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OUR VISION:

*"Touching lives, Nurturing
Disciples, Seeking
Transformation through
Christ."*

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PRAY FOR:



*The family of Fay Black
(daughter of Rev. Robert Young) who passed
away on December 9 in
the Cayman Islands.*

PEACE

WE SAY THANKS TO THE CHIRWAS!

We say farewell with great gratitude to Rev. Elizabeth & Pastor William Chirwa, CWM Mission Partners from the United Church of Zambia, who completed a meaningful and productive partnership with the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands on **October 31, 2017** and departed Jamaica on **November 14, 2017** to return to Zambia.

The Chirwas' encounter with the United Church started in 2003, when they participated in the Council for World Mission's (CWM) Clergy Exchange Programme. They served at Webster Memorial for three (3) months and that experience led them to candidate for service with the UCJCI for a full four-year term which began in 2005.

Their first posting was in the Lowe River Charge where they served for eight (8) years (June 2005 – July 2013) during which time the congregations grew spiritually and numerically and they endeared themselves to the congregations and communities. Their next posting was to the Davyton Charge



The Chirwas, embraced by General Secretary, Rev. Norbert Stephens. (R)

(October 2013 – October 2017) at a time when the Charge was broken. They worked tirelessly to bring healing and restoration and growth to this Charge. **In addition, they facilitated the re-roofing and refurbishing of the manse to the tune of over J\$4Million.** They were able to get this done and fully paid for and they left the Charge in good financial health.

Their service was not confined to the Charges they had immediate responsibility for. Rev. Elizabeth served as leader of the Council's Intercessory Ministry and as a Vice – Chairperson on the Council Executive having responsibility

at various times for **Congregational Transformation and Growth, Discipleship and Stewardship and Evangelism & Church Planting.** In the latter, Rev. Elizabeth made quite an impact in the area of evangelism as Charges were assisted with their evangelism training programmes. Rev. Elizabeth and Pastor William were also part of the **Micro Finance team** that monitored the programme and trained beneficiaries.

We celebrate the tremendous servant leadership that the Chirwas have provided to the Charges and communities they served and to the wider United Church! ■

CELEBRATIONS



70:

**Rev. Carlington Keen
– December 15**



Rev. Dr. Roderick Hewitt was promoted to Professor in the School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics at the University of Kwazulu-Natal in Southern Africa in December 2017.



Knox College (above) won the TVJ's All Together Sing competition on Sunday, December 10, 2017.

Special Mention:

- **Clarendon College** who finished runner up in the 2017 DaCosta Cup Football Competition.
- **Meadowbrook Prep** who finished runner up in the 2017 Junior Schools' Challenge Quiz Competition.



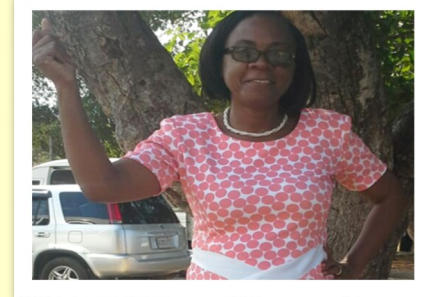
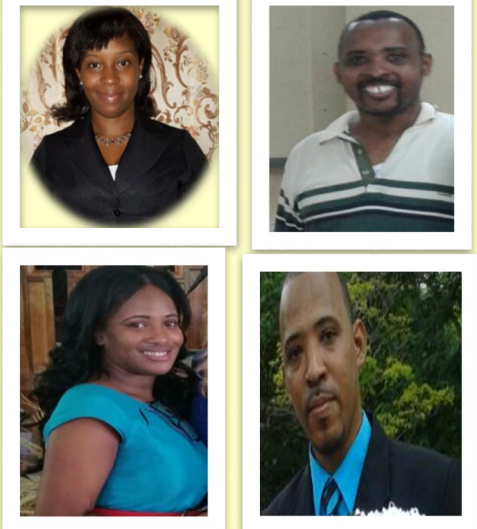
GRATITUDE FROM WRMC YAAM FOR SERVICE .

On Saturday October 24, 2017, sixty five (65) persons from the Western Region Young Adults' Action Movement (YAAM) congregated at St. Pauls' United Church to offer praise and prayer to God and express gratitude to those who have served and supported the **WRMC YAAM** over the last five years.

The event was chaired by the dynamic **Ms. Debesha Grant**. Among the Special Guests were the UCJCI General Secretary, **Rev. Norbert Stephens**, who spent the entire evening with the group, including, **Rev Tara Tyne Campbell**, **Rev. Everton Brissett**, **Rev. Richard Lealofi**, and guest speaker, **Rev. Delroy Johnson**.

The evening was set ablaze by the engaging praise team and mouth-watering meal enjoyed by the attendees who were dressed in different shades of blue.

Fifteen persons including the RDGS, were awarded for demonstrating a 'Spirit of Volunteerism', 'Long Service', 'Commitment & Dedication', and 'Most Involved.'



Rev. Delroy Johnson, Guest Preacher

CAPTIONS: Some of the Awardees, L-R from top photo included: Mrs Teisha Watson ('Volunteerism'), Mr. Kevin Bowen, (Past President), Mrs. Anniya Morris, ('Most involved YA'). Mr. Kevin Brown, (Past President), Ms. Maxine Jones, ('Commitment & Dedication'), Regional Deputy General Secretary, Mrs. Mauleen Henry, and Rev. Delroy Harris who received Long Service Awards.