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lives, Nurturing Disciples,
Seeking Transformation
through Christ."

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PRAY FOR:

*The Family of the
Rev. Dr. Adlyn
White.*

*Rev. Stanford Web-
ley who is not well*



Rev. Dr. Adlyn White, the first woman to be ordained to the Ministry of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands has passed after 32 years of service to the UCJCI.

Dr. White's work within the Church began in 1959 when she became a Deaconess in the former Presbyterian Church of Jamaica, serving in the western part of the Island. She was later ordained on June 21, 1973.

Following her ordination, Dr. White continued teaching and working with women in the Church. She held the position of the **Director of Women's Work**. This she felt was her specific call, and is reflected in over twenty years of service in this particular Auxiliary Ministry of the Church.

Dr. White studied at the University of the West Indies (UWI) the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica, as well as the St. John's University in New York.

From these institutions she gained a PhD in Educational Administration; a Master of Arts also in Educational Administration, a second



Rev. Dr. Adlyn White.

Masters of Arts Degree in Librarianship, and Diplomas in Theological and Christian Education

A career teacher, before entering the Ministry, Dr. White first taught English, Latin and Religious Education at the Morris Knibb Preparatory School, and subsequently taught at the New York Public School, and lectured at Temple University in New York, and later at Church Teacher's College in Mandeville Jamaica, she served as Principal Lecturer, Vice-Principal and Acting Principal.

While in New York, she held the position of Director of Christian Education at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The Ministry of Education in Jamaica, has also benefitted

from Dr. White's skills in the administration and supervision of Education Officers and Principals.

As a Minister of the United Church, she conducted a number of Seminars and Workshops including workshops on the "Administrative Responsibilities of the Secondary School Principal," and the "Use of Reference Materials." She also conducted a number of seminars on "The Bible", "Leadership Skills", and "Teacher training for Sunday School Teachers."

Dr. White served as **Moderator of Synod** for the period 1991 to 1993 and as **President of the Institute for Theological and Leadership Development (ITLD)**, which has expanded to become the **International University of the Caribbean (IUC)**.

Described and honoured as a "Woman of Distinction, at the end of the celebrations marking the **Decade of Women**, Dr White has also been hailed by the people of Manchester for her dedicated service. -

She will be sorely missed by the UCJCI

CELEBRATIONS



70:

Rev. Bevin Miller

January 25th

Mrs. Joyce Williams

January 26th

Rev. Paul DaCosta Pinto

January 29th

Mrs. Annie Lyew

January 30th

**Be reminded of the
MODERATOR'S
Day of Prayer
and Fasting
Friday January
27, 2017**

**Ridgemount
United Church**

9.30—2.00

See you there!

THE UCJCI CHILD PROTECTION POLICY.

What do you know about ...

The Child Protection Policy of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands?

The Child Protection Policy of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands had a 'soft launch' in May 2016, pending further refinements towards its official launch this year.

Here are some of the issues it addresses: The policy covers the areas of recruitment, administration and monitoring of all activities involving children within the United Church premises. The policy contributes to engendering a safe, secure and law-abiding community that manages the safety and protection of its children to enhance collective wellbeing and social harmony. In the context of the principles outlined in Section 1 that justify and support the policy, the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands will aim to ensure the following:

1. **All children in our care shall be "protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation"** (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, UNICEF, 1989). This will include advocating child health, safety and protection embodied in national legislation and partnering with other church communities as well as relevant Ministries Departments and Agencies to protect the rights of children. This role includes promoting and monitoring family welfare within church communities and upholding the observance of child rights in all activities of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cay-

man Islands.

2. **All children, and persons working with children shall be treated with dignity and respect** in actions, in attitude and in the thoughtful use of language as would be expected in Christian communication.

3. **There shall be adult supervision of children during all activities of the United Church**, which includes parental supervision and that conducted by caregivers and in the daily operation of United Church auxiliaries such as children's homes. It is also expected that, as much as is feasible, authorized, same-gender adult caregivers be used to accompany children to the bathroom during church services and other activities.

4. **A Child Protection Officer to implement the policy will be appointed at local congregational level.** Performance of persons selected for these roles will be monitored on an ongoing basis. This role will be selected by Ministers and Congregational Board within each United Church congregation.

The recruitment process for persons working directly with children, through the work of the church, will be managed in observance of specific accountability processes.

These processes are to be overseen by the Minister or her/his delegated authority.

More details on the Policy next week.!