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MANCHESTER HOLDS ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR MANLEY

MANDEVILLE, March 24 (JAMPRESS):

A special ecumenical memorial service for the life of former Prime Minister, the late Rt. Hon. Michael Norman Manley was held recently at the Mandeville Parish Church in Manchester.

The service was attended by scores of persons from Manchester who came to pay their respects to the former Prime Minister of Jamaica.

Minister of Tourism and Member of Parliament for Central Manchester, John Junor, in paying tribute to Mr. Manley, observed that he had been a man of great vision who was well ahead of his time.

"Michael Manley was a champion who fought injustice and inequality wherever it was found, both at home and abroad," he remarked.

Mr. Junor said the former Prime Minister had been a man of "truly outstanding principle".

He mentioned that "there was not one Jamaican alive" whose life had not been touched in some way by the struggle of Michael Manley.

Mr. Junor challenged the congregation to strive to create the "just society" enunciated by the late Prime Minister during the course of his life.

"Walk good through the everlasting portals, comrade leader and my friend," he concluded.

The service was organised by the Manchester Parish Council in conjunction with a number of private citizens and organizations in the parish.

Also in attendance were Hon. Dr. Gilbert Allen, Custos of the parish, Councillor Leopold Porter, Mayor of Mandeville and Michael Peart, Member of Parliament for South Manchester.

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