mark 12:41-44). Let us offer.

Closing Hymn

“Find Us Faithful”



We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,
And those who've gone before us line the way.
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace.

Chorus:

O may all who come behind us find us faithful,
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave, lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
O may all who come behind us find us faithful.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us run the race not only for the prize,
But as those who've gone before us.
Let us leave to those behind us, the heritage of faithfulness
Passed on thru godly lives.
(Repeat Chorus)

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,
And our children sift thru all we've left behind,
May the clues that they discover,
And the mem'ries they uncover,
Become the light that leads them,
To the road we each must find.
(Repeat Chorus)

Closing Prayer (Ask one volunteer to lead the prayer)



Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of August: Mission Month

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Lesson 12: What do we mean by “Reforming Church”?

Mission Sunday

First Sunday in Kingdomtide
August 23, 2020

General Concept: The UCCP as a reforming church continues to uphold changes in accordance to God’s word and the call of times.

Biblical References: Matthew 9:16-17

Age Level Concepts

- The UCCP as a reforming church continues to uphold changes in accordance to God’s word and the call of times
- We work for the continuous reformation of our church

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners should be able to:

- Discuss the reasons why our church is a “reforming church”
- Analyze the importance of the continuous reformation of the church
- Show the historical journey of our church from the early church, during reformation period and in the present thru a table chart
- Present a short skit that shows the importance of having a continuous reforms in the church

Materials: Bible, Manila Paper/cartolina, Marker, Song chart

Biblical Background:

Matthew 9:16-17

“Jesus has come and bring the radical gospel of Good News for to the poor, the marginalized, the oppressed, the sick, the brokenhearted (4:18-19). Jesus speaks with authority, rather than the justification of the scribes. Their man-made rules of who he can eat with and how he should fast would just get in the way. Jesus, on the other hand, is aiming to expose again the heart of the ancient faith. He helps them to return anew to love for God and for one's neighbor, to do mercy and love justice and walk humbly with their God. These are the core of the Hebrew faith -- its life, not the dead Pharisaical external traditions that offer an appearance of faithfulness but don't change the heart (refer to Colossians 2:23).

We might think that this is a dead issue, but it has a way of raising its head again and again. Paul, trained as a strict Pharisee, grasps the radical nature of salvation by grace through faith, and goes preaching it confidently throughout the Mediterranean. Soon he is called on the carpet to explain why he isn't imposing the familiar Jewish regulations on his Gentile exchanges (Acts 15). He has to insist that we are free in Christ, so we must not become knotted again in a legalistic religion trying to pass itself off as Christianity (refer to Galatians 5, for example). The Judaizers try to infect church after church with their legalism; the recipients of the Letter to the Hebrews are tempted to turn again to the regulations of Judaism. Yes, legalism and an external faith are problems of every generation.

Why is that so? At the close of his parable of the wineskins, Jesus puts it this way: "And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, 'The old is better' " (5:39). It is easier to fall back to what is familiar and comfortable, and justify that, rather than launch out into a life guided not by laws and regulations but led by the Voice of the Spirit of God. The two are opposites, the old and the new. You cannot combine them without destroying both.

No, Jesus, insists, the Gospel of the Kingdom must not be hindered by the man-made rules of the Pharisees' religion. It must be free to work its power unfettered. The New Wine may not be as smooth to the tongue, and finely aged as old wine. It may be a bit sharp and unrefined. But it is alive. You can't contain it in old structures. You must find new wineskins for it or none at all.”
(Adapted from Jesus Walk Bible Study Series – New Wine in Old Skin by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson)

Similar to the meaning of the parables, there is still a need for our church to continue its reformation or to keep it reforming. Why? Due to the call of times, our church should respond accordingly and properly. We cannot respond to the needs of the new generation and we cannot teach the good news to them using our old approaches and techniques. And most of all, we cannot insist the old traditions to them if there are more practical things that everybody should believe.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Greet the learners with your best smile. Welcome the new attendees and greet the birthday celebrants, if there is any.

