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

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PRAY FOR:



● **Rev. Dr. Clinton Smith (UWI)**

● **The Family of Lady Ivy Cooke. Funeral Service will be at East Queen Street Baptist Church, June 30 at 10 a.m.**

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

"ROLL-OUT" OF CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Under the theme "Safe people, Safe spaces, Safe practices", 27 ordained ministers, lay pastors and lay leaders selected from the three Regions in Jamaica, met on **Saturday, June 10 for the first phase of the Implementation plan for the UCJCI Child Care and Protection Policy.**

These **27 frontrunners** were trained as trainers to prepare congregation's ministers, elders, church school superintendents, teachers, youth ministry advisors and coordinators, Girls' and Boys' Brigade leaders, and other adult workers in the Children's and Youth Ministries to implement the policy.

The workshop was facilitated by **Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble Bloomfield**, who used a repertoire of skills to impart the important



Certificate of Participation presented by Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield (l)

facets that each trainer in training would need.

Rev. Noble Bloomfield **grounded the training in bible stories involving children who experienced crisis**, and prepared the participants to competently instruct and enable youth and children's ministry workers on the goals, principles and tools relevant to the policy.

The participants embraced the training with enthusiasm and passion which saw them taking ownership

of the policy and committing to its successful implementation.

This commitment was further reinforced by the **affirmation of a pledge.**

The training concluded with the presentation of certificates to each participant.

The next phase will see our eager trainers meeting with the congregational leaders.

Look out for it !!



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Rev. Dr. Henroy Samuels
Rev. Anthony Chung
 June 25.

SUPPORT THE PRESENTATION:**"MEANWHILE NEXT DOOR"**

8:00 p.m. June 27, 'Phoenix Theatre',
 8, Haining Road New Kingston.

TICKETS \$1,500 : Available at the
 'Source of Light Book Store,'
 Hagley Park Plaza. Kingston 10.

Proceeds in aid of a scholarship from the
 Simone Tomlinson Memorial Education
 Trust.

CAMP NEWS

- **Remember to sign up** for Camps.
- The Camp forms are available at the Regional Offices Island-wide.
- **Encourage persons to sign up** as Camp Leaders.

The camp dates are:

- Children's Camp** -
 July 8-15, 2017
- Junior Camp** -
 July 15 - 22, 2017
- Pacesetter Teens**
 (also known as Teens 1)
 July 22 - 29, 2017
- Discovery Teens**
 (also known as Teens 2)
 July 29 - Aug 5, 2017
- Youth Camp** -
 August 5 - 12, 2017
- Young Adults Conference** -
 August 17 - 20, 2017

EMPOWERED FOR CAMP 2017.

There is a new wind blowing in the United Church as we embark upon and embrace our Synodical theme: **"Renewal and Transformation: Disciples for Life,"** because the weekend of June 9-11, 2017 saw 100 persons gathered to be empowered and enabled to serve as leaders for the Camp season 2017. 55% of the leaders gathered will be first time leaders. The theme for the upcoming camp season is: **"Radical Disciples: Wi Readi Fi Di Ruod."**

The training was anchored in worship, prayer, fellowship, conversations and reflection. The time was spent:

1. Exploring what the camp theme means in the context in which we serve and who/what makes a disciple radical;
2. Exploring the Bible Study materials for the camps;
3. Engaging the UCJCI's Child Care and Protection Policy;
4. Spending time in the various camp groups, familiarizing ourselves with the camp Programmes and
5. Learning games that can be used to communicate life lessons and spiritual truth.

Our heart's desires for this camp season are:

Those who are yet to meet Christ, will meet Him and accept Him as their personal Lord and Saviour.

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Those who know Him, will not be stuck in only 'believing' mode, but will be disciples as well as identify and affirm the call of God on their lives to serve in the ministry of the United Church.

We are inviting all Congregations in the United Church to send at least **5 persons** to camp.

This year's camp experience is not to be missed!!

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

CWM celebrates its **40th Anniversary** July 16th dubbed, **'CWM Sunday,'** at the St. Paul's United Church, Montego Bay.

Preacher, **Rev. Barbara Bridges**, CWM Board Member.

Make a special effort to attend!

**FREE CONCERT!!**

As part of its 50th Anniversary activities, the Jamaica Folk Singers presents on June 25, 2017, a 'Free' concert at Meadowbrook United Church at 4:00 p.m. **An offering will be taken.**