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INDUCTED IN CAYMAN

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PRAY FOR:



•Nurse Joan Page-Bain whose aunt, Mrs. Phyllis Bell, passed on.

•A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Rev. Dr. Clinton Smith, will be held at the Webster Memorial United Church on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.



Rt. Rev. L. Christopher Mason, Moderator of Synod, was formally inducted as the Minister of the George Town Charge by Ms. Angela Martins, the Chair of Council, at a service in the Elmslie Memorial sanctuary on

Sunday, 15th October, 2017. The Preacher for the occasion was the General Secretary, Rev. Norbert Stephens.

The service was led by Rev. Donovan Myers, Minister of the John Gray Memorial United Church,

The narrative was read by the Regional Deputy General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield.

Rev. Mason's wife, Anmarie, and daughter, Chrysannae, joined him as he responded to the questions asked of him by the Chair of Council.

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Mr. Donald Burke

Rev. Walter Russell

October 21

Rev. Norbert Stephens, October 22

Rev. Dr. Richmond Nelson, October 23

**Rev. Sylvan Hinds,
October 26**

Rev. Godfrey Meghoo,

Rev. Leo Hall,

October 27

Ms. Claire Trueman

October 28

UNIQUE INDUCTION



Rev. Mason received a Bible from Council symbolizing the centrality of **the Word** for us in the Reformed Faith.

The family was presented with various gifts from the Charge. The service was followed by a fellowship dinner.

It was pointed out that the occasion was unique in that no serving Moderator had ever before been inducted as Minister into a Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council Charge.

RENEWAL & TRANSFORMATION —

Congregations of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands will have by now received an Implementation Plan which describes in detail the path the Church would like to take over the next three years.

The Plan has been presented as a template for action and recommendations for its congregations in the coming year, as they pursue the programme of '**Renewal and Transformation – Discipleship for Life.**'

Already, feedback received by the Synod Office has been encouraging.

This has been especially so, given a recent invitation received from **Goodwood United Church** in Trelawny, to help guide that small congregation towards identifying their action plans within the context of the guide presented.

At the invitation of Lay Pastor, **Ms. Maxene Jones, General Secretary**, **Rev. Norbert Stephens** accompanied by Strategic Planning for Mission Committee member, **Mrs. Elaine Commissiong**, helped guide a team of ten enthusiastic Elders and Lay Persons, and a member of the Youth Fellowship, into ways in which they could adapt the plans presented within the context of their own situation.

Much was accomplished, largely due to the enthusiastic involvement of the participants. Their opinions and suggestions led to the identification of key directions that could be pursued.

Shortly after **9:00 am on Saturday, October 21**, after introductions, the day began with an interactive presentation by **Rev. Norbert Stephens**, who addressed issues of Strategic Planning, as well as Leadership.

Participants were led through exercises from which key characteristics of team leadership and team-member participation were underscored. In addition, the need for a **Vision** which described the 'dream' of where the congregation as a member of the UCJCI would like to 'go', was explained.

Within that context, he explained, **Mission, Goals, and Specific (SMART) Objectives**, could be formulated. It was out of this, he pointed out, that the **Action Plan** could be devised.

After lunch, Mrs. Commissiong, continued the dialogue, leading the group into steps they could take to formulate an **Action Plan** for the first quarter of **2018**, using the recommended theme of "**The Word.**"

By the end of the day, the group had identified a draft Vision Statement, a related Mission Statement, five broad Goals for 2018, related Specific Objectives, and had planned a service under the theme; "The Bible is the story of Love."

Simulation of the service, which included a three-minute sermon, and relevant readings and songs, ended a productive day!