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**PRAY FOR:**



- **Rev. Dr. Clinton Smith (University Hospital)**
- **Rev. Norman Francis**
- **Rev. Bevis Byfield**
- **Mr. Nigel Henry**
- **The family of Mrs. Marcia McKenzie, who passed. Thanksgiving Service will be held at Meadowbrook United Church on October 18, 2017 at 10 am**

## SRMC EXPRESSES APPRECIATION



*SRMC Lay Pastors who were honoured at a special service of Appreciation held at the Ridgemount United Church hold aloft plaques with which they were presented. Back Row, left, is Chair of Council,*

**L**ay Pastors who have concluded service, at the Southern Regional Mission Council (SRMC), were honoured at an Appreciation Service, held Sunday October 8, 2017 at Ridgemount United Church.

The Council expressed appreciation to Mrs. Grace Campbell, Mr. Harris Cawley, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, Mrs. Mavis Forrester, Mrs.

Vivia Hemans, Mrs. Millicent Lynch Brown, Mrs. Delphina Mendez, Mrs. Alethia Myers, Mrs. Yvonne Parchment Smith, Mr. Hubert Smart and Mr. Rupert Thomas. They had given faithful service to the Council ranging from eight (8) to twenty four (24) years.

In his message focused on **James 1:27**, Chairman of Council **Rev. Dr. Gordon Cowans** commended the former Lay Pastors for being

purveyors of "pure religion" and challenged them to "carry on" even though they were no longer in active service.

The General Secretary in his greeting, which was read by **Rev. Henley Bernard**-Ministerial Formation Coordinator, made the following comments: "In this celebratory moment we give thanks to God for the rich legacy of these Lay Pastors, whose **Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Courage** have allowed ...



**70:**

**Rev. Donovan Myers**  
October 12

**Rev. Noel Murray**

**Rev. Novlyn Hanson**

**Mrs. Danielle Brown-  
Robertson**  
October 13

**The Ecumenical Group of  
Churches Church-Site Counsel-  
ling Initiative (CSCI)**

is inviting you to its annual con-  
ference in celebration of World  
**'Mental Health Day.'**

Theme for 2017:  
"Mental Health in the  
Workplace"

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

from

**9.30am to 2.00pm**

at

St Andrew High School for Girls -  
auditorium.

**Registration begins at 8.30am.  
Cost of \$500.00**

The **CSCI** is a national counselling  
programme organized by a multi-  
denomination group of churches in  
partnership with professional coun-  
sellors.

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**NERMC CLUSTER 3 DRAMA  
MINISTRY WORKSHOP**



**O**n Saturday, September 16,  
2017 starting at 10:00 am,  
Twenty five (25) partici-  
pants from Cluster 3 of NERMC  
Congregations participated in a  
Drama Ministry Workshop.

Congregations participating included:  
Hope Bay, Mt. Gracious, Shrewsbury  
United - Hope Bay Charge; Buff Bay,  
Chepstowe, Berea and Craigmill Unit-  
ed, - Buff Bay Charge. They met at the

Buff Bay United Church, in Portland  
for the Workshop.

In the photo, participants and  
trainers are together.

Seated from left to right are:  
Pastors Carole Rowe, Michelle  
Ashwood-Stewart (Trainers) and  
Pastors Clyde Shaw and Vernice  
Downer (Participants) ■

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them to be difference makers in the  
life and witness of this United Church  
in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

Truly, they embody the principle of  
the whole people of God in partner-  
ship with God and one another in  
seeking to renew and transform the  
world. Indeed, they deserve every  
accolade directed to them in this  
moment and undoubtedly will re-  
ceive from our Lord the commenda-  
tion, well done good and faithful ser-  
vants."

The Chairman presented the former

Lay Pastors with plaques on behalf of  
the Council and representatives from  
the congregations they served pre-  
sented other tokens of appreciation.

