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lives, Nurturing Disciples,
Seeking Transformation
through Christ."

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PRAY FOR:



- Mrs. Doris Longmore who is not well
- Rev. Dorothy Grant, Ms. Lorraine Howell and Mr. Dwight Henriques who all lost relatives recently

"A MAN FOR ALL"



Rev. Daley declaring his joy and appreciation .



It was appropriately a family affair! and it was a happy one, as Rev. J. Oliver Daley, heard at first hand the accolades that are best heard when one is able to appreciate them; -

- with his friends and family in attendance! (See Family below.) **He was happy!** - and deservedly so!

Ridgemount United outdid itself, in tributes, music, song and poetry.

The magazine programme declared him **a man for all**, and the programme set out to prove that it was so.

through the Citation from the Synod, which he read, described Oliver in one word: **'Exceptional'**: assuring the congregation of well-wishers and friends that they would still see their beloved **'Rev'**. serving in various ways - continuing to contribute to the Church that needs him so very much.

The Moderator, Rt. Rev. Christopher L Mason, unavoidably absent due to illness, quoting from Psalm1; described Oliver as a *tree planted in streams of water, which yields its fruit in season , and whose leaf does not wither*", said that the legacy of the man, as a Minister of the Word and Sacraments was that he had fulfilled his mission—the Great Commission of Christ.—**His leaf will not wither**, he says, as he moves on to a time of rest and recuperation, so justly deserved."

MC for the evening was **Ms. Fae Ellington**, and musical presentations were provided, by the **NCU Choir**, as well as the **Ridgemount Praise Team, and the Ridgemount United Combined Choir**.

Beautiful flowers festooned the sanctuary!

It happened on October 30, 2016!

It will be hard to imagine the United Church without the **Rev. J. Oliver Daley**. Fortunately, General Secretary **Rev. Norbert Stephens**

CELEBRATIONS

The UCJCI Congratulates the following: Young Adults Action Movement 2016-18 Executive:

President: - Tayesha Pearson
Vice President 1.— Anniya Morris
Vice President 2. Nichola Francis Da-
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Secretary—Debbeisha Grant
Asst Sec/Treasurer—Kimberley Wint
E & D Coordinator— Shelly-Ann
 Brown

PRO 1—Amoy Brown

PRO 2.—Anton Hutchinson

Treasurer—Charlene Tomlinson
Sports and Culture Coordinator—
 Nocollete Waiten.

**UCJCI ALSO CONGRATULATES:
 The Youth Fellowship Executive
 2016-18.**

President: Monique Ferguson

Vice President: Monique Smith

Secretary— Jodane Gilling

Asst Secy: Tamara Hay

PRO—Jovaughn McConnell

Sport Coordinator Jesse Alives

Cultural Coordinator—

Charles Roberts

Fiunancial Coordinator—

Kadesha Baker **Evangelism and**

Discipleship Coordinator—

Khris Ann Barnes.

UCJCI HAITI APPEAL

The UCJCI has established an account to assist our brothers and sisters in Haiti in their recovery from the impact of “Hurricane Matthew”

We are encouraging congregations to remit the special offerings collected in October 2016, and remit the amounts to: **NCB Cross Roads Branch. Acct # 234297392 – United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands’ Disaster Appeal .**

A committee is in place and plans for the UCJCI’s response will be shared with the you shortly.

WEBSTER CELEBRATES



Chris Issa converses with Rev Astor Carlyle

Saturday, October 29, was a special day of Celebration for the Webster Memorial United Church which as part of its 75th Anniversary, marked the event with an Awards Banquet held at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. Some 48 members were awarded for over 20 years of outstanding service in various areas of the Church’s Ministry.

Guest Speaker, was Mr. Christopher Issa, grandson of Carl Webster, donor of the land on which the Church sanctuary of Webster stands.

In a heart-tugging address, Mr Issa shared with the audience of some four hundred Webster members and guests, stories of various interactions with persons from all walks of life, which experiences he said, have convinced him that the element missing from making us a great people, was **love** of self, which prevents us from loving others.

“If we do not love ourselves... then how can we love anyone else?”

I sense”, he added, “that this issue is what is holding us back from the true greatness that can be ours as a country; and is the true reason for the violence that pervades our nation!”

Referring to a statement of **Martin Luther King Jr;** Mr Issa told his rapt audience, “When Martin Luther King Jr, was questioned when he would he be satisfied that his dream for his nation the United States of America had been accomplished, his response was in part:

“We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their self-hood and robbed of their dignity. We will not be satisfied until “justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream.”

“Similarly”, he said, “I do not believe that we too can enjoy the luxury of being satisfied because we are great in so many other areas, unless we attend to the problems which we are facing now, which indicate that something may be very wrong deep down.”

“The violence that mars us can be fixed”, he said, “but we can only do this together”, - and he challenged everyone, including the Church and schools to do everything to help fix the problem.

As a businessman, he noted, his perspective was that despite the recent accolades received from the IMF regarding our economic growth, we will never realize our full potential as a nation unless we correct the problem of violence.

“Boys who grow up never receiving love... never knowing what it is to be hugged in a warm and giving way, will grow up to become men without love in their hearts and who get their kicks from torturing and murdering others including our women and children.

We together, (Government, Business and Society) working together, can do something to make the change”, Mr. Issa concluded.

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