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lives, Nurturing Disciples,
Seeking Transformation
through Christ."

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PRAY FOR:

Mrs. Doris Longmore
who is not well!

EVENTS

• **Town Hall Meeting** with CWM Participants and **Rev. Dr. Collin Cowan** General Secretary, CWM Wednesday November 9, Shirley Retreat at 5 pm

• **Youth Forum** with **Rev. Dr. Cowan**, Friday November 11, at Duke Street United Church at 6.30 pm

TWO FOR ORDINATION

On Thursday, November 10, at 2:30 p.m., two Ministry Interns of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, (UCJCI), Karleen Thomas Barnes, and Kevin Calvert, will be ordained to the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments.

Karleen Thomas Barnes describes herself as the seventh child born into a closely-knit family headed by Alfredo and Johanna Thomas. She hails from the parish of Clarendon.

Nurtured in a Christian home, in April 1996, she made the life-changing decision to commit her life to the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized and became a very active member of the Toll Gate New Testament Church of God.

Mrs. Thomas- Barnes is a past student of the Garvey Maceo High School and holds a **Bachelor's degree from the Bethel Bible College, majoring in Theology with a minor in Guidance and Counseling.**

She also earned a Diploma in **Practical Nursing** from the **Career Choice Academy**, and certificates in



Kevin Calvert

Therapeutic Massage and in Agricultural Science and Small Business Management from the St Catherine School of Nursing and the Ebony Park HEART Academy respectively.

She also became engaged in **Counseling and developmental programmes at Osborne Store Primary and Junior high school in Clarendon** where she worked both with students and members of staff.

Karleen sensed the call to Pastoral Ministry over seventeen (17) years ago while she was still a member in the New Testament Church of God, (Toll Gate). Since then, she has been exposed to training and has had opportunities for service in a variety of areas of that



Karleen Thomas-Barnes

Church's Ministry. These include **Child & Youth Evangelism and Youth Christian Education Director**, a position she held for over two (2) years.

The experiences garnered in these various areas of Ministry have prepared her for taking on the challenges of **Pastoral leadership.**

Mrs. Thomas Barnes was assigned as an intern to the **Whitefield Charge in the Southern Regional Mission Council.**

Kevin Maurice Calvert was born in Port Antonio, Portland and had his early education at the **Port Antonio Primary School and the Port Antonio High School** where he distinguished himself in: 4H Club and the **Inter-Schools'**

MOVEMENTS

●**Rev. Anthony Chung has accepted a call to the Ridgemount/Hanbury Charge**, effective November 1, 2016. Service of Induction is Sunday **November 13, 2016** at 4 pm.

●**Rev. Donovan McPherson's Induction Service to the Eltham Charge** will take place on Sunday **November 20, at 4 pm**

●**Rev. Nicholas Forrester's Induction Service to the Shortwood United Church** will take place on Sunday **December 11, at 4 pm**

UCJCI HAITI RESPONSE

In response to the effects of 'Hurricane Matthew' on our sister nation of Haiti, a committee led by Mr. Paul Miller and drawn from all four regions has been established to consider the UCJCI's response to the loss of lives, property and livelihood especially in the southern part of Haiti. It was decided to take a **long term approach** to the situation in Haiti, with special attention to the **Ley Cayes Region** through the following activities:

1. **An appeal** for monetary contributions in the month of October 2016.
2. **The Cayman Region** will remit their monetary gifts directly to Haiti.
3. **A work team** to construct housing in the Ley Cayes Region is scheduled for mid-November 2016.
4. **A solidarity visit** to **Joan Page Bain** by the General Secretary taking critical items such as medication and solar lanterns.
5. **A clothing drive** for the next 18 months among the regions using collection points with **Knox Community College** for support for collections. Sorting, shipping/transportation to Haiti being explored.
6. **Seeking a solidarity grant** to support the purchase of livestock (chicken) and seedlings for long term restoration of the agricultural sector.
7. **Ensure continued education** of the political, economic, social, regional issues related to Haiti.
8. **Pursue with Caricom**, acceptable housing construction standards in Haiti.
9. **Pursue missional presence** through joint work and professional teams.

Kevin Calvert contd.

Club's Oratorical contest. As a member of the student body, his leadership abilities soon became evident, - as a consequence of which, he was named **Head Boy**

A pivotal moment in Kevin's life came during his teen years when he made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ at a **Christian Youth Camp**. He was subsequently baptized and became a member of the **Port Antonio New Testament Church of God**.

From those early years, Kevin's quest was to know God, and to make Him known. This became the catalyst for his entry into the **North Coast School of Ministries Community College in St Ann** where he spent two years as a theological student. While there he served as **Deputy Head Boy** honing his creative talents and leadership skills.

He later became engaged in the **Church of God of Prophecy's Evangelism and Youth Ministries.**, and attended the then **Centre for Biblical Leadership in Old Harbour, St. Catherine**.

He also became a founding member of **Faith Care Ministries Port Antonio**, an outreach to the less fortunate and at risk youths and a member of the **'Faith Warriors for Christ'**, - a prayer ministry which has since evolved into a Church with branches in both Jamaica and Canada.

The **Camberwell Elim Pentecostal Church in London England**, provided an opportunity for him to further develop his creative gifts and enhance his call to ministry, as well as to finance his literary work and to preach.

Gaining success and experience with his creative works in London, he returned to Jamaica and relocated to Manchester. There, he became a Creative Practitioner and joined the ministries of the **Inter-Schools' Christian Fellowship (ISCF)**, the **Scripture Union** and the **Mandeville Youth for Christ**; regularly conducting school devotions.

Sometime later, Kevin was appointed **Drama Director for the Mandeville Youth for Christ** spreading the Gospel through street drama.

His abilities as a poet and storyteller were honed when he participated in the **Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC's)** competitions and workshops. It was from the experience gained that he created the pseudonym **"Nana Moses"** which became his stage name, as a local and international artiste.

In 2003, Kevin became a member of **Ridgemount United Church** and served as the **Youth Minister of the then South Middlesex Council**.

Later, he became a ministerial candidate and spent his preliminary year at the **Institute of Leadership and Theological Development (ITLD)**, and then to the **United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI)**. He was awarded a **Certificate in Ministerial Studies and Bachelor of Arts (B.A) in Theology with a Minor Cultural Studies from UTCWI and the University of the West Indies, Mona (UWI)**.

Over the years, Mr. Calvert has used this gift in the production of **dramas** and other creative presentations that have spoken to his spiritual beliefs as well as the need for meaningful and **spiritually-based social commentary**.

In 2013 he applied these talents, working with the United Church in Jamaica and Cayman Islands as a facilitator of **'Liturgical Renewal'**. Integrating the Creative Arts in the Worship experience. This was administered to selected congregations within the three Regional Mission Councils in Jamaica.

In 2015, Kevin surrendered to the call upon his life to the **Ministry of Word and Sacraments in the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands** and was assigned as an intern to **Hanbury Congregation** of the Ridgemount Charge United and later, to the **New Broughton Charge** in the **Southern Regional Mission Council**.