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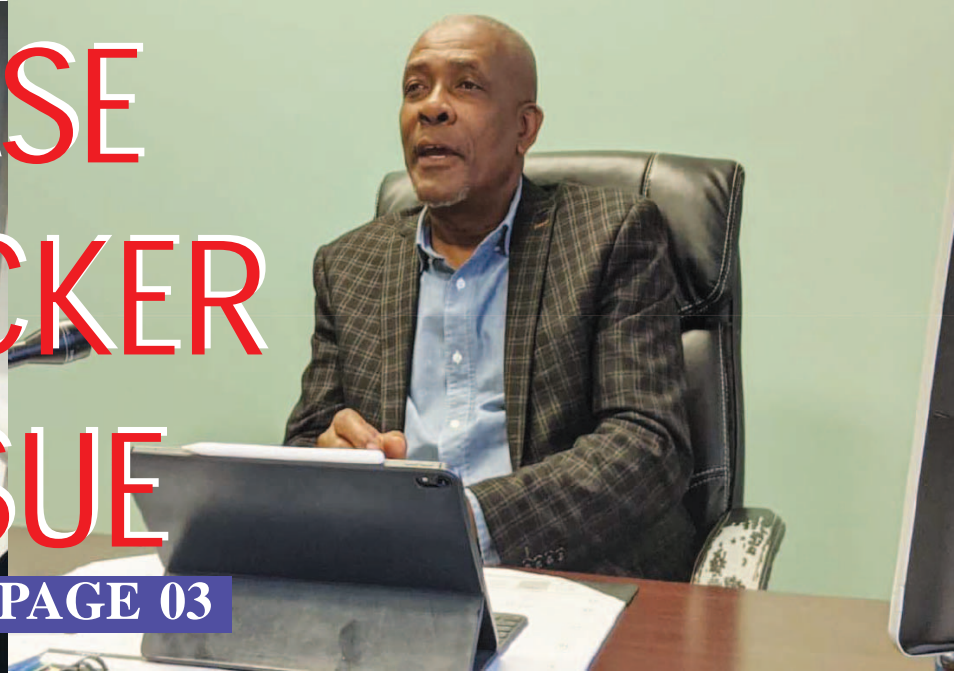
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## Editorial

# The Light Dawns!

Time and again we of this newspaper have tried to warn our people about the true nature of several persons involved in the politics of our beloved, little country. For the better part, those warnings have gone unheeded.

In particular we tried to warn elements of SCHEME UNITY that they had entered into a 'Faustian Bargain', the type that NEVER ends well. Indeed, we explained that such undertakings were akin to making deals with, or selling one's soul to, the devil', the kinds to which there are never any happy endings.

Indeed, using the example of Faust, they always end in tragedy.

Unfortunately, as the Good Book warns us, we humans are corruptible, and so many succumb to the temptations of money, power, or the flesh. Whenever all three are in play the results are usually catastrophic.

We do seem to have a situation in which all three are very much in play right here in St Kitts and Nevis.

Large numbers of our people either failed to see, or turned a blind eye to, the fact that the love of money, power, and position can be so strong as to cause individuals to make promises and enter into agreements which they, from the very beginning, never had any intention of honouring.

Within fairly recent times large numbers of our people have begun awakening to that about which we have been giving warnings for many years.

In the nineteen-sixties the hippies had an expression for anyone's sudden grasp of the truth of a matter. Whenever that occurred they would exclaim "Egad, the Light Dawns!"

It is encouraging to see and hear that individual members of the mercantile and industrial sectors have awakened to the reality of SCHEME UNITY and what it really stands for. For them the light has 'dawned'.

Perhaps even more so is the fact that members of the clergy are amongst those who have experienced an awakening, or what may be termed 'a political epiphany'. For many it has to be a most saddening experience coming to the realisation that they overlooked the divine warning that Satan is the father of ALL liars, and that his agents employ his many deceptions to influence us all into falling for their trickery, and thereby help to make their evil misleadingly appear as good.

Amongst the many who have been experiencing the sting of 'the scorpion' are those whose unhealthy lust for money, power and position allowed them to fall prey to the naked emperor and his devilish designs.

It will be very interesting to see just how they will manage to extricate themselves from the web of evil in which they are now entangled, it at all.

But, all of that is a matter for them. Who can't hear will feel!

