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PRAY FOR:



- The stemming of Crime and Violence in Jamaica
- The reversal of the escalating racial tensions within the United States.
- The cessation of conflict in Syria.

CELEBRATING 'WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY'

This coming Sunday, October 2, congregations around the globe will celebrate 'World Communion Sunday'. The celebration originated, according to the National Council of Churches (NCC), in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches (predecessor of the NCC) in 1940.

Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration of Christian unity; the key word being 'communion', or unity.

It is a day when we mark the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering the night of Jesus' betrayal—when Jesus instituted what we now call the Lord's Supper as a lasting remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice. (Please use the Liturgy, circulated earlier, to celebrate World Communion Sunday in your congregation!)



TWO TO BE ORDAINED NOVEMBER 10.

The Church and Ministry Committee has approved Interns, Mrs. Karlene Thomas-Barnes and Mr. Kevin Calvert for Ordination at a service scheduled to take place November 10, 2016 at the Ridgemount United Church.

Mrs. Thomas-Barnes and Mr. Calvert have been serving as Interns in the Whitfield and New Broughton Charges, within the Southern Regional Mission Council, respectively.

The UCJCI congratulates them on the successful completion of their Internship Phase.



CELEBRATIONS!



We Celebrate!

Happy Birthdays to:

☀️ **Rev. Trevor Hylton** on **October 4** and
☀️ **Mr. Alex Hayden**, on **October 5**.

• **A successful Camp Season in Jamaica and Grand Cayman.** All 2016 camps in Jamaica, except one, exceeded the numbers for 2015. In Grand Cayman a total of 54 campers, Children (24) and Teens (30) from seven congregations attended.



• **The marriage between Mr. Alex Hayden and Miss Diandra Harriott, which took place on August 20, 2016.**



• **Cayman Prep and High School**

Mr. Phillip Burgess has been appointed as the new **Principal of CPHS**. Originally from Australia, his previous assignment was as Principal of Emirates International School – UAE.

The **Year 11** students gained a record number of 99.5 A* passes (up 19.5 on last year) with 100% of students gaining 5 or more A* - C passes. 63% of our Year 11 students earned 10 or more A* - C passes and 98% of our Year 11 students earned 7 or more A* - C passes.

The **Year 12** had 43 students who attained outstanding success at AS level with a **96.4%** pass rate with 73% of all passes in the A – C band with an outstanding **49%** at A – B.

With 48 students, this was the biggest ever **Year 13**. These students recorded no less than 59 passes at the very highest A* - A grades. **70%** of all passes were A* - B and **89%** of all passes were A* - C.

MOVEMENTS

• **Rev. Dr. Dave Hazle** has been appointed **UTCWI Warden** effective August 1, 2016.

• **Rev. Donovan Myers** demitted office as minister of the **Savannah, Robert Young Charge** and has accepted a call to serve as minister of the **John Grey Charge** effective September 1, 2016.

• **Rev. Henley Bernard** has been appointed **Ministerial Formation Coordinator** effective September 1, 2016.

• **Rev. Nicholas Forrester** has accepted a call from the **Shortwood United Church**. A **service of Induction is to be arranged**.

• **Rev. Donovan McPherson** has accepted a call from the **Eltham Charge**. A **service of Induction will take place on November 20, 2016**.

REGRETS & PRAYERS

• **Rev. Roy and Dr. Jane Dodman**, on the sudden and grievous loss of their son-in-law, **Paul Seaton**, whose Thanksgiving Service will be on **October 1, at Mead-owbrook United at 2 pm. Offer special prayers for Mary and the children, Aiden and James.**

• **The Family of Mrs. Gloria Swaby**, former principal of **Knox Junior School** whose Thanksgiving Services will be on **October 1, at Webster Memorial United Church at 9am and at Spalding United at 2pm.**

• **Mrs Janet White**, wife of **Pastor Delmond White** of Bryce Charge, who suffered paralysis in her lower body from an accident in **June 2016**.

• **Mrs. Stephanie Downer**, wife of **Rev. Joel Downer**, who is not well.

• **Mrs. Donna Harris**, wife of **Rev. Delroy Harris**, who is recuperating from surgery.

• **Rev. Dr. Ralph Hoyte** and his wife **Carol**. **Rev. Hoyte** recently lost his brother and his father-in-law.

• **Moderator, Rt. Rev. L. Christopher Mason** who is not well and **will be out of office for the period September 24 – October 22, 2016.**

Please bear all these persons and their families in your Prayers.

