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# WRMC PARTNERS WITH 'HEART' FOR SKILLS TRAINING



he Western Regional Mission Council Young Adults Action Movement has partnered with HEART Trust NTA to offer training to young adults and other individuals, who have an interest in upgrading their skills to become more marketable.

The four areas currently being offered are:

- Business Administration,
- Entrepreneurship,
- •Housekeeping and Food and Beverage.

According to the President, Mrs. Suzette Brissett, The main aim of this programme is to meet the professional and social needs of Young Adults across the region;

reach the community as a church in a very practical way, by evangelizing the unchurched/unattached and provide employment for others.

Askenish United Is the first Church to recruit 22 persons from its community, thus forming the first batch of individuals to register for training.

The benefits of completing this programme she further explains, is that the candidate will receive a NVQ-J/CVQ certificate from NCTVET that is accepted in Jamaica, the Caribbean and North American countries and is also an internationally recognized qualification.

#### WRMC THEODORA PROJECT

The Theodora Skills Training Centre (a Community Training Intervention and Outreach of the Negril United Church in the Western Region) providing training through H.E.A.R.T. Trust/NTA is making strides. Each year, the Centre enrolls approximately eighty trainees in the following skill areas: Bartending, Housekeeping, Data Operations and Cosmetology.

At this years' H.E.A.R.T Trust/ NTA graduation held at Montego Bay Conference Centre on November 9, 2017, a teacher and trainee were awarded. Teacher of the Year was **Ms. Morene Loney** -Cosmetology Teacher. Spirit of H.E.A.R.T was **Ms. Shanice James** - Cosmetology Trainee. (See pictures on page 2) Page 2 UCJCI UPDATE

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

#### **CIRMC'S**

#### 'The Enduring Disciple!'



 $\bigvee$  unday, 26th November the members of the CIRMC Women's Fellowship gathered at the Savanah United Church to give God thanks for the blessings of the past year. The service was led by President Isabella Bodden of the Bodden Town Women's Fellowship and the Rev. Euthman Wray, Minister of the Savannah United Church delivered the sermon. Rev. Wray focused on the theme 'The Enduring Disciple' based on 2 Timothy 2:1-26. Rev. Wray reminded the congregation of the Perpetually Present Jesus, the Power of the Word, the Preservation of the Elect and that Disciples should Parade on God's Promises.

Ms. Kathryn Ebanks (above) a tertiary level student of the Savannah United Church received the gift of a laptop from the Women's Fellowship. Plaques of appreciation were presented to Sisters Jennifer King, Isabella Bodden, Carol Ann Ebanks, Francine Gardener, Aileen Powell and Jacynthia Anderson.

### WRMC'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARDS CEREMONY 2017.

he Western Regional Mission Council's Young Peoples Fellowship conception of the Western Regional Mission Council Youth Awards Ceremony emerged as a response to the upsurge of exemplary, outstanding, commendable work and performance of youth within the context of the United Church In Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and the Western Regional Mission Council. It was with this in mind that this event came about to give the youth the opportunity to be acknowledged, to show appreciation and commendation for the work done over the period. Thus giving them a greater appreciation for self, youth participation and community spirit. The ceremony highlights the contributions made through hard work and dedication.

On November 11, 2017, the Western Regional Mission Council's Young People's Fellowship hosted the third staging of its Youth Awards Ceremony. The event was held on the balcony of the Western Regional Mission Council Office with the picturesque backdrop of the beautiful Caribbean Sea.

The event commenced at approximately 6:30pm and was chaired by Roy McGregor from the Southern Regional Mission Council. Professional photography was done by Mark Taylor from the North Eastern Regional Mission Council.

Among the awards given at the ceremony were Most Outstanding Fellowship in the Performing Arts- **Discovery Bay**, Most Outstanding Fellowship in Sports- **Mt. Hermon**, Most Outstanding Minister in the Region- **Rev. Richard Lealofi** and Most Outstanding Youth Fellowship for the year 2017- **Savanna la mar.** 

A special award was given to Ms. Cleopatra Eubanks from the Farm Heights United Church for her outstanding contribution to the WRMC Regional Sports Day which was held in January of 2017.

We say thanks to all supporters, sponsors and youths of the Western Regional Mission Council who made the event a success.

#### WRMC YOUTHS





### Congrats Theodora Awardees!