Meanwhile, we call on all of our people to remember that Monday, 3 May, will be Labour Day. We invite, and encourage, everyone to participate in the events which Labour has organised to mark the occasion, primarily virtual in nature.

**A very happy Labour Day to all of our people!**

# Constituency Four SKNLP Branch Elects New Executive

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 29th April 2021)**- In the most recent meeting of the branch, held on Sunday, April 25, constituents of St. Christopher Four branch of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) nominated and voted for candidates for five executive positions.

Sunday's meeting, which was held at Lambert's Project saw more than eighty (80) constituents in attendance. The constituents received reports from the out-going executive committee and a number of branch issues were discussed.

The new constituency executive is now led by Ms. Dorothy Caines (Chairman), with Mr. Benjamin Thomas (Vice Chairman), Mrs. Claudia Williams (Secretary), Miss Delrine Taylor (Treasurer) and Mr. Wricherley Gumbs (Public Relations Officer).

The branch meeting also included the distribution of awards to constituents for their outstanding service to the branch and the broader society.

Receiving prizes were Miss Youlanda Liburd for being the most outstanding female constituent and Mr. Robert Webster for being the most outstanding male constituent.

The constituents of Polling Division 5 were adjudged the Best Performing Polling Division for their involvement in activities, their attendance at branch meetings, and their involvement in list work.

Party Caretaker for the constituency, His Excellency, Mr. Steve Wrenford publicly congratulated the incoming team who are "who are energised and eager to implement the new plans and actions within the constituency."

He also highlighted the significance of the major turnout at the constituency general meeting.

Mr. Wrenford ended his social media message of congratulations by saying that he looks forward to working with the new team.



(L to R) Members of the new Constituency Four St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) Executive Ms. Dorothy Caines (Chairman), Mr. Benjamin Thomas (Vice Chairman), Mrs. Claudia Williams (Secretary), Miss Delrine Taylor (Treasurer) and Mr. Wricherley Gumbs (Public Relations Officer). SKNLP Chairman Dr. Terrance Drew is seen at the immediate right end. (Photo provided)



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# DPP Accused Of Blocking Court Case Involving Drew

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 30th April 2021)** - Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Valston Graham is being accused by Chairman of the St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) and candidate for Constituency Eight Dr. Terrance Drew of blocking a case from moving forward, relating to a private criminal complaint brought against elected government minister Eugene Hamilton of the People's Action Movement (PAM) for Constituency Eight on allegations of bribery and treating stemming from the June 2020 General Elections.

Appearing on Freedom FM's 'Issues' programme aired live on Thursday 29th April 2021, Dr. Drew said in part: "He has blocked the case from being heard. He has blocked the case. If he didn't get in the way, the case would have been heard... [the DPP] cannot throw out a case; he is a prosecutor. He has blocked my case from going forward."

Dr. Drew's appearance was slated to respond to the media statements by the DPP after the case was discontinued by him (Graham) on Monday 26th April 2021, at a magistrate court.

According to Dr. Drew: "If he [the DPP] knows that he has all of these affiliations and so forth that are now surfacing in the public where perceived bias is now becoming a real question then I have my lawyers, Eugene Hamilton has his. I have my evidence [so] let a magistrate and the court determine. That is all I'm saying that this should have been determined by a magistrate

or by a court, and not by the DPP's office."

He expressed being in "total disagreement" with the decision of the DPP to discontinue the case.

"How can he come to a conclusion without speaking to the witness [me] and without doing an independent investigation?" Dr. Drew questioned during his presentation.

Additionally, he recalled an "appalling" press conference held by the DPP in February 2021 which showed "perceived bias".

"He (the DPP) had not seen my evidence but he said there's no evidence, commenting on evidence that he had not seen since January 2021 so it was quite interesting that he had a press conference talking about my evidence and referring to my evidence after he would have taken over the case and he had not seen the evidence

"That is when I knew deep down that he has already made up his mind the way he took over the case after Eddy recused himself and having a press conference commenting on evidence without seeing such evidence... Those are two instances that say there is

perceived bias on the part of the DPP," Dr. Drew said.

As it relates to the future of the matter which was initially filed in November 2020, Dr. Drew has stated that "there are options and we are weighing those options because what has happened here, this has really delayed the time..."

Speaking to media workers on Monday 26th April, DPP Graham gave his reasoning as to why the case was discontinued that day.

