



# UCJCI UPDATE

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

SYNODICAL THEME:  
"Renewal and Transfor-  
mation: Discipleship for  
Life"

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## PRAY FOR:



- Revds. Herbert Redway Snr. & Jr. whose son-in-law and brother-in-law, respectively, Mr. Neville Lloyd Jackson, has passed on
- The family of Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler who has passed on.
- Rev. Joel Downer whose father-in-law, Dr. Noel Johnson, has passed on. His thanksgiving service will be held today, **September 25, 2019** at 2 p.m. at Webster Memorial United Church.

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# Celebrating a Faithful Servant of God

A faithful steward, a notable servant. The late Reverend Dr. Margaret Fowler was celebrated on September 19, 2019 at her thanksgiving service, held at Webster Memorial United Church, for her conscientious service, unheralded devotion, and unquestionable distinction, in honour of the cause of Christ.

"Hers was a mission to comfort, to fortify, and to be a tangible expression of hope" were the words of Rev. Norbert Stephens, General Secretary of the UCJCI, in his Synodical Reflection on the life of this stalwart of the faith.

On October 5, 1988, Ms. Margaret Fowler arrived in Jamaica as a mission partner from the Church of Scotland, out of an appeal by the then United Church of Jamaica and Grand Cayman, for assistance with broadening the scope of mission among residents of the inner-city of Kingston.

Her genuine expressions of loving care were felt in ministry, even as she sought to bind up the broken-hearted. This experience led to her sense of call to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments, and upon graduating from the United Theological College of the West Indies/University of

the West Indies, she was placed in the Mt. Zion/Barrett Town Charge, and was subsequently ordained to the Ministry.

Rev. Dr. Fowler later served in the Negril United Charge, and finally at the Hope United Charge, where she served for nearly a decade.



She also offered dependable, dedicated service at the regional level, where she was engaged as Chair of the Western Regional Mission Council (WRMC), and at the synodical level, where she served on several standing and special committees, and played a key role in the drafting and implementation of the Synod's Child Care and Protection Policy.

We are also truly grateful for her work towards uplifting the wider society, through intervention programmes outside of the arena of her official pastoral and denominational duties.

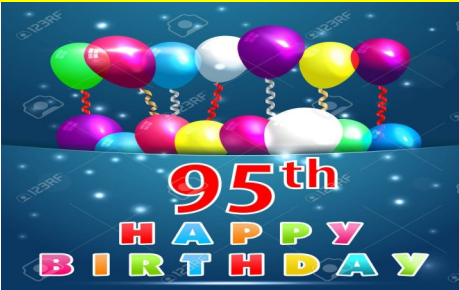
Such engagements included: The Theodora Project for Education & Personal Development, membership of the National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons (NATFATIP), People's Action for Community Transformation (PACT) Foundation, and the National Council on Drug Abuse.

In his homily, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans, Moderator of the UCJCI, likened her commitment to Jamaica and the UCJCI to the story of Ruth in Scripture, who passionately expressed to her mother-in-law, Naomi, who urged her to depart from her, to her own people, "Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me" (Ruth 1:16-17). Her life, he said, reflected faith, compassion, courage, humility, determination, and hope.

Now, sorrowfully, but gratefully, we bid her farewell, and give God many thanks for her example of a life well-lived. May her soul rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon her.

# CELEBRATION!

# Celebrating a Faithful Servant of God



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**Rev. Ashley Smith**  
**September 25**

*"With a long life I will satisfy him and let him see My salvation" (Psalm 91:16).*



Pallbearers depart the sanctuary carrying the coffin of the late Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler



Mrs. Elizabeth Fowler, mother of the late Rev. Dr. Margaret Fowler (front, centre)



Rev. Norbert D. Stephens, General Secretary of the UCJCI, offering the Synodical Reflection

## UCJCI VALUES

In seeking to live out our calling, we particularly value and are committed to:

**A LOVING FELLOWSHIP AND UNITY**—Strengthening our community of believers in a Christ-like manner, by affirming each other and responding to each other's needs with understanding and compassion, so as to encourage others to be drawn to a life in Christ (Romans 15:17); constantly acting in love towards one another while acknowledging our diversity, but always seeking the unity of the Church for the building of the kingdom (Romans 14:19, Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 2:11-22, 4:1-16).



Students of Mona Preparatory School offering a tribute in song. Seated from left are: Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield, RDGS, CIRMC, and Rt. Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans, Moderator, UCJCI

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Cost: \$5000.00



*Fellowship  
Ministry  
Mission  
Discipleship  
Worship  
Evangelism  
An Intense  
Encounter!!!*

October 18-21, 2019  
Knox Cobbla Campus, Manchester



The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands  
Education Commission  
Ethics Sub-Committee Presents

## **"Live Right, DO Right"** Methodologies for Teaching Ethics & Values in United Church High Schools

We invite all  
**Principals, Board Chairs, Chaplains,  
Guidance Councilors, PTA Reps. and  
Student's Council Reps.** from all United  
Church High Schools

ON WEDNESDAY,  
**OCTOBER 2, 2019**  
AT 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

at the  
Webster Memorial Church Hall  
**53 Half Way Tree Road,  
Kingston 10**  
(on the property of Webster  
Memorial United Church )



**Guest Speaker:**  
Mrs. Ingrid Robinson



**Guest Speaker:**  
Mrs. Joan Davis-Williams

PLEASE RSVP BY Monday, September 23, 2019  
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## The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands



### United Church Men's Fellowship

presents their

### **34th Annual General Meeting**

On **October 5, 2019**  
at **Ridgemount United Church**  
**Mandeville, Manchester**

Theme: *"Men Living Lives of Christian Witness  
and Service, Transforming Lives and Changing  
Spaces"*

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Roderick Hewitt,**  
President, International University of the Caribbean  
**Devotions by: Rev. Norbert D. Stephens,**  
General Secretary, UCJCI

Registration begins at **8:15 a.m.** Cost: **\$1,500**  
(including coffee fellowship and lunch)