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REBUILDING & REDEDICATING

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PRAY FOR:

Ministers stand with Moderator, Rt. Rev. L Christopher Mason (3rd left), and RDGS, Rev. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield (at his right), outside of the Gun Bay United Church.



*Mrs. Charmaine Kelly,
wife of Rev. Dwight
Kelly, who is recuperating from surgery*

*Mrs. Bolacita Cooper,
mother of Rev. Carlene
Walford, who is not well*

After two years of closure for safety reasons, the Gun Bay United Church, a classic Caymanian old wattle and daub structure, received a complete renovation with the installation of new concrete walls and hurricane impact rated windows. The renovation project, started at the end of August 2017 was undertaken in an effort to move the Congregants back into the Sanctuary from the Elliott Conolly Civic Center which served as their place of worship when the Church was closed in January 2015.

On the 3rd December 2017, the Congregants rejoiced and gave God thanks in a Service of Re-dedication for the completion of the renovation project.

The Re-dedication Service started with a gathering at 3:00 pm of the members of the Cayman Council. **The service was officiated by the Rt. Rev. L. Christopher Mason, Moderator of the Synod** of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and Preacher, **Ms. Angela Martins MBE JP**, Chair of Council, **Rev. Alice Blair**, Minister of the East

End and Gun Bay charge, Regional Deputy General Secretary (RDGS) **Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield**.

The Service commenced with a Call to Worship by the Moderator, which included the presentation of the keys to the new sanctuary by the Chair of the Property Committee, **Mr. John McLean** to **Rev. Alice Blair** and then to the Moderator who opened the doors of the new church. **(More over page.)**



- Ms. Jeanette Rose-Bryan & Rev. Nicole Ashwood – Dec. 21
- Rev. Gary Harriott – Dec. 23
- Rev. David Tucker — Dec. 25

The Moderator delivered a powerful sermon to a packed congregation of young and old persons where he encouraged the Gun Bay members to continue the good works in the community and to serve as messengers of the Church to bring more people to the new Sanctuary to hear the good Word of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Service concluded with the cutting of ribbon on the eight new windows that various members sponsored in memory of their loved ones who had been long standing members and leaders within the Church and the Gun Bay community.

The renovation and reopening of the Church is part of the overall Church Planting Strategy of the Council to grow its presence and encourage evangelism throughout the islands.

Fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed at the close of the service.

THE SYNOD ADMINISTRATION CENTER AND ALL REGIONAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 20, 2017, to January 2, 2018.

We wish you a blessed Advent Season and a productive 2018.

REBUILDING & RENEWING...

The following week, on the 10th December, 2017, the William Pouchie Memorial United Church in the district of North Side held a Re-dedication Service for the recent upgrades of the Church Sanctuary and the special dedication of the new audio visual equipment in memory of the late Wendy D. Ganga Persad Quinland a dedicated member of the church and the wider community who had a strong passion for development in delivery of ministry of the church. Officiating the service were Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield, Regional Deputy Secretary, who served in the capacity of Immediate Past Moderator, Rev. Nobert D. Stephens, General Secretary of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, who preached the sermon and Ms. Angela Martins MBE JP, Chair of Council and Rev. Rohan Forrester, Minister of the William Pouchie and Webster Memorial United Churches.

The Immediate Past Moderator led the re-dedication litany with words of commitment, dedication, thanksgiving and mission for the Congregation to actively work in community to spread the Word of the Lord. Mr. Peter Quinland, daughter Kiyanna and son Jaydon conducted the unveiling of the Memorial Placard in memory of his wife the late Wendy D. Ganga Persad Quinland. (See pic at right, with the Church above)

During the Service, the General Secretary presented the Synodical Lay Award plaque to awardee Mary-Lou Miller for her years of dedicated service at the William Pouchie Memorial Church. The Chair of Council, Ms. Angela Martins read the narrative.

There was a morning coffee fellowship following the Service.



GS, RDGS, Council Chair, Minister and Elders

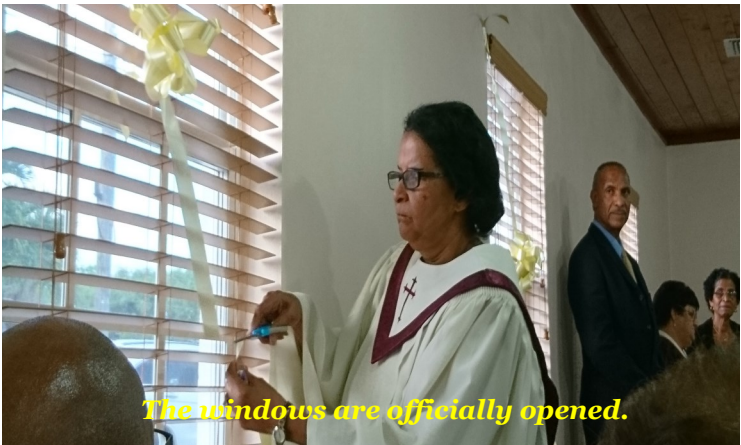
...RE-DEDICATION (AT GUN BAY)



The Moderator officiates



CIRMC Chair Ms Angela Martins, Rev. Alice Blair, the Moderator, and Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield



The windows are officially opened.



The newly refurbished sanctuary

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