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through Christ."

HELLSHIRE UNITED'S 25TH!!

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PRAY FOR:



- Rev. Bevis Byfleid who is not well
- Rev. Selvin Gray who is not well
- Mrs. Sheryl Chung, wife of Rev. Anthony Chung who is recuperating from surgery.
- We continue to pray for Revds. Euthman Wray, Carlington Douglas and Leroy Walters, who have all lost relatives in recent weeks.

Hellshire United Church proudly marked its 25th Anniversary in year-long celebrations which started on February 11, 2017. Theme... that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.... *Philippians 1: 6*

On February 11, 2017, a broadcast of the morning worship service on RJR 94 FM, marked the 24th anniversary of ministry in the Hellshire community and its environs.

Other events following included: -

- Rally of the Birth-months**
- Health & Wellness Affair**
- George Kerr 5K Run/Walk** in association with Action Entertainment **Gosplash**
- HUC Family Fun Day**

The Rally of the 'Birth Months' was the major fundraiser for 2017. It had a target of \$2.5 million in keeping with the 25th anniversary.

In July 2017, HUC's main out-reach programme was its **Health and Wellness Affair** which gives back to the communities in Hellshire free and reduced cost medical treatment. In the 2017 edition, focused on 'Jamaica Moves', they were blessed with general practitioners from the community; an ophthalmologist, Global Laboratory, gynaecologists, Sangster's Bookstore, HUC Caterers, Massy Distributions Jamaica Ltd. Over 90 members of the community came out to see the doctors and engaged in 'movement' in keeping with the Ministry of Health's 'Jamaica Moves' campaign.

On August 1, 2017 the **George Kerr 5K Run/Walk** joined with **Gosplash** as they

celebrated five years of gospel entertainment on **Emancipation day**.

HUC and the Kerr Family were ecstatic about the invitation to be considered for the first of five major activities in celebration of the fifth anniversary of 'Gosplash'. The George Kerr 5K Run/ Walk was a resounding success.

Family Fun Day, They played all day at Fort Clarence Beach on October 28, 2017. It was a fun-filled day with mini sporting events that ended with a true awards ceremony and a 65th Birthday party for Sis Henrietta Davis Wray.

HUC took a break and concentrated November 2017 through January 2018 on the final two events to complete our celebrations: **HUC's 25th Anniversary Awards Banquet and Commemorative Worship Service**, February 9, & 11, 2018 respectively.

CELEBRATION-



70:

Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield,
March 8.

Mrs. Jennifer Martin,
March 9

Rev. J. Oliver Daley,
March 10,

Rev. Egbert Harvey,
March 11.



THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

CONVOCATION 2018

8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. April 15

Theme: *“Discipleship for Life, Disciples of Peace”*

SPEAKER: REV. ASTOR CARLYLE

MONTEGO BAY CONFERENCE CENTRE, ST JAMES.

WEAR BLUE!

Come, broker for PEACE, Worship, Fellowship, and Celebrate! - There will be fun activities for the children and empowering engagement for the Youth.

ADMISSION: FREE! - SEE YOU THERE!





HUC Members receiving awards from former Minister, Rev. Dr. James Gibbs

HUC CELEBRATES CONTD.

For these two events; going ‘outside the ‘box’. the Global Ministries International, partners with United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) who assisted with funding the Church’s first two spiritual leaders accepted an invitation to attend and **Revds. Julia Brown-Karimu** and **Angel Luis Rivera-Agosto** arrived in Jamaica for the Anniversary Banquet. **Rev. William Kyle** and **Mrs. Veronica Kyle** also accepted the invitation to attend.

AWARDS

Awards were given to members in the following categories: **Long and Faithful Service; Faithful Service; Special Awards.** Keynote Speaker, **Dr. Wayne Henry, Director General Planning Institute of Jamaica** delivered a thought provoking, riveting, motivational speech surrounding the theme ... **“that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to comple-**

tion”...Philippians1:6.

Jabez along with Damon Riley and friends offered awesome family entertainment.

THE FINALE

The finale was the **Commemorative Worship Service** which brought out all members, fellow United Church sisters and brothers, the leadership of community, Synod representatives and Global Ministries International. **Rev. Astor Carlyle** preached on **‘Memorial Stones’** admonishing the congregation to have memories that mark accomplishment as the journey continues and ‘the Church of Christ is a movement’.

APPRECIATION

The planning teams for each of the activities are appreciated beyond words. Led by **Minister, Rev. Carlington Keen**, a grateful congregation say that they were able to accomplish all we envisioned in celebration of their Silver Anniversary as **‘the Church on the Hill.’**