Opening Hymn

“Bago”

Kalagin ang gapos ng nakaraan,



Buhay ay ilaan upang tahakin ang bagong daan
 Paliko likong landas, tinuwid na ng Mesias,
 at ang bagong lupa't langit ay bukas

Chorus:

May isang husto ang isip, bagong habi ay ginamit
 upang itagpi sa punit ng lumang damit
 May isang sapat sa gulang, bagong alak nang sinalang,
 ay isang lumang tapayan ang pinaglagyan

Palitan na ang lumang kalakaran,
 mga patakarang pamatok ng relihiyong pasan
 Palabas na pambanal, seremonyas at ritwal,
 sa halip ay katarungan at dangal
(Repeat Chorus)

Kung noon ang naghahari ay galit, ngayon ang kapalit,
 pakikitungong di mapagkait
 Pagkakaugnay-ugnay, pagkakapantay-pantay,
 bagong araw, bagong sisidlang gabay
 Bagong buwan, bagong tipan, bagong buhay

Opening Prayer

Lord, we come to You this day, to glorify You, to give You thanks, and to reflect on Your message for all of us. Help us to understand Your message through giving us enough wisdom. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth

Group the learners into two and instruct them to read and reflect on Luke 13:33-39, and answer the following questions:

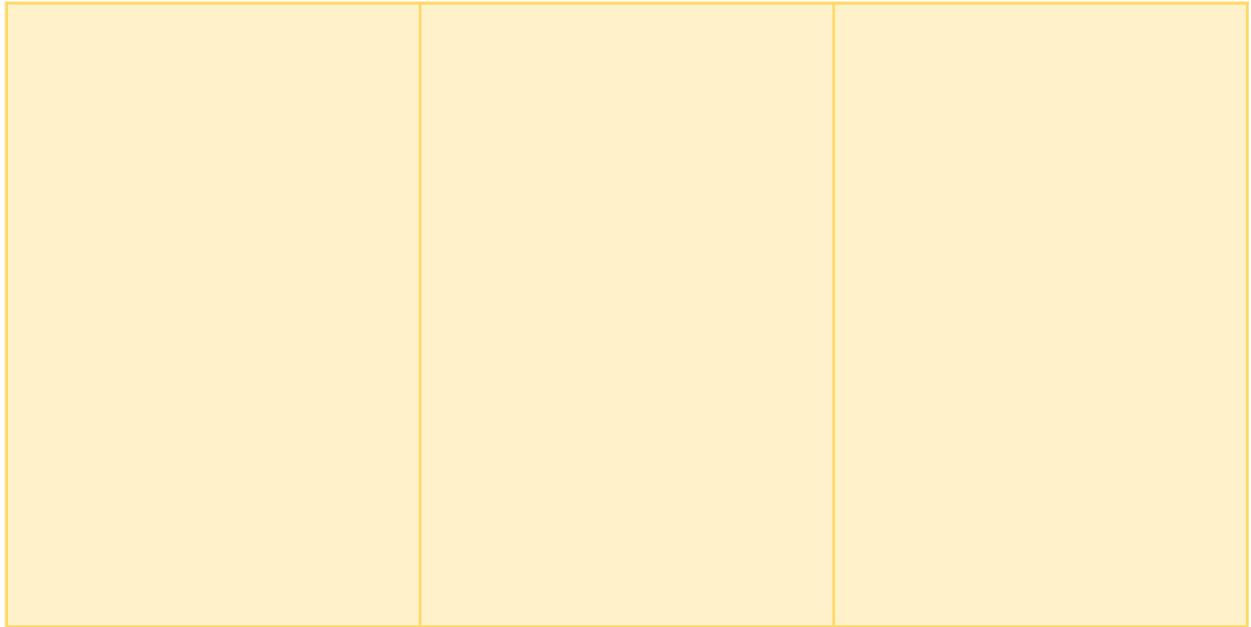


1. What is the setting of the story?
2. What are the two parables that Jesus used to respond to the speculations of the audience?
3. How are you going to relate the two parables to the continuous reformation of our church?