As understood, Queen's Counsel Delano Bart-on behalf of Dr. Drew provided statements of the Evidence which founded two prosecutions and that he had previously written to ask the DPP to give consideration of independent conduct of the prosecutions from his office.

According to Graham, and that along those lines, he (the DPP) sought the opinion of two independent criminal prosecutors namely Queen's Counsel Henry Brown DPP Montserrat Garnett Thompson.

"I received their independent opinions. Their opinions were presented unknown to each other. Based on the opinion that they would have given to me, my own review and of the law and of the evidence, I came to the conclusion that the charge of bribery and the charge of treating against Mr. Hamilton had no realistic

prospect of success [and] in that regard I discontinued the matters before the magistrate."

According to Dr. Drew in responding to such a statement on Freedom FM: "He (the DPP) said that he consulted two independent QCs. I have consulted two independent QCs who have reached different conclusions."

**Front Page Photos:**

(Left) - Chairman of the St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) and candidate for Constituency Eight Dr. Terrance Drew  
(right) - Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Valston Graham

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To the Superintendent of Police.

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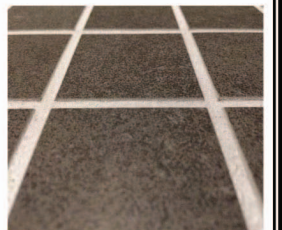
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# Brantley Frowns Upon Social Media Handling Of Student-Teacher Inappropriate Behaviour Matter

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 30th April 2021)-** Nevis' Premier Mark Brantley is frowning upon reports by social users who have also gone about circulating images of the females students involved in a matter currently being investigated at a high school on Nevis as it relates to a real life subject of inappropriate behavior levelled against two male teachers.

Having been quizzed by a reporter on the topic at his monthly press conference held on Wednesday, 28th April 2020, Brantley informed that no reports of any physical contact has been made to the Ministry of Education

"I saw some reports on social media which I thought were very unfortunate and I also saw some [circulating] of the images of the young women which I think were grossly irresponsible and ought to be condemned. I don't know what has come upon our people that we act in this irresponsible and vicious way sometimes towards each other but I condemn that unreservedly because that was entirely uncalled for."

"You are correct that reports have come to the Ministry of Education that two male teachers were involved in some... I would say inappropriate behaviour because I've seen some very false and misleading statements on social media suggesting that something quite different to what happened happened," he told the reporter.

Brantley continued: "I can't get into the details but I would say is that the matter is naturally being investigated and we of course insist that we must have safe environments for our children to go to school, and our females and our males-those who are in school-must be in an environment that is safe, and so I encourage our teachers to continue to act with the necessary professionalism and decorum and appropriate behaviour but I hasten to say that we are not aware of any report of any actual physical engagement

with any young person...what we are aware of is inappropriate comments and inappropriate behaviour."

Brantley talked about what might be considered a joke for adults is being inappropriate when dealing with children.

"You maybe use a word or use language that is inappropriate but what might pass between adults as conversation certainly would have no place when you're dealing with children and so that is why I have sought to respond in a way that I have responded."

"So we continue to investigate the matter and hopefully we will be able to resolve it in a way that is just to all concerned," he stated.

Brantley said the matter is "well under investigation and the matter is being dealt with through the usual channels and we will continue to provide every support to our students."

As told by him: "Our schools are safe and our young people must feel safe at all times, and that is our goals and our teachers and those involved in education and the care of our young people must



Photo: Premier Mark Brantley

conduct themselves appropriately at all times."

**Front Page Photo: A chalkboard image used for illustration purposes only (sourced from istock.com) edited by this media house to include the headline.**

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2005/0149

BETWEEN:

[1] FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL  
BANK (BARBADOS) LIMITED

Applicant

and

[1] SHELLEY ROSS-CHADERTON

Respondent

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BY PUBLIC AUCTION

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on Thursday the 27th day of May 2021

at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his or her accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale. The Purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the property must be paid by the Purchaser. The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property free from prior encumbrances. Contact the Applicant's Attorneys-at-Law, Kelsick, Wilkin and Ferdinand, 869-465-2440 or Law@kwfonline.com, for more details.

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# NIA implements new requirement for work permits, residency applications as of May 2021

**N I A CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (April 28, 2021)** — In its quest to ensure the safety and security of the people of Nevis new measures have been put in place by the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) for persons seeking work permits, residency or their renewal with effect from May 01, 2021.

