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OUR VISION: "Touching
lives, Nurturing Disciples,
Seeking Transformation
through Christ."

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PRAY FOR:



*Rev. Carlene Walford
and family, whose
mother, Mrs. Dolaceta
Cooper, transitioned
this life on January 1,
2018.*



Mrs. Olive Miller OBE.

Ken Silva Photo.

It seems a really great way to start the new year, by paying tribute to a distinguished member of the UCJCI family, who has been nationally recognised for her outstanding service. Above, Olive Miller shows her MBE and Queen's certificate and badge of honour awards.

She recently was also recognized with the prestigious OBE honour. She is a member of the Elmslie Memorial United Church and the President of the Girls' Brigade - Cayman Islands.

Some 40 years after receiving the Member of the British Empire honour in 1978, philanthropist **Olive Miller** has been

named an **Officer of the British Empire (OBE)**, for her life-long community service to the Cayman Islands.

The **96-year-old** Mrs. Miller was one of three Cayman residents who were recognized in the U.K.'s New Year's Honours List, the others being Ms. Betty Baraud and Dr. Bill Hrudehy who both received MBEs.

Ms. Miller called the OBE award the "crown" of her career, which includes a laundry list of achievements over the decades, including founding what is now known as the Girls' Brigade in Cayman in 1946, helping start the Cayman Islands High School in 1949, and opening the Pines Retirement Home – where she currently resides; in 1983.

She said she is likely most proud of starting the Girls' Brigade here, but that all of her accomplishments were made possible through her faith in a higher power.

"Of all the things I've done, in my opinion it's because God sent me to do a job," said Mrs. Miller.

CELEBRATIONS



70:

Rev. Karleen Thomas-Barnes
Rev. Lloyd Reid
 – Jan 2

Ms. Ceta Rose
Rev. Alice Blair
 – Jan 3

Rev. I. Wayne Silvera
 – Jan 5
Miss Laddia Young
 – Jan 8

UPCOMING SYNODICAL EVENTS

UCYPF SPORTS DAY
February 10, 2018

**ASH WEDNESDAY DAY
OF FELLOWSHIP**
February 14, 2018

MODERATOR'S RETREAT
February 23-24, 2018

CONVOCATION
(Jamaica)
April 15, 2018
(Cayman)
April 22, 2018

SYNODICAL FOCUS

2018-2020

The 40th Synod of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands in seeking to assist our congregations to pursue our goal of being 'missional', identified four areas of focus for the period 2018-2020 under our Synodical Theme, **Renewal and Transformation: Discipleship for Life:**

- **Children and Youth**
- **Adult and Family Life Ministries**
- **Public Witness and Advocacy**
- **Church in Ministry**

These four major areas of focus will be weaved into the **twelve Discipleship Themes** which will guide our worship experience **during the years 2018-2020.**

In addition, **WORSHIP-THEMES were determined for the years 2018-2020 as follows:**

•2018:

First Quarter: **'The Word' (Church in Ministry)** (Jan-Mar).

Second Quarter: **'Adult and Family Life'** (April- June)

Third Quarter: **'Children and Youth'** (July- September)

Fourth Quarter: **'Advocacy'** (October-December)

•2019:

First Quarter: **'Disciple in Worship'**

Second Quarter: **'The Disciple as 'Caregiver'**

Third Quarter: **'The Disciple in Fellowship'**

Fourth Quarter: **'The Disciple in Mission'**

•2020:

First Quarter: **'Spirituality of the Disciple'**

Second Quarter: **'The cost of Discipleship'**

Third Quarter: **'Stewardship and the Disciple'**

Fourth Quarter: **'The Disciple as Evangelist'**

Worship will continue to remain our Core function as a Church, as we also continue to explore all our current Ministries of **Stewardship, Discipleship, Evangelism, Fellowship** and our Nurturing Ministries to the **Youth, Women and Men.**

At the same time, emerging out of our Synod, was the decision to establish certain **'Administrative'** functions as they apply specifically to **Communication and Data Collection;** key functions to our ability to relate to each other as member-congregations and to sustain regular measurement and analysis of the response of the Church to the strategies we have sought to employ as we pursue the mission of Renewal and Transformation.

•2018 GENERAL OBJECTIVE: Within the context of our **Vision and Mission,** our continued strategic general objective is: *"To deepen the ministry of the individual, congregation and community".*

A Template for Action and Implementation is available at your Regional Offices.