Lessons Learned

Using a table chart, ask the learners to compare the historical development of our church from the early church, during reformation period and in the present.

Early Church	During Reformation Period	Present



Points of Reflection: Is it important for our church to keep on reforming? Why?



Applying the Lessons Learned

Group the learners into two. Instruct them to discuss the importance of the continuous reformation of our church. Tell them that they will present their output thru a short skit.

Closing Worship

Offertory

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Closing Hymn

“When I Remember”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ci2lcU_tEjU

When I remember what the Lord has done
I’ll never go back anymore, anymore
When I remember what the Lord has done
I’ll never go back anymore
No, no, no, no, no, I’ll never go back anymore (2x)



Repeat All (2x)

Closing Prayer

Lord, our God, we thank You for the continuous lessons and messages that You gave us. Help us and guide us to be Your instrument to respond to the need to continuously change as a church. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



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The month of August: Mission Month

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Lesson 13: Why do we need to continuously reform?

Second Sunday in Kingdomtide

August 30, 2020

General Concept: The UCCP continues to reform itself in order to be relevant and responsive to the challenges of these changing times.

Biblical References: 1 Corinthians 13:9-12

Age Level Concepts:

- The UCCP continues to reform itself to be relevant in its response to the challenges of these changing times.
- The UCCP continues to reform itself to effectively and efficiently respond to the needs of its members.
- We involve ourselves in our church’s efforts to continuously change in order to be relevant and responsive to the call of times.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners should be able to:

- Compare their perspective of the church before (as new members) and their current perspective
- Articulate the importance of continuous reformation of the church in responding to the needs of its members, the church itself, and to the society
- Assess the organization on how it involves itself to the church’s effort on its continuous reformation

Materials: Manila Paper/cartolina, Marker, Song chart, Bible, Pen, Paper

Biblical Background:

1 Corinthians 13:9-12

Our knowledge and skills on preaching the good news is said to be “only in part”, “imperfect” or “not enough” in these changing and challenging times. It is comparable to the cognitive development of a human. When we were a child, we can see the image of something in not so clear perspective and meaning. But, as the time goes by and as we explore things, learn and became mature, the image that we saw comes with a greater picture.

The words “only in part”, “imperfect”, and “not enough”, does not literally mean that our efforts, knowledge and skills in the ministry were non sense. But, we are in the state of learning daily and going through the process of development in order to respond to the call of times.

Our church – the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, continues to reform itself in order to be relevant and responsive to the challenges of these changing times. We cannot respond to the needs of our church and society if we keep on using old and traditional approaches since situations and approaches has changed and continuously changing. We should learn new things to cope up and respond to the current needs so that the direction of our church’s journey will not be obscure.

And most of all, as our church continue to reform itself to be more effective and efficient in its response to the needs not only of members but of society as well,we need partake and adapt to this continuous change.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Greet the learners with your best smile. Welcome the new attendees and greet the birthday celebrants, if there is any.

Opening Hymn

Allow the learners to listen to the song and watch the dance steps. Afterwards, instruct them to sing and dance together.

“I Wanna Do Right”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlxxuTV-5vk>

I wanna do right, wanna do what's right, I'm gonna give You all of my life
I put my trust in You, Jesus, And You'll show me, show me how to do right



Chorus:

Hey, hey, every word I say, Ooh, ooh, I wanna be like You
Oh, my, my, every day goes by, I wanna be more like You
I wanna be more like You

(Repeat first stanza then chorus)

Bridge:

I was made to give You praise, Make me more like You
I was made to give You praise, Make me more like You

In all I do. *(Repeat Chorus)*

Opening Prayer

Our Loving God, we continue to praise You and glorify You for this wonderful day. We thank You for all the blessings and changes You gave into our lives. And as we start our lesson for this day, help us to understand it and apply it in our daily lives by guiding us and giving us enough wisdom. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth



Instruct the learners to read the 1 Corinthians 13:9-12 and choose one word or a short phrase that first sink into their mind. Afterwards, allow the learners to share it one by one in a big group.

