

VISIT OF MR. CLIFTON NEDD – ANGLICAN ALLIANCE REGIONAL FACILITATOR FOR THE CARIBBEAN

The Anglican Alliance

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On May 20, 2017, the Director received an electronic communication from Mr. Clifton Nedd, stating that he proposed to visit Jamaica during the period July 23 – 30, 2017, in an effort to learn about the life and work of the Church in the Diocese, and to see how the Church engages with communities in areas of Development, Relief and Advocacy.

Particularly, he would like to see and/or learn about the Diocese's successes, challenges/failures, and possibilities for future interventions.

Mr. Nedd also requested that an itinerary for his visit be prepared and e-mailed to him. This was done accordingly with the assistance of the Rev. Canon Garth Minott, Ambassador Byron Blake and Mr. Garth Kiddoe, all from the Church of the Ascension.

Please refer to the attached.

Arrival

He was met on arrival on Sunday, July 23, at 9:45 am at the Norman Manley Airport, by Members of the Anglican Togetherness Group (ATG) of the Church of the Ascension and was graciously hosted for the day by the Mona Cure, whose Family day was held at "*Linga Ya*" in Manchioneal, Portland.

Hotel Accommodation

The Director made the necessary booking at the Four Seasons Hotel, Ruthven Road, Kingston 5, where Mr. Nedd was accommodated for the week.

Schedule of activities

It should be noted that the Director was actively engaged during the week of July 24-30, as she had to **accompany Mr. Nedd on all his scheduled appointments including those beyond the Corporate Area.**

Mr. Nedd's first engagement was at the Church House offices, where he met with the Diocesan Accountant, the Director of Schools, the Superintendent of Insurance, and other Members of staff.

Apologies were tendered on behalf of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Robert Thompson the Rev. Canon Denzil Barnes, Rev. Jim Parkes, and personnel from the Education & Youth Department.

After the usual introduction by the Director, the group participated in a lively discussion centered around Agriculture and Food..

The morning session ended at 1:00 pm, when Mr. Nedd was hosted to lunch, courtesy of Church House.

His next appointment was a meeting with the Venerable Patrick Cunningham, and the Dean of St. Andrew, the Very Rev. Franklyn Jackson, at St. Luke's Church Office. Both gentlemen updated Mr. Nedd on their respective role within the Diocese, with particular focus on the programmes within the cures.

Visit to Clifton Boys' Home

It was on Tuesday July 25, 2017 at 6:30 am, when the Director, along with Messrs. Clifton Nedd, and Wayne Morrison, departed Kingston to travel to Clifton Boys' Home. Our first stop was at the Caledonia Assemblies of Holiness, Caledonia, where the boys are presently being accommodated,

We were met on arrival by Mesdames. Irene McDonald and Opal Beharrie, Superintendent and Secretary/Treasurer of the Home respectively. Mr. William McDonald, Assistant Superintendent was also present.

The Director advised that the Home has been in operation since 1960, and was formally opened on February 02, 1961. The main purpose of the Home she said, is to offer love, care and protection to the less fortunate children. The establishment of the Home was far from being easy however, with perseverance, we managed through the years to maintain what could be described as a "**Home away from Home**".

Mr. Nedd advised the meeting that, the purpose of his visit to Jamaica, is to lean about the Churches' responses to **Marks 3, 4, and 5 of the Five Marks of Mission, as well as the Churches' responses to human need by loving service, work with advocacy and justice, and work relation to the environment.**

Our next visit was to Darliston, the site of original the Home, which was destroyed by fire. He was taken on a tour of the entire property .

Mr. Nedd, having met and interacted with the young boys, Management and Staff of the Home, said, he was encouraged by their positive outlook, despite their truly difficult situation and the enormity of the reconstruction task ahead.

It was now noon, and we were then hosted for lunch. The Superintendent and her staff were thanked for graciously provided a "*well balanced and tasty meal.*"

Our next journey was by way of the North Coast to Montego, Bay where we were met and greeted by both the Regional Bishop and the Archdeacon.

Mr, Nedd briefly outlined the purpose of his visit to the Diocese. He also spoke about the **Agents of Change**, and a programme that would equip and empower persons to become entrepreneurs.

Bishop Golding and Archdeacon Nembhard, seemed quite interested, as they opined that the programme could prove beneficial particularly, for our young people who have left school, and are without a skill.

It was now 5:30 pm, when we started our homeward journey to Kingston and arrived approximately at 8:45 pm. after a well spent day.

