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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST.

☀ **FORMATION:**
Commentary in poetry by one of our recent UTC graduates, Donald Burke.

☀ **KNOX FARMS** launched!

☀ **CIRMC bids farewell to Rev. Dr. Dave Hazle and Mrs. Hazle.**

FAREWELL!!



Rev. Dr. Dave Hazle bids farewell!

On Sunday, June 12, 2016 the George Town Charge and Council held a Service of Appreciation for the Rev. Dr. Dave and Mrs. Maureen Hazle.

The service was well attended by a good cross section of the Church and Community; including Ecumenical representatives from the Cayman Ministers Association. **Rev. Alice**

Blair delivered an inspiring and thought provoking sermon which was well received.

Beth Rouston and Maxwell Johnson along with the Chair of Council, **Ms. Angela Martins** participated in the Act of Release from the Charge.

Council will formally release **Rev. Dr. Hazle on July 2, 2016.**

CIRMC 'FAMILY GATHERING'

A CIRMC Clergy family gathering followed on **Monday June 13**, The occasion was used to welcome **Rev. Alice Blair** and to bid farewell to **Rev. Dr. Dave and Mrs. Maureen Hazle**. It was hosted by **Rev. Donovan Myers and Mrs. Denise Myers** at the Savannah United Church's Manse.

(Photos over-page.)

EVENTS



CIRMC FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

CELEBRATIONS!

•The General Assembly of the Council for World Mission (CWM) has elected a new Board of Directors which includes two Caribbean representatives: **Mrs. Rose Wedderburn**, Deputy General Secretary of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and **Mr. Delon Grandison**, youth delegate of the Guyana Congregational Union.

•Congrats also go to the new Moderator and Treasurer of Council for World Mission (CWM) who were elected on Tuesday, June 21st.

They are, Moderator: **Rev. Darchonhaia Daniel of the Presbyterian Church of South India**, and Treasurer; **Mr. John Ellis from the United Reformed Church United Kingdom.**

Rejoice in the rich opportunities of our Church!

FORMATION!! BY: Donald Burke

A recent UTC graduate shares:

*“Everything them do, them say is **‘Formation’!!***

They don’t seem to understand Jesus is my Light and Salvation. Sometimes ‘am weak, Sometimes ‘am strong But mi ask the Lord to hold my hand...

If the Lord doesn’t stay near, Mi a go fall in despair All over, me engulf with fear! And mi eye fill with a tear.

The first two weeks my nights were short. My days were long and the whole eighty hours seem like just bangarang!

*I try to smile when insults are hurled. They were so much that they crumbled my world. All I was told, **“Observe and Reflect”**, So I use them religiously. And make sure these words I never forget!*

Most of the days, I was a lonely man – eating ‘observation’ and drinking ‘reflection’... Wondering if this is what I have to go through to serve my fellowman!

*My early days were like going through the valley of the shadow of **mental death**, All over me was psychological, emotional and physical sweat. Me can’t sleep, can’t eat, – can’t even laugh.. A just one thing a come inna mi thought –Moan and weep and go on the street, To find a friend that I can meet, for I know **formation not sweet!***

*In the Greek it mean **“Scotia”** For they don’t see you as anybody, Only them alone to be scholar!*

*You just have to pray it out, for if you don’t you a go fail it out! **So you have to be strong and stand up** like a*

PRAY FOR:

Pray for our Ministry Interns, and all those who Minister the Word in our United Church congregations!



***Spiritual man!** I decided not to quit, no matter what; for me carry harder burden than this, in my head and on my back!*

So this is how I must wear gown - to hug insults and be pushed around. Rejected and neglected; and treated as a clown. Most time me suppress’ till me get depress’ – And wonder if only me alone them oppress!

If a so parson get gown, it not easy! All of these things are to ‘form’ me. To learn Psychology and study Humanity; You must know the language of Theology, And use terms attributed to Christology! For according to them, you can’t have successful ministry if you don’t know how Jesus come to be God pickney!

*Me decide to stay and go to the class; even though much a what they teach me really lost. But I learn a few things; How to line up preaching; How poems recite, and how hymn sings. **Me realize formation don’t wash away sins!***

*But the process no bad at all; I say me want turn parson... That me get **Call**. Now, not before long, mi a go leff this space. And join the rest of theologians all over the place. I have a concept of the great Big Plan; How salvation comes to woman and man.*

Just because of FORMATION!