After the sharing of reflections, the teacher should facilitate the processing by summarizing the answers of the learners and compare it to how human beings develop physically, mentally and socially.

Lessons Learned

Give the learners a piece of paper and pen. Instruct them to fold it into two and in lengthwise position. On the first column, allow them to write their perspectives about the church when they were new members of the church or when they were young. On the other column, allow them to write their current perspective or viewpoint about the church.

Previous Perspective on the Church	Current Perspective on the Church

Points of Reflection:

1. What do you think are the reasons why our church should continue reforming?
2. How do you see our church if it does not continue reforming?
3. How do you see yourself as member of the church from this day on to the next five to ten years?

Applying the Lessons Learned



Allow the learners to talk in a big group as part of the organization. Instruct them to assess the organization on how it involves itself to the church's effort to continue reforming itself in these changing times. Let them to write the summary of their discussion in a manila paper/cartolina afterwards.

Guide Questions;

1. Does your organization also continue reforming itself, along with the church? How?
2. What are the specific programs of the organization that manifest its continuous reformation?
3. How can you see the organization as youth arm of the church in the next five to ten years as it continues changing?

Closing Worship

Offertory

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess His name.” Hebrews 13:15

Closing Hymn “Tinig ng Pag aawitan” MASP 70

Tinig ng pag-aawitan ang siyang naririnig,
Kawal ng katotohanan ang siyang nananaig,
Sa larangan ng digma ang watawat ay pag-ibig,
Hayo't makisanib.



Chorus:

Lakad, lakad, huwag umurong, si Hesus ay siyang katulong
Lakad, lakad, magpatuloy, tagumpay mayroon.

Hukbo ng kalalakihan ang siyang nangunguna,
sa lahat ng gawaing nauukol sa iglesya,
Ang mga kababaihan ang siyang pangalawa,
Hayo't makisama.
(Repeat Chorus)

Kabataan, maglingkod sa piling ng Panginoon,
Huwag ka ng magpaliban pagkat ngayon ang panahon,
Di ka dapat mangamba ang Diyos ay Siyang tutulong,
Lakad, magpatuloy
(Repeat Chorus)

Pagtulungang itatag ang kaharian ni Hesus,
mga kawal ng sama'y piliting lansaging lubos
At ng upang lumaya kaluluwang nakagapos,
Hayo't makihamok.
(Repeat Chorus)

Closing Prayer

O Lord and Savior, our continuous praise and thanksgiving is given to you. We thank You for the wisdom that you have given us to understand our lesson. Lord, we thank You for Your message and we are asking for Your continuous guidance as we apply our lessons learned to our daily lives and as we partake in the continuous reformation of our church in responding to the needs of its members, itself, and society. In Jesus name we pray. Amen



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Lesson 14: Why is UCCP a “united church”?

CEN Sunday

Third Sunday in Kingdomtide
September 06, 2020

General Concept: We are united because we have a common mission to proclaim Christ and our unity gives credibility to our witness and service.

Biblical References: Psalms 133:1; Ephesians 4:3; John 17:21

Age Level Concepts:

- We are united because we have a common mission to proclaim Christ.
- Our unity enhances our witness and service.
- We are united through the organic union of different denominations and traditions.
- We pray and work to keep and strengthen the unity of the church.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners should be able to

- Tell how the UCCP was formed
- Appreciate different traditions from different denominations that founded the UCCP

- Cite some examples on how our church can keep and strengthen its unity

Materials: Manila paper/cartolina, Marker, Bible, Song Chart, Printed research on the traditions of different denominations that founded the UCCP

Biblical Background:

Psalm 133:1

The theme of the Psalm is clear and concise in the first verse. Having all members of the extended family or tribe that lives together with harmony and unity is a marvelous thing, good and pleasant. It affirms and celebrates the life of community according to how God intends them to live - a life with God, a life under God, a life for God.

