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## PRAY FOR:



- **Rev. Leroy Walters**, whose brother, Noel Walters, passed on in the United States.
- **Rev. Carlene Walford**, whose Uncle in Law passed on.
- **Rev. Euthman Wray**, whose brother, Kenroy Gooden, passed on.
- **Rev. Gary Harriott**, whose uncle Renartus Harriott, passed on.
- **Rev. Carlington Douglas**, whose uncle, Everton Douglas, passed on.
- The Thanksgiving Service for **Mrs. Ivy Clarke** will be held on February 17, 2018. Details will be shared on the group.

# THE TRANSFIGURATION

The story of the Transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the gospels telling the story and sharing the witness of the life of Jesus: the others being Jesus' Baptism, his Crucifixion, the Resurrection and his Ascension to Heaven.

On Sunday, **February 11, 2018**, Christians will celebrate and reflect on the significance of the Transfiguration for the Church today.

Reported in the Synoptic Gospels, (Matthew 17: 1-8; Mark 9: 2-8; Luke 9:28-36) the Transfiguration of Jesus, speaks of the memorable event when Jesus is transfigured and "becomes radiant in glory", upon a mountain; now referred to as the "Mount of Transfiguration".

To be transfigured is to "change in outward form or appearance," to literally be transformed in appearance, to bring glory to and to exalt God: Sovereign ruler and Lord of our lives and the universe.

Jesus' journey to the mountain with **Peter, James and John** (his core group), was to



enlighten them further of the critical nature of the mission and the ministry of God to a world that is lost and confused, which did not only start with Jesus' ministry, but with the ministry of the prophets of old. It was not intended to be a show or for Peter, James and John to get caught up in the 'dazzling light' of the moment to the extent of them wanting to build personal monuments.

It was also important for the core group to understand that the mission started would continue with them and in order for them to be effective servants of God, they too needed to be fully transfigured:

- To change in form, appear-

ance and structure: to go through their own personal metamorphosis.

- To change in condition, nature and character: for them to be convicted and fully converted.

- To be and to remain focused on the mission at hand and to avoid distractions.

As we approach Transfiguration Sunday, we are invited to consider our own transfiguration and to ensure that we are transformed by the **Holy Spirit** for God's glory alone. We are also reminded to not get distracted by personal agendas but to remain focused on the task of bringing salvation to a confused and broken world.

## CELEBRATIONS



70:

Rev. Gerald Emanuel

Miss Anna-Kay Henry

February 11<sup>th</sup>

## AD CORNER



**STIRLING UNITED CHURCH  
GRANGE HILL  
WESTMORELAND**

*Presents:*

*Choir in Praise Concert*  
**SUNDAY, FEB. 11, 6 PM**  
ADMISSION \$300 PER PERSON  
Refreshment on Sale.

ST. JOHN 3:16

# Gospel in the South

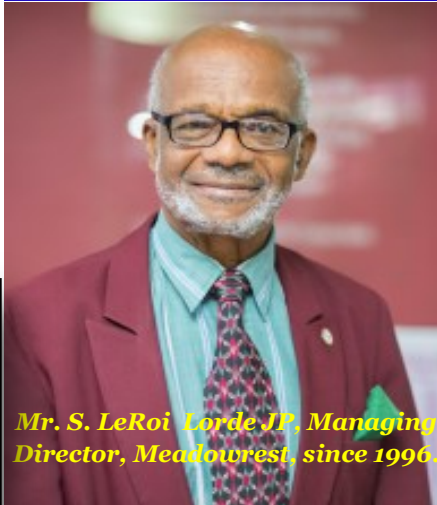
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**FREE**

The New Broughton Charge  
Under the Leadership of  
Rev. Kevin Nana Moses Calvert  
Presents  
"Gospel in the South"  
Featuring  
Dr. Lester Lewis & Singing Rose, Nicole Robinson-Arkins & Lyrical Miracle  
Music by: DjGODni

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 AT 4:30PM. CROSS KEYS SQUARE, MANCHESTER

# Mr. S. LeRoi Lorde RETIRES



*Mr. S. LeRoi Lorde JP, Managing Director, Meadowrest, since 1996.*

**J**OB WELL DONE"- There are many who would say that this is the well deserved commendation of a man whose name has become synonymous with Meadowrest Memorial Gardens - the UCJCI Cemetery that had a stormy start, but which like a confident and steadfast captain, Mr. S. LeRoi Lorde steadily steered into a sea of success. Today, after 21 years of his steadfast leadership, as he retires, he can be proud that Meadowrest is described even by the competition as the '*most beautiful cemetery*'.

This former educator, who first came to Jamaica from his home country Barbados, to study at the University of the West Indies, later studied Politics, Government and Economics at Oxford University and attended courses at the World Bank, the Irish management Institute and in the Netherlands.

With this outstanding educational background, he made his mark in both the public and private sectors,

serving- as Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Trade and Managing Director of Jamaica Nutrition Holdings, and in the private sector as Executive Director firstly of the Jamaican Institute of Management and then, of the Jamaica Manufacturers Association.

As Managing Director of Meadowrest, S. LeRoi Lorde quite rightly focussed on **Customer Service**, to be the competitive advantage; after ensuring that the cemetery took steps to integrate itself into a formerly protesting St Catherine community in which it was placed.

He differentiated the Meadowrest business offer, by providing **Grief Counseling** to those who chose Meadowrest to inter their loved ones, and wooed Funeral Directors, from which the Cemetery received a large percentage of its business, in an Annual **Funeral Directors Appreciation Brunch**, which he has hosted annually since 2003.

Despite the early difficulties, he was able to steer the business venture into profitable waters, to be today, the leading entity in this respect of the three members of the UCJCI holding company, the United Church Mission Council (UCME), which has oversight over these selected business entities.

Mr. Lorde is a member and former elder of Meadowbrook United Church, out of which Meadowrest was formed.

The Synod expresses its appreciation for a job well done and prays for God's continued blessing upon Mr. Lorde and his family.

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