Meeting with the Rev. Canon Major Dr. Serrano Kitson - Wednesday, July 26, 2017

This meeting which began at 9:30 am, at St. Andrew Parish Church, was quite interactive and enlightening. Mr. Nedd was taken on a tour of the church building. Special reference was made to its additions, and all the former priests who had contributed to the well-being of the Church.

Servers Guild – We were advised that the Church has a very strong Servers Guild.

Following was a tour of the Majesty Gardens, a settlement falling under the portfolio of the Church. It is clear that that the Church has impacted positively on the development of the area. Canon Kitson escorted us to the Health Centre and the Infant School, where we met the Principal, Mrs. Beverley Walsh-Tyndale, a former mentee of the Director.

The school has a population of over eighty (80) students. They are at the Grade 6 Level, where they sat the GSAT examination and ultimately transitioned into high schools.

Sunday Worship – is conducted at the school on the third Sunday of each month by the young people. For worship, they played the drum, keyboard and other musical devices to make the service as lively and meaningful as possible.

Confirmation- It was stated that , once persons are confirmed, they must be identified with a particular group, for example, the Mothers' Union or the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, etc.. in an effort to become involved in the activities of the Church.

Mr. Nedd highly commended Canon Kitson, for his diligence not only to the work of the Church, but more important, for his deep involvement in the life of the community.

The next scheduled appointment, was with the Very Rev. Sean Major Campbell, Rector Christ Church, Vineyard Town, Kinston 3. Warm greetings were extended to Mr. Nedd.

He was taken inside the Church building, and shown various developments that took place over the years.

It was now midday, and Fr. Sean graciously hosted us for lunch, during which time, he updated Mr. Nedd on the role and function of the Church in human rights in Jamaica.

On Thursday, July 27, 2017, Mr. Nedd was invited to visit St. Monica's Children's Home, Details of this visit has already been documented earlier in his report.

Later in the afternoon, Mr. Nedd kept his appointment with the members of the Anglican Togetherness Group (ATG) at the Church of the Ascension. Included in the Group, was Ambassador Byron Blake, Messrs. Garth Kiddoe, and Keith Miller as well as members of the Mothers; Union and the Women's Guild.

The role of each group was clearly defined as it relates to the work of the Church and involvement in the communities.

Although it was a long day for Mr. Nedd, the meeting went **beyond 7:00 pm, yet he did not display any signs of being tired.**

Mr. Nedd's first engagement for Friday, July 28, 2017 was at 10:00 am; when he met with the Lord Bishop. He then then updated the Bishop on the work of the Alliance.

We later visited the Wortley Home for Girls, 193 Constant Spring Road, Kingston 8. Here, we were met by the Chairman of the Board of Management, Mr. Raphael "Keith" Sangster, and the Superintendent of the Home, Miss Delores Bailey.

The Director informed Mr. Nedd that, the Home is approximately one hundred (100) years old, having been founded, in 1918 by the Rev. Canon Wortley, the then Rector of St. Andrew Parish Church.

We were taken on a guided tour by Mr. Sangster, of the two-story building under construction. On completion of the building, it would be equipped with four (4) dormitories to accommodate thirty-two (32) girls.

Mr. Nedd was very impressed with what he saw, and wished for the Board of Management, Staff and the girls, a successful and timely completion of the building.

The Director and Mr. Nedd then returned to Church House, where he was hosted for lunch. Later that afternoon (28/07/17) at 2:30 pm, Mr. Nedd's last meeting was with the National President of the Mothers', Mrs. Hermine Price, the representative of the Women's Auxiliary, and Dr. Trevor Hope, representing the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Each group seized the opportunity to educate Mr. Nedd on their respective role in the Diocese, and in particular their focus on the Five Marks of Mission.

It was now 4:30 pm, and Mr. Nedd's week of activities came to an end. He said, he was delighted to have visited Jamaica. He added that during the week, he learnt about the work of the Church in response to human need by loving service, work with advocacy and justice, and work in relation to the environment.

Mr. Nedd was not sparing in expressing sincere thanks and gratitude to one and all, for their warmth and kind hospitality during his week of visit to the Diocese.

Presentation

The Director on behalf of the Diocese thanked Mr. Nedd for his visit, and for having educated us on the work of the Anglican Alliance. She then presented him with a gift package, and wished for him God's continuous blessings and a safe return journey to Grenada.

Respectfully submitted by:

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