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*"Touching lives, Nurturing
Disciples, Seeking
Transformation through
Christ."*

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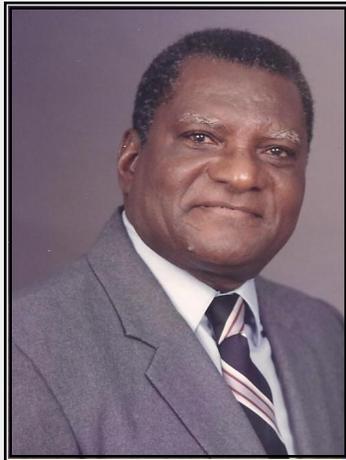


The recovery of:

● *Rev. Dr. Margaret
Fowler, who recently
had surgery.*

TWO MORE UCJCI MINISTERS PASS ON

Two more stalwart UCJCI Ministers of the Word and Sacraments have recently passed on. They are former Moderator, the Rev. Stanford Webley, O.D., J.P.; and the Rev. Winston Barrett, J.P.



Rev. Stanford Webley

Rev. Webley would have celebrated 70 years of ordination in July of this year, having served in the antecedent Congregational Union and then the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

His ministry was marked by outstanding service in a number of pastoral charges including Discovery Bay and Salem (Chapelton), his last being St. Stephens United, where he served for 27 years and was an active

member up to the time of his passing.

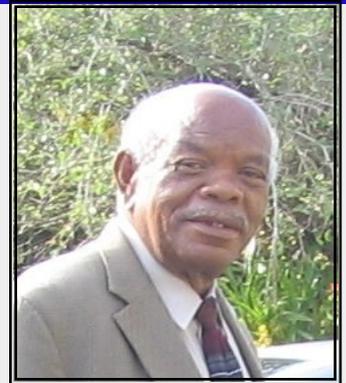
His is a legacy of strong pastoral presence, solid congregational organization and innovative ministry, we will long remember his distinctive deep voice and his expansive intellect on his media ministry initiative, *'St. Stephen's Calling'*, which continues to air on Radio Jamaica.

An excellent leader, Rev. Webley served as *Secretary and Chairman of the Congregational Union and as Moderator of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.*

An ecumenist, Rev. Webley served the Jamaica Council of Churches for over 12 years, holding offices of Executive Secretary and Chairman. He also served as Vice-Moderator of the International Congregational Council.

For his outstanding service in the field of religion, the Jamaican Government awarded him the Order of Distinction, Officer Class in 1975.

He is survived by his wife Helen, their two children and their families.



Rev. Winston Barrett

Rev. Barrett gave outstanding leadership to the Richmond Road, First Hill and Sav-lar-mar Charges during his ministry and in the Cayman Council where he served his internship. He also served the Tacoma Park Presbyterian Church in Maryland while he was studying overseas.

Well known for his outspoken, often painful but frank approach, we remember him for his genuine *concern for the underprivileged, rejected and outcast in society. Such was the essence of his ministry.*

In 2014 he was honoured by the Savanna-la-mar Charge (where he last served for 28 years), when the Church Hall was renamed in his honour. 2017 marks the 53rd year of his Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments.

CELEBRATIONS



70:

Pastor Lorna Smikle
February 9

Rev. Gerald Emanuel
February 11

Rev. Clinton Smith
February 12

THE UCJCI CHILD PROTECTION POLICY (COMPLETED)

Over the past two issues of the UCJCI Update, the UCJCI has been providing details of our Child Protection Policy which was produced following the edict of our last Synod, and which had a soft launch last year May (Child Month). The intention is to provide the details of the Policy to all our Congregations in this way, before constituting its formal launch. In the interim, it is intended that the details of the Policy be used by ALL our Churches to guide action. The final section of the Policy is provided in this issues of the "UCJCI UPDATE."

3. LEADERSHIP AND POLICY SUPPORT STRUCTURE.

"God intends for all life, freedom from abuse and injustice. God created all human beings in God's image and desires for them mutual respect, care, protection and empowerment"

The aforementioned Synod statement informs the practice of ministry in the United Church and demonstrates the 'duty of care', which we have adopted, to all adults, young people and children with whom we are involved.

Achieving and maintaining best practice in the safety and care of children is inextricably tied to this call to "mutual respect, care, protection and empowerment" and is taken to be the responsibility of the membership at large.

•The Minister (of the Charge/in Charge).

She or he is responsible for the leadership, direction and management of the ministerial services delivered by the church. She/he also has responsibility to provide authorization for other members of the church participating in formal and informal church leadership at various levels – including, for instance, through teaching Church School, leading Praise and Worship, leadership within the Girls and Boys Brigade/Brownie groups. By extension, the Minister will ensure that the policy is accessible to the membership, is understood by all and is being observed within the church.

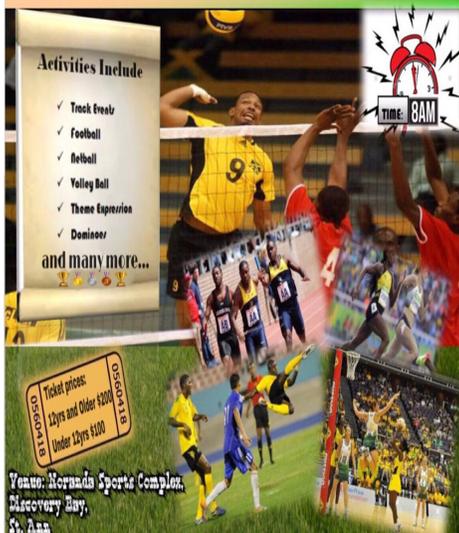
•The Board of Elders is also integral to the implementation and management of this Child Protection Policy. The Board will review and update selection criteria and assist in the appointment of Safety and Protection Officers in each congregation, who will be tasked with administering interventions that stem from the Child Protection Policy and its implementation.

United Church members, elders, leaders and the ministerial team will therefore act in accordance with their roles and will collectively work to minimize risks to children, youth and the adult leaders that interface with them.

END OF THE UCJCI CHILD POLICY



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