John 17:20-26

In John 17:20-26 Jesus prays for the believers that they might have spiritual unity, that they might be spiritually mature, and they might behold Christ's glory.

However, in Ephesians 4:1-16, Paul begins by giving meaning on the general purpose of Christian life: exhibiting Christ's love with one another, promoting unity in faith and attaining the whole measure of fullness. These can be accomplished in the church by applying properly the gifts that each member has and by achieving maturity in the knowledge of truth. And most of all, being united by faith in Christ, believers should prove themselves worthy. They should be at peace with each other, remembering all that they have in common.

If we are going to review the history of our church – the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, from the word itself “united”, we came from the unity of different Protestant unions and denominations. We became united because we had a common mission to proclaim Christ which is manifested through the church's witness and service. We became united through the organic union of different denominations and traditions, namely; United Brethren, Church of Christ Disciples, Congregationalist, Presbyterian, and IEMELIF (Iglesia Evangelica en las Islas Filipinas)

And as of this time, just like the prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are also praying and working to keep and strengthen the unity of our church.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Greet the learners with your best smile. Welcome the new attendees and greet the birthday celebrants, if there is any.

Opening Hymn

Lead the learners in singing the song. The teacher might ask the learners to create a basic step that will show unity among the group.

“Magagawa Natin”



Magagawa natin ang lahat ng bagay
Ang lahat ng bagay sa mundo
Isang hindi bagay ay hindi magagawa
Hindi magagawang nag-iisa
Malulutas natin ang mga problema
Kung tayo'y magkakaisa
Ang sulirani'y dagling mapaparam
At may bagong buhay.

(Repeat the song faster)

Opening Prayer

Oh God Almighty, we praise You and glorify You this day. We want also to thank You for the continuous blessings that you give us every day. As we start our new lesson for this day, we are praying for Your guidance and wisdom to understand our lesson. Help us assess ourselves as part of Your church in our continuing journey to do your mission. In Jesus's Mighty Name we pray. Amen.

Learning Time



Discovering the Biblical Truth

Allow the learners read the Psalms 133:1, Ephesians 4:3, and John 17:21.

Instruct them to reflect on the three verses and relate its message to our church in terms of achieving or keeping the unity. Afterwards, allow the learners to share their reflection one by one in a big group.

After the presentation/reporting, the teacher may process the answers from the learners and tell a brief history of UCCP. (*Download file from our UCCP website at uccpchurch.com*)

Lessons Learned

Read-Pair-Share. Give the printed researches on the traditions of different denominations that founded the UCCP to the learners. Allow them to do it within three minutes. Afterwards, instruct them to share what they've read to their seatmates, as many as they can so that they will be knowledgeable on the matter within five to ten minutes.

After their discussion with their seatmates, choose learners who will report what they've learned and ask them to reflect on the following;



1. Where do we locate these traditions in our church today?
2. How does our church maintain its unity despite these differences?

Applying the Lessons Learned

Post two manila paper/cartolina on the board. Group the learners into two and instruct them to write the examples or specific actions on how our church keep and strengthen its unity. The group that will have a highest number of correct answers will be declared as the winner.

