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## BUFF BAY UNITED CELEBRATES 46!

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

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### PRAY FOR:



- **Rev. Bevis Byfield** who is not well.
- **Mrs. Carlene Andrade** who lost her brother.
- **Rev. Egbert Harvey**, whose mother, Mrs. Amanda Harvey passed on. Service of Thanksgiving will be held on April 21, 2018 at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Wait-A-Bit, Trelawny at 10 a.m.

**F**ormerly a member of the antecedent, Disciples of Christ, Buff Bay United Church had its genesis in the three-room board house at 12 Third Avenue, Buff Bay, Portland in 1972 under the visionary pioneer, **Rev. Windsor Hart**. He had a small committee of able-bodied stalwarts from **Craigmill Church** who assisted him to establish this new branch of the Disciples of Christ Church. Inclusive of this committee were **Brother Phillip Hall, Brother Claudius Dixon, Sister Eda Espeut and Sister Harrison**. Brother Hall being the main contact, liaising with the owner to acquire the house. Hence the beginning of the Buff Bay Disciples of Christ Church.

*This year, as a member of the UCJCI Family, Buff Bay United celebrates its 46th year of existence!*

The church's new vision was to seek a property of its own, to establish a new sanctuary to continue the mission it started. **"The Lord was on our side and after approximately four years in the house church, sister Harrison who was an avid reader of the Gleaner, came across an advertisement for the sale of the property on which the now sanctuary is located."**

The property had a building which housed the former cinema. Sister Harrison quickly sought the vivacious visionary, **Rev. W. Hart** and together without consultation with hierarchy of the Disciples of Christ Church executives, approached the St. Mary Building Society in Annatto Bay and cemented the deal to purchase the property at Frances Avenue Buff Bay.

With this acquisition in 1974/1975, the aftermath was a bit distasteful, as Rev. Hart was brought before the executive body of the Disciples of Christ Church. This was short lived as Rev. Hart silenced his critics as he defended his action. **He won the executive over. The deal was done.**

The direction and attention were now set to convert the dilapidated theatre (Cinema) into a habitable place of worship. Manpower was needed. Rev. Hart being highly respectable in the community was able to get assistance from friends, community persons and church members to the stronger area of the building for worship. Brother Elijah and Anthony Gooden, the youngest church brothers.

Were very instrumental in the demolition and restoration of the worship area. **A work of faith and dedication paid off.**

*Brother Fredrick Smith became the first Chairman of the church, while Brother Elijah Gooden, Alfred Ford and George Stewart were the first elders to be ordained by Rev. Hart in the sanctuary.*

After years of worshipping in the theatre building, Rev. Hart and members of the Congregation decided it was time to put up a new "respectable" structure for worship. Hence the church began to engage in various activities to acquire as much money on its own to start the building. Ice Cream and bake sales, concerts, rally pledges, self-denial contributions were all part of raising funds. The Church office was then approached for help in this venture and after years of soliciting and debating a response was given and so the building started!

The Church Hall was completed and became the area of worship while the main sanctuary was being built.

**"God's grace and mercy brought us from a theatre house to a more modern and habitable structure!"**

*(A report by Mrs. E. Gooden.)*

# CELEBRATION-




70:

Rev. Alton Clarke,  
April 11.

Ms. Heather Thompson,  
Rev. Dr. Maitland Evans,  
April 13,

# AD CORNER

In Recognition of  
our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



ANDREWS MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
Presents  
**A PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
"55 Years of Building Communities...  
& Transforming Lives"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Norlene Jackson  
DATE: Saturday April 21, 2018  
VENUE: The Golf View Hotel  
5 1/2 Caledonia Rd., Mandeville  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Contribution: \$2,500

Come celebrate with us...in what promises to be:  
A Morning of Physical and Spiritual Nourishment!!  
Proceeds in aid of our Church Outreach Fund

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A PRAYER BREAKFAST



THE UNITED CHURCH IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

# CONVOCATION 2018.

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, 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!**



# SCENES FROM BUFF BAY UNITED'S CELEBRATORY ACT OF DEDICATION.



Revs Henroy Samuels., RDGS NERMC, Donald Williams, Chairman, Rt. Rev. L Christopher Mason, Moderator, and Pastor Clyde Shaw, participate in the Dedication

A proud Pastor Shaw



ANDREWS MEMORIAL UNITED  
SAT - MAY 5TH-2018  
START TIME: 8AM  
REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

Discipling Across Boundaries for Jesus  
**#DABforJesus**



The Buff Bay United Choir

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## LEADERSHIP CORNER

### The Value of Listening to Your Team

Good leaders listen to their team. They value the opinions, intellect, ideas, and suggestions of their team members. These leaders see themselves as inter-dependent, and not independent, of the team.

Consider these benefits to listening to your team members:

**Listening Shows Respect.** Good leaders do not try to make themselves appear smart, witty, or entertaining by dominating the conversation. They are willing to focus on what their team members have to offer. They do not aim to be impressive and interesting, but rather, impressed and interested.

**Listening Builds Relationships.** Good leaders are not self-focussed. They do not talk about themselves and concerns all time. They develop strong relationships with others. By becoming good listeners, they are able to connect with others on more levels and develop stronger, deeper relationships because they are meeting a need. They become that important listener who helps the other person.

**Listening Increases Knowledge.** Good listeners are on guard against putting themselves in a position where they appear to know all the answers. All great learners are great listeners. The higher you go, the greater your need for good listening skills. The farther you get from the front lines, the more you have to depend on others to get reliable information. Only if you develop good listening skills, will you be able to gather the information that your organization needs to succeed.

**Listening Generates Ideas.** When you consistently listen to others, you never suffer for ideas. People love to contribute, especially when their leader shares the credit with them. If you give people opportunities to share their thoughts, and you listen with an open mind, there will always be a flow of new ideas. Even if you hear ideas that won't work, just listening to them can often spark other creative thoughts in you and others.

**Listening Builds Loyalty.** A funny thing happens when you don't make a practice of listening to people. They find others who will. On the other hand, practising good listening skills draws people to you. If you consistently listen to others, valuing them and what they have to offer, they are likely to develop a strong loyalty to you, even when your authority with them is unofficial or informal.

**Listening Is a Great Way to Help Others and Yourself.** When you become a good listener, you have the ability to develop strong relationships, gather valuable information, and increase your understanding of yourself and others.

**The key is to develop good listening skills by:** looking at the speaker, not interrupting, focussing on understanding, determining the need at the moment, checking your emotions, suspending your judgment, summing up at major intervals, asking questions for clarity, and always making listening your priority.



Source: "Real Leadership: The 101 Collection" by John C. Maxwell