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## The Prime Minister's New Team

FREUNDEL JEROME STUART, Q.C., M.P. Prime Minister, Minister of National Security, The Public Service and Urban Development.  
 DR. DAVID CLEVELAND ESTWICK, M.P. Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Water Resource Management  
 RONALD DACOSTA JONES, J.P., M.P. Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation  
 MICHAEL ANDREW LASHLEY, M.P. Minister of Transport and Works  
 RICHARD LLEWELLYN SEALY, M.P. Minister of Tourism & International Transport  
 STEVEN DECOURCEY BLACKETT, M.P. Minister of Social Care, Constituency Empowerment and Community Development  
 JOHN DAVID EDWARD BOYCE, M.P. Minister of Health  
 DR. DENIS STEPHENSON LOWE, M.P. Minister of the Environment & Drainage  
 CHRISTOPHER PETER SINCKLER, M.P. Minister of Finance & Economic Affairs  
 DONVILLE O'NEIL INNISS, M.P. Minister of Industry, International Business, Commerce and Small Business Development  
 ADRIEL DERMONT BRATHWAITE, M.P. Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs  
 STEPHEN ALBERT LASHLEY, M.P. Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth  
 DENIS ST. ELMO KELLMAN, M.P. Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development  
 SENATOR DR. ESTHER ROSENNA BYER-SUCKOO Minister of Labour, Social Security and Human Resource Development  
 SENATOR MAXINE PAMELA ONETA MCCLEAN Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade  
 SENATOR DARCY WILTON BOYCE Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister

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## **"Board Retreat Coincides with Five Year Anniversary"**

On Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, thirteen members of the board of directors met at the residence of the Consul General at Toronto, for an all-day session of professional development and training. It was the first activity of its kind since the branch was incorporated and promises to be one of many others. The main focus of the session was on the board's governance responsibilities, its mandate and organization - policies, structure, and operating procedures - and how these to date have served the branch as it strives to deliver it various programs. The retreat was led by Steve Dowrich, a board member and, management consultant by profession, a person with a tremendous wealth of experience and knowledge in the area of management and was ably assisted by Ms. Maxine Carter, a board governance professional trainer.

The retreat was timely in that the branch has just marked its fifth anniversary and this milestone was an opportune time to review and evaluate just how well the board has used the tools at its disposal to meet its obligations and fulfill its stewardship. This exercise could also provide the backdrop for a future event to do some planning for the next five years.

The session was conducted in an informal setting but was formal in its content and delivery at the same time providing opportunities for participants to engage in discussions. The format of the agenda included a review of the legal framework in which the branch's mandate is established and the Operating By-law that sets forth the policies and procedures for the conduct of business. This was followed by an examination of the identified responsibilities and functions for executing the key roles: president, vice-presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, as well as a number of standing committees and, included suggestions on how some of these roles might be clarified and upgraded based on experience to date.

The presentation also provided some tools and approaches for conducting self-evaluation and included information on "best practices" gleaned from successful boards in other settings.

The main theme running through the entire session was the critically important duty of the board to be accountable and transparent in its dealings with all stakeholder groups and especially its membership.

The session concluded with the rhetorical question - where do we go from here? setting the stage for another event, perhaps in the winter/spring, that would embark on a strategic plan for the next five years.



Maxine Carter, Management Consultant  
Core Business Competencies



Steve Dowrich, Management Consultant  
with President, Reynold Austin

### **Have You Renewed Your Membership?**

By renewing your membership you are supporting our branch and the Party, and helping to create a brighter future for all Barbadians. Also, you can help grow our membership by introducing family and friends to the Party and inviting them to join. Visit our website at [www.dlpbarbadoscanda.com](http://www.dlpbarbadoscanda.com).

### **From the Editor's Desk**

"I do not begrudge those who have elevated themselves to comfortable middle class and upper class existences, I recognize that we need not lower the ceiling as to where they can aspire and achieve, but that we must raise the flooring for those who eke out a living at the bottom end" ----- David Thompson

## The Prime Minister's New Team Cont'd

SENATOR PATRICK MARTIN TYRONE TODD Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office

Parliamentary Secretaries:

SENATOR IRENE SANDIFORD-GARNER Tourism and International Transport

SENATOR JEPTER INCE Economic Affairs

SENATOR HARCOURT HUSBANDS Education, Science, Technology and Innovation

MARA THOMPSON, M.P Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly

## Some Reflections On The Memorial Service Held In Honour Of The Late Prime Minister, The Honourable David Howard Thompson, Q.C, MP

On October 21<sup>st</sup>. 2012, DLP Barbados (Canada) conducted a service of thanksgiving to celebrate the life and legacy of the late Prime Minister, Honourable David Howard Thompson Q.C. M.P.

The service was well attended. Members of the clergy included Rev. Sonia Hinds, Rev. Vernon La Fleur, and Bishop Peter Fenty, who delivered a most inspiring Homily which instructed, informed and educated us. The melodious voices of the Barbados Mass Choir under the direction of Director Winston Callender led the congregation in joyful singing.

David's mantra was summed up in one of his memorable statements, "I hope my legacy will be how I was able to bring the parts together in such a way as to create a safe, harmonious, inspirational, economically-sound, fair, just, democratic and compassionate nation". Every decision he made was to serve all the people of Barbados. He subscribed to the view that the Nation of Barbados could be a friend to all without being a satellite to any.

He believed that strong families helped to build strong communities and that building relationships in communities and giving them the authority to look after each other through constituency councils, we could create a more aware people, a more caring, and effective society.

"His view that Barbados is more than an economy, and that it is a society, dictated his DLP Government's priorities and empowerment of ordinary people. The Book with this same title and compiled by The Honourable, Ronald DaCosta Jones J.P., M.P. contains much more information about him and can be obtained through DLP Barbados (Canada) at 416-287-8291."



Officiating Clergy at the Memorial Service for the late Prime Minister David Thompson  
Rev. Dr. Sonia Hinds, Bishop Peter Fenty, Rev. Vernon La Fleur



The Barbados Mass Choir  
under the Directorship of Winston Callender



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**Scenes from Annual Picnic July 2012 - Christie Lake Conservation Area – A fun day of fun, food and entertainment**



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**Scenes from the Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner and fifth Anniversary celebrations of DLP Barbados (Canada) Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the Sts. Peter and Paul Banquet Hall with Prime Minister, the Honourable Freundel Stuart, guest of honour.**



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**Read the Insert "PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ON VICTORY FOR THE DLP 2013 ELECTIONS - Election Overview"**
**Upcoming DLP Barbados (Canada) Events**

- ❖ June 14 – AGM
- ❖ July 1<sup>st</sup> : Annual "Family Picnic" at Christie Lake Conservation Area, 1000 Hwy 5 West, Dundas, Ontario
- ❖ September 21: Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner at Saints Peter and Paul Banquet Hall, 231 Milner Ave. Scarborough
- ❖ November 2: Barbados Ex Police Dinner
- ❖ November 9 : LIMING WID DEM Social

**Other Barbadian Community Events**

- April 27: Black Diabetes Expo – To Register, call 416-408-7190
- ❖ June 8 : Barbados Charity Ball 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
- ❖ August 16-19 Annual Conference Barbados
- ❖ September 14: Barbados Nurses Association Dinner
- ❖ November 16 : Barbados Ambassadors of Canada 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner



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