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“BY LOVE, SERVE!”

OUR VISION: *“Touching
lives, Nurturing Disciples,
Seeking Transformation
through Christ.”*

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PRAY FOR:



The family of **Mrs. Ivy Clarke**, former Principal of Oberlin High School, who passed on this morning.

Rev. Carlene Walford, whose uncle in law, Calvin Wray, passed suddenly on January 29, 2018.

Rev. Rohan Kong, whose mother, Audrey Smith, is recuperating from a stroke.

Rev. I. Wayne Silvera, whose mother, Maxine Slivera, is recuperating from a stroke.

Rev. Euthman Wray, whose brother, Kenroy Gooden, is very ill.

Women's Fellowship of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, celebrated National Women's Fellowship Week of activities, starting with worship services at which they officiated, on Sunday, January 28th.

The history of the Women's Fellowship, bears interesting reading...

“In December 1992, the United Church Women's Fellowship came into being, as a result of the merger of the United Church and the Disciples of Christ Women's auxiliaries.

Mrs. Vernice Fuller was installed as the first President-General.

Other Presidents-General since that time have been: **Mrs. Hermena Davidson, Mrs. Francine Jackson, Mrs. Mercilia Mallet, Mrs. Ruth Coke, Miss Lorna Jackson, Mrs. Norma Sinclair, Mrs. O. Rose Henry** and the current President-General is **Miss Evelyn Jones**.



The Emblem of the Women's Fellowship is made up of: The cup – the red chalice, bearing the Cross of Saint Andrew, which was the symbol of the **Disciples of Christ Church**. The second is the fish, which symbolized **Christianity**. The Women's Fellowship adopted this symbol to indicate that we are followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. **This was the symbol of the former United Church Women's Guild.**

The third symbol is the **Cross**, which is central to the history of Christianity. In the logo, the Cross stands between the chalice and the fish.

The Cross, therefore, binds these two fellowships together, making them one in Christ Jesus. The ripples in the water, shown at the bottom of the logo, symbolize the Caribbean Sea in which Jamaica and the Cayman Islands are situated.

The **Vision Statement** of the Women's Fellowship is:

“The Women's Fellowship of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands is a relevant, dynamic, growing and caring Christian Organization with empowered members enabled to offer their skills and abilities in strengthening the Ministry and Mission of the Church.

The **Mission Statement** states:

The Women's Fellowship of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands exists to assist the Denomination in its work of witnessing to the love of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, particularly among women through a variety of educational, social and theological programmes.” (Goals-page 2)

CELEBRATIONS



70:

Rev. Roy Dodman
Mr. Patrick Newman
Miss. Sandra Collins
 February 2.

UCWF GOALS

The goals are:

- **To unite the women** of the Church in the dedication of their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ for the service of and extension of His Kingdom.
- **To seek to widen the fellowship** among all women in the Congregation and Community
- **To seek to empower the women** for growth and service.

The Women's Fellowship operates at the level of **Branches**, Regional Mission Councils and Conference. Branches are connected to local congregations, each having a *President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.*

Each year, on the **4th Sunday in January**, the Women's Fellowship observes **Women's Fellowship Sunday.**

All Branches throughout Jamaica and the Cayman Islands are expected to focus on the **Fellowship on that day.**



ABOVE: Members of the Women's Fellowship of Duke Street United .

AT LEFT: Over 300 persons were in attendance at the Western Regional Mission Council's Women's Fellowship Sunday Service held at Farm Heights United Church, Montego Bay. The trophy was won by the **Barrett Cluster** for raising the most money for the Council's fund-raising event.

In his message to the Fellowship, UCJCI Moderator, Rt. Rev. L Christopher Mason said that their slogan, **"By Love Serve"**, very well states what should be the mission of us all, as Christians; to serve our crucified and risen Lord day by day, and to serve others in His name. ■

NATIONAL Sports Day
 "DISCIPLINE ACROSS BOUNDARIES"

TIME 8AM

ENTRY FEES:
 12 yrs and Older \$200
 Under 12yrs \$100

Activities Include:
 Track Events - Football - Netball
 Volley Ball - Theme Expression - Dominoes
 AND SO MANY MORE

FEBRUARY 10, 2018

Venue: Noranda Sports Complex
 Discovery Bay, St. Ann



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