Hon. Mark Brantley, Premier of Nevis, who is also the Minister of Health, made the announcement at his monthly press conference in Cabinet Room at Pinney's Estate on April 28, 2021.

"What we have now decided and effective May 1st is that anyone seeking a work permit or residency or seeking to renew a work permit or their residency will have to present evidence that they have been vaccinated.

"We feel that this is a reasonable measure to take in the circumstances, just as persons seeking work permits and residency have to submit evidence that they are free of Tuberculosis and Syphilis. I think those are the two tests that are applied now. We are now requiring as of May 1st that they also confirm that they are vaccinated," he said.

Mr. Brantley stated that the move is a significant policy shift for the NIA and thanked the Cabinet for its support in the matter.

The Premier noted the



Photo caption: Hon. Mark Brantley, Premier of Nevis, at his monthly press conference in Cabinet Room at Pinney's Estate on April 28, 2021

island's popularity as a destination over the years for those seeking work and reside there, citing that the NIA has had a very open and liberal policy particularly to Caribbean brothers and sisters.

However, Mr. Brantley called for the support of the non-national community to comply with the new requirements.

"This is not novel because we are seeing other places introducing it. Just yesterday I think I saw a news item saying in Turks and Caicos Islands that this is a similar approach that they're taking and we would want the support of the non-national community in this regard.

"Incidentally, we are advised that the non-national community constitutes the highest percentage of persons who have already taken the first shot of the vaccine and so we are optimistic that this would not impact negatively anyone," he said.

The Premier told them for those who are unable to take the vaccine for medical reasons, they must present evidence from their medical doctor, and would be placed in the category of persons who are not allowed to take the vaccine.

For those who can take the vaccine, Mr. Brantley urged them to do so as the NIA believes that the measure to be implemented on May 1st is a reasonable one to combat COVID-19 at this point in time.

He also addressed employers in relation to non-nationals who they plan to hire.

"We understand that persons even in this pandemic are still seeking to relocate to Nevis. We understand that persons even in this pandemic are still seeking to find work in Nevis.

"We appreciate that some institutions have to hire certain persons because the skill set might not be locally available, and so we are saying to those employers as well to employ local first and foremost, where they can, but if for any reason this skill set is not available and they require a work permit or they require a renewal of a work permit, that they invite these workers to comply with the new requirements that they must demonstrate that they are vaccinated against the COVID-19," he said.

Case Number : SKBHC/VZU20/0210



FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT  
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SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND NOTING THEREON FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Request for Certificate of Title and Noting Thereon
28 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020	Vywatt Heyliger by her Attorneys, Henderson Law Chambers	A First Certificate of Title to be issued in respect of a lot of land situate at The Backway, Sandy Point, in the Parish of St. Anne, in Island of St Christopher

ON or towards the North by lands of the Heirs of Agatha Heyliger, 34.33 feet; ON or towards the East by lands of Catherine Douglas, 71.03 feet, ON or towards the South by Backway Street, 38.60 feet and ON or towards the West by lands of Errol Laws, 23.04 and lands of Warner, 38.41 feet and containing by admeasurement 2,365.81 square feet or howsoever otherwise the said lot of land may be abutted bounded known or described.

Dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2021

*[Signature]*  
Registrar

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT  
A.D. 2021  
(Probate)

No. SKBHPB2021/

In the Estate of FLORETTA MARGARET JULIUS late of Carty's Pasture, Tabernacle in the Island of Saint Christopher, deceased

### ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

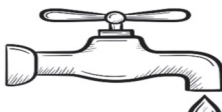
TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by ELLERY JULIUS for a Grant of Probate of the Will of FLORETTA MARGARET JULIUS who died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019 without revoking a Will bearing date 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Any person having an objection to the Application for a Grant of Probate to the Application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

*[Signature]*  
CHESLEY ONEAL HAMILTON  
Attorney-at-Law

File by: CHESLEY ONEAL HAMILTON Attorney-at-Law whose address for service is West Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

SAVE  WATER

# WHO Issues Guidelines For Ethical Considerations Of Making COVID-19 Vaccines Mandatory

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS (Sunday 25th April 2021)**-The global authority on health and leading body on the global response to curb the spread and effected of the COVID-19 pandemic, The World Health Organisation (WHO), has recently issued a set of guidelines for states to consider when seeking to make vaccination mandatory.