How our church keeps and strengthens the unity?	
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Closing Worship

Offertory

“Whoever can be trusted with very little will also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much,” Luke 16:10

Closing Hymn

“A United and Uniting Church”



Refrain:

A united and uniting church, that we may all be one
Reformed and transforming in mission and in faith
Onward UCCP, building God’s kingdom of peace

Come, let us all remember, a heritage of faithfulness
Of ardent men and women, devoted to Christ’s way
Covenanting as one together, with God’s spirit sole enabler
(Repeat Refrain)

Come, lets reclaim together, the vision of the pioneers
To serve beyond all burdens, reach out to one and all
In obedience to God's divine will, we seek for the reign of God
(Repeat Refrain)

Come, dreamers, visionaries, examples of true witnesses
Leaving the trace of footprints, for people to tread on
With a burning faith and commitment, proclaiming God's message of love
(Repeat Refrain)

Closing Prayer

God, our Loving Father, we thank you for reminding us how our church was founded. We thank you for helping us appreciate the different traditions in our church. As part of the church, we are praying for Your continuous guidance so that we can keep and strengthen the unity among us. Bind us with Your wisdom and love. In the Mighty of our Lord Jesus, we pray, Amen.



Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

The month of September: Christian Education Month

1. Make a promotional video of your online FB streaming inviting all FB viewers.
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Lesson 15: What are the manifestations of being a united church?

Children's Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Kingdomtide
September 13, 2020

General Concept: The UCCP being a united church is manifested in its collective confession, in its common practices despite diverse heritage; in its common vision, mission and goals; polity and programs.

Biblical References: Philippians 2:1-11; Ephesians 2:19-21

Age Level Concepts

- The UCCP manifests its being a united church in its collective confession (SOF), in its common Vision, Mission and Goals, its polity (UCCP-CBL) and programs.

- The UCCP is diverse in its heritage but developed common practices and traditions.
- We uphold the unity of our church.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners should be able to

- Cite examples of the manifestations of the unity of our church
- Appreciate the diverse heritage and the common practices and traditions of our church
- Commit to participate in actions and efforts in upholding the unity of the church
- Present a poster that shows the role of youth in upholding the unity of the church

Materials: Song Chart, Manila Paper, Coloring Materials, Cartolina, Marker, Bible, Printed Copy of UCCP Statement of Faith, Vision, Mission and Goal, Constitution and By-laws, and Church Program Plan

Biblical Background

Philippians 2:1-11

As we reflect on Paul’s letter to the first church in Europe that he had founded, while he was jailed, we can say that he was concerned for the believers and Christian workers in Philippians. It was the time when Christian workers were influenced by the false teachings proliferating that time. Paul kept on reminding them how should they live and serve.

Jesus’ life was used to inspire them and correct them of their wrong doings. Paul emphasized that serving and living with Jesus Christ is not just full of sacrifice, but there is grace waiting for them. He reminded them to have the same mind, same love, being in full accord, and most of all, to avoid selfishness and to maintain their humility, just like what Christ did.

Paul gives four reasons why Christians should have greater unity between them: the encouragement given them by Christ; the power of Christ's love working in them; the common sharing they have in the same Spirit; and the sympathetic kindness that God's children should show to each other. Although the Philippians bring Paul much joy, that joy will not be complete till there is genuine unity among them (2:1-2). They are not to be concerned solely with their own spiritual progress, for this can lead to self-satisfaction and pride. They must learn to look for and admire the good points in others (3-4) (*The Bridgeway Bible Commentary*)

In these changing and challenging times, our nation is full of false teachings; selfishness is really existing, and the people are divided. Most of us are always thinking about ourselves only, thinking only on possessing certain things, not on what they can do or give for certain people. We forgot to live and live out what our Lord Jesus Christ commanded us to do.

With this, our church is continuously called to live out its mission, “to be a salt and light to the Earth”, and “to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save His people.” The church’s response to the continuous call for unified action are manifested and continue to manifest through our church’s Statement of Faith, Vision, Mission and Goals, Constitution and By-laws, and through our programs.

And most of all, the CYF as the youth arm of the church has also a significant role in upholding the unity of our church and should also manifest its unity through its life and actions.

