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OUR VISION: "Touching  
Lives, Nurturing Disciples,  
Seeking Transformation  
through Christ"

SYNODICAL THEME:

"Renewal and  
Transformation:  
Discipleship for Life"

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O may all who come  
behind us find us  
faithful  
May the fire of our  
devotion  
light their way  
May the footprints that  
we leave  
Lead them to believe  
And the lives we live  
inspire them to obey  
O may all who come  
behind us  
find us faithful

- Lyrics by Steve Green

# CELEBRATING LESLEY

## - Faith and Diligence

**D**iligence and faith —are hallmarks of the legacy of Lesley Hare, Communication and Information Technology Coordinator, UCJCI, whose sojourn in this life ended on Wednesday November 18, 2020.



As expressions of sorrow and shock at Lesley's passing poured in through the communication channels of UCJCI, notably they were sterling tributes to the life of this young woman.

There were repeated references to her professionalism, signalling her diligent approach to work and an often stubborn determination to get things done, and to get them done well. Her team leader, Rev. Norbert Stephens — General Secretary, UCJCI, described her as the 'supreme professional' who delivered a high quantity of work without sacrificing the quality of work.

Colleagues in ministry reacted, "I was truly impressed with the volume and quality of work Leslie did." (Rev. Dr. Dave Hazle, UCJCI Warden at UTCWI.

Sentiments poured in from congregations impacted by her work through her role in communication (see page 2)

Lesley's arresting smile and vibrant personality were referenced in a number of tributes. 'An amazing smile.' "She was friendly and treated even those she did not know as if they were friends." Also frequently referenced were her distinctive playful laugh and spirited voice.

"Good morning, welcome. I am Lesley Hare", was the bright invitation on Sunday mornings at 6:30 on RJR as she presented the UCJCI's flagship radio programme, United in Faith.

Her strong faith touched colleagues in the Synod administration team. 'Her faith was phenomenal', said Monique Lofters, Programme Secretary in the Mission Unit. "Her lifestyle emulated Christ," said Alando Merdith, driver/bearer, and former staff member in the SRMC Francine Dennis Lewis offered profound words, "I saw Jesus in her and she helped me so that others will see Jesus in me as well."

The question raised by Charmaine Evans, member of the Meadowrest Memorial team leaves us with a challenge. "Lesley's death has led me to ask God, what do you want me to emulate from Lesley's life?" **Let us consider the legacy we will each leave behind us.**

## SOME REACTIONS FROM THE UCJCI FAMILY

### Rev Glenroy Clarke and the charges of Lucea and Brownsville

"Though her smile is gone forever and her hand we cannot touch  
We still have so many memories  
Of Lesley whom we loved so much  
Her voice on United in Faith is now our keepsake with which we will never part  
God has her in his keeping  
We have her in our heart."

### Low River family

"We pray God's comfort and strength on her family and friends. She will be truly missed. May her soul rest in peace."

### Rev. Astor Carlyle

"Lesley was a dynamic and dedicated servant of our LORD Jesus whose gift of communication was enjoyed by us at Webster and the wider United Church."

### CANACOM

"It is with utter shock that we learnt of the passing of Lesley. She endeared herself to us as a colleague and friend. Lesley was a rare gem whose light could not be hidden. It was always a joy and an inspiration to be in her company."

### UCYAAM Family

"We will not forget your smile, your voice, your spirit and devotion to duty. The beauty of these memories will live on in our hearts."

### Rev. Khereen Wilson Bailey

"My soul is deeply sorrowful. May her soul find rest in Christ our Saviour."

### Blossom Foster and Andrews Memorial family

"She represented us well and was very efficient in all she did."

### Rev. Nevroy Francis

"My friend and sister, sleep in peace. I will truly miss you. It was a joy knowing you."

### Rev. Godfrey Meghoo

"I am shocked to hear of Ms. Hare's sudden passing. Just a few weeks ago she was sending us valuable information about the Lord's church. Rest in peace, our sister."

"Extremely saddened..."

**Jean Reid**

"Her voice on a Sunday morning was that of someone dedicated and diligent in service."

**Eileen Powell**

"She served well. Rest in Christ."

**Rev. Margaret Downer Messias**

"Indeed Lesley served well and had a positive impact in the short time she served the Church."

**June Coward-Fearon**

"She was a gentle soul."

**Miss Sandra Collins**

"Will miss her on the radio."

**Four Paths family**

She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness... "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.

(Proverbs 31: 25-27 & 29 -231 NLT)

**CELEBRATIONS!**

**COMING UP IN THE NEXT ISSUE...**



*70:*

**Rev. Stotrell Lowe**  
**Rev. Lascelles Tulloch**  
 November 29

*We give thanks to God and pray blessing and peace for these two stalwarts in the faith.*

*“Our politics must not put us in alignment or agreement with those who are motivated by avarice and selfishness...”*

**Excerpt from Faith and Economics**  
*by Rev. Clifton Bailey*

**PRAY WITHOUT CEASING:**

**COVID-19 FEATURE**

UCJCI'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19  
 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

**Individual Prayer:**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.**

(2 Timothy 1:7)

UCJCI'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19  
 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

**POINTS FOR PRAYER**

- \* A stop to the spread of the disease.
- \* Healing for those who are infected with the disease.
- \* Strength, comfort and peace for the loved ones of persons who have died from the disease.
- \* Encouragement for the children who are confused and fearful during this time.
- \* That persons will draw closer to God, and families draw closer to each other, during this time.
- \* That all persons will take this matter seriously, and responsibly take the necessary precautions.
- \* Support for our healthcare systems and workers who are on the frontlines.
- \* Safety of all elderly persons, those with co-morbidities and our tourism workers.
- \* Provision for the needy, those in quarantine and those who have lost, or will lose, their jobs.
- \* Our local and world economies.



**PRAY FOR**

- ◆ Rev. Donovan Myers, Minister of John Gray Memorial in CIRMC and his family
  - ◆ The family, colleagues and friends of Lesley Hare.
- ◆ Communities across Jamaica struggling with the effects of recent floods
  - ◆ Residents in Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala devastated by Hurricanes Eta and Iota

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