



REPORT FROM GATHERING OF AMEs WORKING FOR A “NEW HAITI”

CONVENORS: Bishop Sarah F. Davis and Supervisor Claytie Davis, Jr.

WHEN: 30 August – 01 September 2010

WHERE: Kaliko Beach Club Port-Au-Prince, Haiti

PARTICIPANTS:

(1) Reverend Dr. George Flowers (GO)	(15) Dr. Robert Nicholas (AME SADA)
(2) Reverend Dr. Calvin Sydnor (GO)	(16) Dr. Remy (AME SADA)
(3) Dr. Willie Glover (CO)	(17) Dr. Paret (AME SADA)
(4) Dr. Jamesina Evans (CO)	(18) Mrs. Betty Pleasant (LA Journalist)
(5) Reverend Nichole Edness (1)	(19) Brother Larry Hollie (10)
(6) Reverend Terrence McKinley (1)	(20) Reverend Carl Garmon (10)
(7) Reverend Dr. Jonathan Weaver(2)	(21) Reverend Roderick Dawson (10)
(8) Reverend Bruce Butcher (3)	(22) Reverend Terence Gray (11)
(9) Dr. Sherell Vicks Crawford (6)	(23) Reverend John White, II (11)
(10) Reverend Ronald Owens (6)	(24) Reverend Hezekiah Steward (12)
(11) Reverend Frederick L. Fields (8)	(25) Reverend Roderick Belin (13)
(12) Reverend Belinda Washington (8)	(26) Reverend Dr. Kenneth Robinson(13)
(13) Reverend Jerome Green (9)	(27) Brother Leonard Curry (13)
(14) Dr. Linda Green (9)	(28) Reverend Willie C. Barnes Macedonia Baptist Church, Orlando, Florida

HOSTS: Haiti Annual Conference Steering Committee Members

(1) Reverend Joel Jean Maurice, P.E.(16)	(4) Sister Carolles Milbin (16)
(2) Reverend Joel Mehu, P.E. (16)	(5) Sister Elvire Douglas (16)
(3) Reverend Francois Murat (16)	

PURPOSE:

- Strategic Planning for Working to Build a “NEW HAITI”
- a. Site visit of AME Churches, Schools, and AMEC SADA Clinics
 - b. Discussion with Local and Central Government Officials
 - c. Develop plans for the way forward in strategic areas

OUTCOMES:

1. The group was able to visit:
 - a. Rosetta Lee AME Church and School
 - b. St. Paul AME Church
 - c. Lula Brokenton AME Church and School
2. On Monday night, August 30, 2010, Mayor Mills of Cabaret and Mayor Jean-Yvonn Nestor of Arcahaie. The AME Church has Church, School and SADA Clinic in these two communities. We thank Dr. Robert Nicholas for arranging the visit of the Mayors to our group.

3. On Tuesday morning, August 31, 2010, the Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister met with 12 persons selected by Bishop Sarah. The offices of the Governmental officials are small and thus the entire group could not be invited. Those meeting with the Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister, **Mr. Jude Hervey Day** included:

Bishop Sarah Davis	Reverend Dr. George Flowers	Reverend Dr. Calvin Sydnor, III
Dr. Robert Nicholas	Reverend Dr. Kenneth Robinson	Brother Larry Hollie
Dr. Willie Glover	Dr. Jamesina Evans	Reverend Ronald Owens
Reverend Dr. Jonathan Weaver	Reverend Dr. Terence Gray	Reverend Dr. Jerome Greene

The meeting with Mr. Day was very enlightening and open. He gave copies of the National Restoration Plan for Haiti to us and referred us to other resources to further help in our understanding of what was taking place in Haiti. He answered all questions and promised to assist us in our customs challenges. Dr. Robert Nicholas is commended for the work he did in arranging our visits to the Prime Minister's Office.

4. Tuesday afternoon and evening we divided into breakout groups after hearing and discussing Bishop Sarah's vision for the work which can be done in Haiti. Each group was asked to work through dinner and then report back to the body after dinner. Each breakout group was to address actions for moving forward and ways and means of accomplishing the actions identified. Those areas and the coordinator (bold typed) for the group discussion and planning were:

a. Education – Reverend Dr. Jonathan Weaver

Reverend Jerome Green
 Dr. Jamesina Evans
 Reverend Nichole Edness
 Sister Carolles Milbin
 Reverend Jean Joel Maurice

b. Health – Reverend Dr. Kenneth Robinson

Reverend Carl Garmon
 Dr. Linda Green
 Dr. Sherell Crawford

c. Spiritual/Mental Care – Reverend Ronald Owens

Dr. Willie Glover
 Dr. Calvin Sydnor
 Reverend Joel Mehu

d. Disaster Preparedness/Risk Reduction – Reverend Belinda Washington

Dr. George Flowers - Consultant
 Sister Elvire Douglas
 Reverend Frederick C. Fields
 Reverend Carl Garmon

e. Agriculture – Dr. Robert Nicholas

Brother Larry Hollie
 Reverend Roderick Dawson
 Reverend Francois Murat

f. Housing and Development – Reverend Terrence McKinley

Brother Larry Hollie
 Reverend Terence Gray

g. Social Action - Sister Jackie DuPont Walker (excused)

Reverend Bruce Butcher – Co-Coordinator

We will convene the Breakout groups via teleconference the last Thursday of each month to bring everyone up to date with what is going on in our groups and with our planning. Reports of each breakout group will be shared as soon as all reports have been received in my office.

WHAT WE CAN DO NOW

- I. The shipping of goods and materials is still a logistical and financial impossibility at this time. Spread the word that “monetary donations” is the better choice for Haiti.
- II. SHORT TERM PRIORITIES [4 MONTHS September - December]
 - A. School year opening – 2010-2011 **OCTOBER**
 - * Funds to purchase “school packages”
 - * Payment of tuition fees for pupils
 - B. Health
 - * Mobile Clinics (SADA have more access; investigate what can Stateside physicians, medical professional do on grounds in Haiti to help)
 - * Annual/Bi-Annual female examinations and self care classes
 - * Physical exams (ear/eye/teeth)
 - C. Engineering Assessment and Topography Studies of AME Churches/Schools Destroyed

WHAT WE CAN DO IN THE FUTURE

- III. LONG TERM PRIORITIES (18 MONTHS AND FORWARD 6+ YEARS)
 - A. Rebuilding of Destroyed AME Churches/Schools
 - B. Housing and Rubble Removal
 - C. Education
 - * Train school teachers [Train _____ school teachers annually]
 - * Provide financial support to enable pupils attend school
 - * Implement and equip literacy centers
 - * Implement pre-school programs
 - D. Agriculture
 - E. Model Community Development