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CIRMC'S RETREAT: 'PRAYERS ON THE CROSS'

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PRAY FOR:



- Rev. Norman Francis
- Rev. Bevis Byfield
- The Thanksgiving Service for Rev. Dr. Clinton Smith will be held at Webster Memorial United Church on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 10 a.m.



The Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council (CIRMC) had a 'Prayer Retreat' on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the Savannah United Church.

The themes explored included the "Essentials of Prayer", "Public and

Private Prayer", "the Ministry of Prayer" and "Intercessory Prayer."

Themes were presented by the Ministers in Council.

During the Retreat, persons were able to write prayers and place them on the Cross.

(See photo above.)

A significant part of the event included the ceremony in which there was the **washing of feet and hands**. Fellowship was also facilitated through a meal shared by all present. Fifty one persons, from most of the Congregations in the Council were in attendance.

(See Page 4 for more photos).

TRIBUTE TO: REV. DR. CLINTON SMITH



REV. DR. CLINTON SMITH

The UCJCI Family mourns the loss of another great stalwart of the United Church fellowship, the Rev. Dr. Clinton Smith.

Rev. Dr. Smith celebrated 52 years of ordination in July of this year, having served in the antecedent **Disciples of Christ in Jamaica** and then the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

His ministry was marked by service of the highest quality; service that in its expression consistently reflected a pastor's heart and consummate professionalism in numerous pastoral charges.

These included, Hope Bay, Mt. Zion/Bushy Park/New Bethlehem, Castleton, King's Gate and numerous other charges as Interim Minister.

His was a legacy of strong pastoral presence, solid congregational organization and innovative ministry.

We will long remember his calm demeanour, his attention to detail, his passion for those within the community, regardless of their affiliation with the church, which led to the establishment of the **Clinton Smith Multi-purpose Complex** at **Kingsgate United Church**.

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An excellent leader, Rev. Dr. Smith served as the first Chairman of the Church and Ministry Committee after the Union in 1992 and, in his usual unruffled style, offered keen and insightful interventions during challenging debates.

He also served briefly as Accountant with the UCJCI.

He is survived by his wife Shernett and their children Lon, Kurt, Dana, adopted daughter Shari and their families.



FORMER DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY, MRS. MARCIA MCKENZIE, PASSES ON

The UCJCI also mourns the passing of another faithful servant of the Church, Mrs. Marcia McKenzie.

General Secretary, Rev. Norbert Stephens has, in remembrance, stated that Mrs. McKenzie served the United Church as **Deputy General Secretary for Finance and Property between 2000 and 2009.**

She was committed to her work and to the ministry and mission of the UCJCI.

A team player, she was easy to work with, pleasant and was extremely calm under pressure.

A member and former Elder of the Meadowbrook United Church, she had a strong faith and did nothing without committing the same to God first.

She is survived by her children, Mariel, Shauna Kaye and Joshua.



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Philippians 1:3

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Rev. Dr. Marjorie Lewis
Rev. Dr. Derik Davidson

October 16

Rev. Lennox Scarlett,
October 18

RENEWAL & TRANSFORMATION

DISCIPLESHIP FOR LIFE!

Have you received your copy of the Implementation Plan for the Renewal and Transformation Programme for 2018? If not, check with your Regional Office.

As decided at our **40th Synod**, in keeping with our theme "**Renewal and Transformation – Discipleship for Life**", a programme of implementation has been produced that identifies themes for each quarter, as well as suggested actions to be taken. This is of course with the realization that we belong to a family of diverse congregations representing variety in resources: human, material and financial. Nonetheless, our principles and goals remain the same.

The Implementation Plan is therefore presented as a useful guide for our collective action as a United Church. **Now is the time to use it, as you plan for the coming year with help and advice from your Council.**

CIRMC'S 'PRAYER RETREAT' PHOTOS.



ABOVE: Washing of the feet and hands was a feature of the Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council's 'Prayer Retreat.'

BELOW: Our CIRMC Family, in rapt attention at their 'Prayer Retreat', held on October 7.



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