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Greet the learners with your best smile. Instruct the learners who celebrated their birthday within the week or who will celebrate their birthday next week to stand and allow their classmates to greet them by singing “Happy Birthday Song”.

Opening Hymn

Facilitate the learners in singing the song. The teacher can also teach the dance steps of the song to make it lively.

“This Little Light of Mine”

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCdzSEvTk7s>)



Refrain:

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(Repeat All 2x)

Jesus is the light, I'm gonna let Him shine
Jesus is the light, I'm gonna let Him shine
Jesus is the light, I'm gonna let Him shine
Let Him shine, let Him shine, let Him shine

I will stomp my feet, and I will clap my hand and shout (shout)
I will run a round, I jump out the ground and shout (shout)
I will stomp my feet, and I will clap my hand and shout (shout)
I will run a round, I jump out the ground and shout (shout)
(Repeat Refrain)

Opening Prayer

Our Almighty God, You are worthy to be praised and adored. We thank You for the blessing of a new day in our life. We thank You for guiding us as we continue to heed Your call us to serve You, Your church, and Your people. As we start our day, we are praying for guidance and wisdom so that we may understand Your message through our lesson today. In the Mighty Name of our Lord Jesus, Amen.

Learning Time



Discovering the Biblical Truth

Instruct the learners to read Philippians 2:1-11 and Ephesians 2:19-21. After reading the verses, ask the learners the following questions;

1. In Philippians 2:1-11, what examples are portrayed by Jesus Christ for the believers?
2. In Ephesians 2:19-21, what are the main points that the author wants to imply?
3. How are we going to relate the two biblical references to our church?

Lessons Learned



Divide the class into four and give the one printed copy of UCCP documents (*refer to materials to prepare*) in each group. Allow them to browse it within ten minutes and answer the given questions afterwards. Write their answers on the manila paper and post it on the board afterwards.

1. How does the UCCP manifest its being united through the document assigned to your group?
2. How does it help the church to have common practices and traditions considering the different practices and traditions that exist?

Applying the Lessons Learned

Instruct the learners to go back to their respective group and give them cartolina and coloring materials. Ask them to create a poster that shows the role of youth in upholding the unity of the church taking into consideration its diverse and rich heritage and its manifestations of unity.

Upon finishing the activity, allow them to present their work and post it on the bulletin board or hallway of the church to remind each and every one on their role.

Closing Worship

Offertory

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to received,’ Acts 20:35

Closing Hymn “Why We Are UCCP” Hymnal of Faith Journey, 243



We believe in one God, Creator, Redeemer,
Sustainer of everyone’s life
In Jesus Christ, God became human and rules as Lord of Lords
In Spirit God guides us all along

Refrain:

That’s why we are UCCP for we are taught what the Lord has said
To live a life in community, with God and all
Assured of life even after death, no more sorrow and no more defeat
There’s only love, justice and peace, all creation new (*UCCP for last stanza*)

As persons we are created, reflecting God’s image,

The Lord made us stewards of the world
The church is the body of Christ, redeemed and reconciled
Entrusted with God's own ministry
(Repeat Refrain)

The Bible is God's revelation in history and in Christ
A faithful witness to God's work
To guide and illumine believers and build them up in faith
Equip them to witness to the world
(Repeat Refrain)

The Kingdom of God is present where faith in Christ is shared
Where healing is given to the sick
Where food is bestowed to the hungry and light to the blind
And freedom for captives and oppressed
(Repeat Refrain)

Closing Prayer

Our Loving God, we continue to praise and glorify you. We also want to thank you for the wisdom You gave us to understand Your message for us. Thank You for making us appreciate our rich and diverse heritage as a united church. Give us courage to continue to manifest our unity through our confessions, actions and programs. Thank You for reminding us that as youth arm of the church, we have a significant role in upholding its unity. We are hoping for Your continuous guidance as we apply the learnings we gained today in our daily lives. In Jesus name, we pray, Amen.



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