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

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PRAY FOR:



● **Rev. Dr. Clinton
Smith (See over-page)**

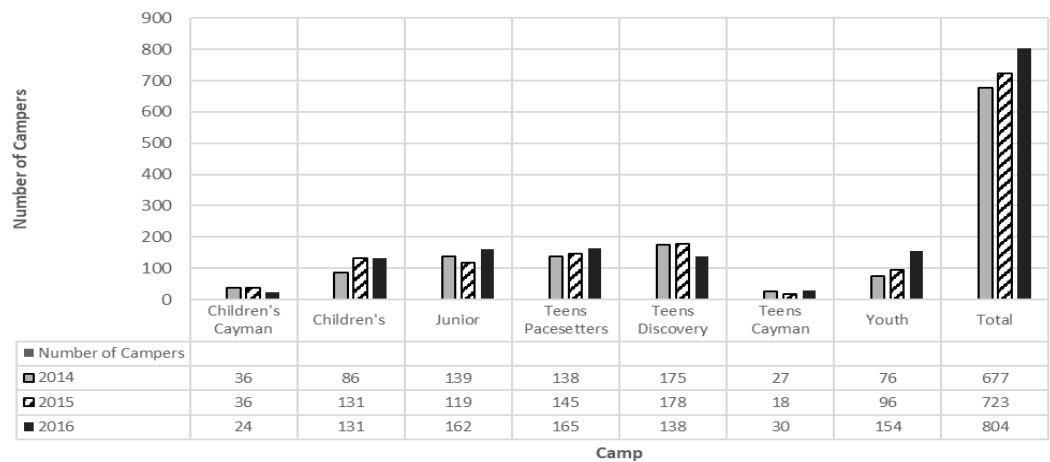
● **Rev. Dr. Margaret
Fowler**

● **Mrs. Doris Longmore**

● **Rev. Astor Carlyle
and his family,**

YOUTH UP, UP, UP!

Camp Ministry 2014-2016



It could be said that their harsh assessment of the church as not being able to meet their needs helped to galvanize the response that led to our **Renewal and Transformation Programme**.

Certainly, any student of Change Management would affirm that for an organization to grow, there has to be a firm basis for succession. For the Church, without a doubt, this would rest on an increased involvement and numerical growth of the youth groups which will ultimately become its leaders of tomorrow.

So this year, the UCJCI is happy to celebrate notable growth in most of its youth groups, most well represented through participation in

the Church's Youth Camps Figures for Jamaica have shown a steady increase in numbers in all groups excepting "Teens Discovery" between the years 2014-2016.

Other areas of encouragement are indicated in the establishment for the first time of a **Synodical Youth Commission**, (ages 13-25) which will seek to ensure the six goals of youth ministry, namely, **Christian Nurture, Growth, Involvement, Personal and Leadership development, Identity and Retention** are achieved.

Comprised of youth representatives, programme secretaries, uniformed groups, ministers, youth leaders and specialists drawn from the United Church and including


Caymanian representation, major responsibilities are: **Visioning, Resourcing, Monitoring, and Evaluation.**

Other encouraging signs of meaningful growth over recent years include, the newly instituted **Youth Convention**, which was initiated in 2015, as an opportunity for our young people to meet to enjoy meaningful fellowship and offer praise to our Lord.


The turnout to this event was tremendous with the venue packed to capacity!

Even more encouraging was that for the **2017 Convention numbers increased** requiring a change of venue. It can be said with justification our youth are **UP, UP, UP!!!**



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Rev. Kevin Calvert,
 May 14th,
Rev. Dr. Lorna Letts-Jones,
 May 17th,


**HELP NEEDED FOR
 REV. DR. CLINTON
 SMITH.**



**Blood Drive for
 Rev. Dr. Clinton Smith**
 If you are able to give (no matter the blood type)
 please visit:
UHWI Blood Bank
 Mon - Fri 8:00am - 4:30pm.
 Indicate that it is for
REV. DR. CLINTON SMITH
IN THE CRITICAL CARE UNIT (WARD 7).

*Donors should be healthy and are asked
 to have a proper meal within 1 hour of
 giving blood. Persons with a cough
 or cold should not donate.*

Blood Donor Card holders can carry
 their cards to transfer units to him.

THANK YOU!

CIRMC NEWS



Renita Barnes is at right.

RENITA BARNES FOR 'TIM' (TRAINING IN MISSION)

Renita is now in New Zealand with the other TIM Participants:

- Felauai from Samoa
- Song Ying from Taiwan
- Eun Soo from South Korea
- Wellingtone from Zambia
- Agnes from the UK
- Stuart from South Africa
- Tetoaiti from Kiribati

She has begun to learn about the **Maori culture** and to understand the dynamics of the New Zealand lifestyle. She has participated in The Amazing Race around the city of Auckland. They were paired up into teams, each team was given a map and a sheet of different places they needed to visit as well as clues and questions about different tourist attractions in Auckland. Renita and Tetoaiti formed the team that emerged victorious and won the

scavenger hunt!

Renita attended worship at the St. Andrews Anglican Church. She has also attended an African and Samoan fused production titled *"In Transit"* (The production was about African immigrants in New Zealand and the struggles they have).

Her observation inter alia is that:

"New Zealand is a very beautiful country. The buildings are very modern and the streets are clean, the landscaping is impeccable and very well groomed."

Congrats to:
Ministers, Lay Pastors, Church School Teachers, Youth Leaders and Volunteers who have contributed to growth in our 'Church School Ministry as well as in our Youth Fellowship Groups.
Sewing the seeds for Transformation!