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through Christ."*

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PRAY FOR:



- **Rev. Bevis Byfield** who is not well.
- **Rev. Trevor Hylton**, whose uncle, Noel Smith has passed on.
- **Funeral Service for Allan Wynter, brother of Mrs. Carlene Andrade**, will be held on Sunday May 6, 2018 at Jamaica Holiness Church in Oxford, St. Elizabeth.

PARTNERING FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

On Sunday April 22, 2018 the Ridgemount United Church welcomed members of the Lions Club of Mandeville as the club celebrated their anniversary. Also sharing in the service was a delegation from the Manchester Municipal Corporation headed by the **Mayor of Mandeville, Councillor Donovan Mitchell**.

The worship experience provided an opportunity to highlight and celebrate some of the ways in which the church can impact the community and make a difference in people's lives, by partnering with other like-minded organizations and institutions.

During the month of March Ridgemount United facilitated the **Lions Club in its Cancer Awareness** Programme by hosting a Symposium at which over 100 women were provided with information as well as the opportunity to do a mammogram examination. In bringing

greetings, **Lion Roger Beadle, President of the Lions Club** of Mandeville, expressed thanks to the Ridgemount Church for the support received and also made a donation to the church's Outreach Ministry. The 2nd Scripture reading was done by **Lion Dr. Ann Fenna**.

With April 1 being the start of the government's fiscal year, **Rev. Anthony Chung, Minister of the Ridgemount United Church and Volunteer Chaplain to the Manchester Municipal Corporation** felt it was an appropriate time to invite members of the Corporation to worship. Mayor Mitchell, who read the 1st Scripture Lesson, led a contingent that included other Councillors, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) Mr. Winston Palmer and members of staff. The entire group was prayed for by Rev. Chung who asked for God's guidance and wisdom as they carried out their respective responsibilities.

In his sermon, entitled **"Service Means Sacrifice"** Rev. Anthony Chung reminded all present that sincere and authentic

service requires sacrifice. Using the example of Jesus the Good Shepherd, he emphasized that sacrificial service is participation in the Jesus Way. The alternative is the way of the thief and the hired hand, both of whom are motivated by selfish motives. **Genuine service requires that we reflect the way of Jesus** and reject the way of the thief and the hired hand. Further, serving in this way enables us to make real and lasting impact in people's lives because we are not in it for ourselves.

In working for personal and community transformation the church should not be afraid to partner with groups or organizations who are seeking to improve the lives of others. By joining with, and supporting wherever possible, we can make an even greater impact on our communities.

Following the worship service both groups were hosted in the **Church Hall for a time of refreshment and fellowship**.

(Pictures over-page.)

CELEBRATION-



70:

Ms. Lesley Hare,
May 2

Rev. Dwayne Johnson,
Rev. Rohan Forrester,
May 7.

COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION



The Lions Club and the Parish Council in full representation being prayed for at Ridgemount's Transformation Service.

AD CORNER



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OF UNITED CHURCHES

PRESENTS

IT'S ANNUAL
**ONE DAY
EVANGELISTIC
CONVENTION**

Theme: RETURN TO GOD Zachariah 1:3

SUNDAY
MAY 27
2018
Baillieston United Church
Baillieston, Clarendon

SPEAKERS:
BISHOP STEVE HEPBURN (MORNING SESSION)
TIME: 10:00AM - 1:00PM
REV. KEVIN CALVERT (AFTERNOON SESSION)
TIME: 2:00PM - 4:00PM

COME AND EXPERIENCE PERSONAL
AND SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

JESUS CHRIST: IS STILL THE ANSWER

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.



Happy Mother's Day

**SUPPORT SHIRLEY RETREAT'S MOTHERS' DAY LUNCH
ON SUNDAY, MAY 13...ENJOY DELICIOUS MENU OFFERS
(from \$1500) EXCELLENT SERVICE, AND RELAXING
ATMOSPHERE ONLY AT SHIRLEYS!**
7, Maeven Avenue, (just below Kingsgate United) off Hope
Road, Kingston 10. Tel: 927-9208.

CAYMAN'S CONVOCATION: 'DISCIPLES OF PEACE'.

The Peace-making Initiative of the Church, also extends into the Cayman Islands, where the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council (CIRMC), although represented at Convocation in Jamaica had their own gathering in Grand Cayman.

Congregations across Grand Cayman gathered on April 22 at the Cayman Prep & High School Auditorium on Walkers Rd, for Convocation 2018!

The theme for Convocation "Disciples of Peace" inspired the worship, prayers, and overall fellowship of the day.

Seeing that it was 'Earth Day', the environment was an integral part of the day's activities and was also celebrated throughout Convocation.

The young people during their fellowship together attached **Banana Orchids to different trees around the school grounds.**

Their fellowship involved being at peace with the environment and seeing the importance of coexisting with creation.

As each attendee left they were given a seedling to nurture and grow; a symbolic commitment to being stewards of creation.

At Convocation, the commissioning of the new Council Executive, and the re-commissioning of **John Macmillan as a Lay Pastor also took place.**

A special moment was shared by all when **Mrs. Olive Miller** a pioneer of the Cayman community and Girls' Brigade was honoured by the United Church, with a Citation acknowledging her achievements and legacy.

The day's celebrations reached its pinnacle with the first ever Olive Miller **Inaugural Award** being presented to **Madda Whittaker of the Elmslie Memorial United Church**, for her outstanding commitment and dedication to the nurturing of youth in all aspects of



Moderator, Rt. Rev. L. Christopher Mason at left, and CIRMC Regional Deputy General Secretary Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble Bloomfield, hold aloft a framed Citation to Mrs. Olive Miller, which is presented to her below.

their lives. It was truly a historical moment for **Madda Whittaker to be presented the award by Olive Miller herself** who inspired **Madda's Girls' Brigade** journey and mentorship/leadership to youth.

The guest speaker Rev. Tara Tyme Campbell shared a compelling and passionate message on the need to be Disciples of Peace based on Matthew 5:- **"Blessed are the Peacemakers".**



ABOVE: Scenes from the Cayman Convocation 2018: "Disciples of Peace". _ The Dancers at left and the Potter, at right. All Celebrating PEACE!