The April 13, 2021 guidelines address the need for a balanced approach to achieving maximum immunisation.

The WHO release said, "because policies that mandate an action or behaviour interfere with individual liberty and autonomy, they should seek to balance communal well-being with individual liberties."

The guidelines document was clear in its statement that it did not support or denounce mandatory COVID-19

vaccination. Rather, it identified "important ethical considerations and caveats that should be explicitly evaluated and discussed through ethical analysis by governments and/or institutional policy-makers who may be considering mandates for COVID-19 vaccination."

The WHO outlined to its member states six ethical considerations that should be taken when exploring the approach of making the vaccines compulsory. These considerations are (i) vaccine necessity and proportionality; (ii) sufficient evidence of vaccine safety; (iii) sufficient evidence of vaccine efficacy and effectiveness; (iv) sufficient supply of vaccines; (v) public trust in vaccines; and (vi) ethical processes of local decision-making.

In its advice on vaccine necessity and proportionality, the WHO stated, "If such a public health goal (e.g., herd immunity, protecting the most vulnerable, protecting the capacity of the acute health care system) can be achieved with less coercive or intrusive policy interventions (e.g., public education), a mandate would not be ethically justified, as achieving public health goals with less restriction of individual liberty and autonomy yields a more favourable risk-benefit ratio."

The world body further advised in circumstances where vaccination is deemed mandatory, "Individual liberties should not be challenged for longer than necessary. Policy-makers should therefore frequently re-evaluate the mandate to ensure it remains necessary and proportionate to achieve public health goals. In addition, the necessity of a mandate to achieve public health goals should be evaluated in the context of the possibility that repeated vaccinations may be required as the virus

evolves, as this may challenge the possibility of a mandate to realistically achieve intended public health objectives."

The guidelines call for the availability of data that demonstrate the vaccine being mandated has been found to be safe in the populations for whom the vaccine is to be made mandatory. Health officials are asked to make the data available to the people and not just repeat that anecdotal evidence such as "the benefits of taking the vaccine far outweighs the risks".

Added to this, policymakers are advised to "consider specifically whether vaccines authorized for emergency or conditional use meet an evidentiary threshold for safety sufficient for a mandate." As such, mandatory vaccination should be implemented with thought of the extent of the nation health system capacity and readiness to address harm from vaccines that are not fully licensed.

Health policymakers are asked to review the data on efficacy and effectiveness of the vaccines and make them available to show how efficacious the vaccine is in the population. The number of local cases manifesting particular side-effects and complications should be made available to the people for whom vaccination is to be mandated. Added to this, "there should be sufficient evidence that the vaccine is efficacious in preventing serious infection and/or transmission," guideline 3 went on to say.

The guidelines asked policymakers to consider the sufficiency of the supply of the vaccine for the people it is being mandated for. "In order for a mandate to be considered, supply of the authorised vaccine should be sufficient and reliable, with reasonable, free access for those for whom it is to be made mandatory. The absence of a sufficient supply and reasonable, free access would not only render a mandate ineffective in achieving vaccine uptake, but would create an unduly burdensome, unfair demand on those who are required to be vaccinated but are unable to access the vaccine. Such a mandate would threaten to exacerbate social inequity in access to health care."

The guidelines went on to caution that "the coercive power that governments or institutions display in a programme that undermines voluntariness could have unintended negative consequences for vulnerable or marginalized populations."

The advice is that public policy should be measured and balanced as "populations may regard mandatory vaccination as another form of inequity or oppression, making it more difficult for them to access jobs and essential services."

The WHO concluded its guidelines with consideration for "transparency and stepwise decision-making" as essential elements of ethical analysis and decision-making when it comes to mandatory vaccination. "Reasonable effort should be made to engage affected parties and relevant stakeholders, and particularly those who are vulnerable or marginalised, to elicit and understand their perspectives," with mechanisms to constantly monitor evidence and to revise such decisions periodically.

The WHO went on to zero in on mandating the vaccine for the general public. This prospect it considered to be rare, but went on to state, "Even if there is a sufficient supply and a mandate for vaccination of the general public is considered necessary and proportionate, policy-makers should still consider whether a mandate for the general public would threaten public trust or exacerbate inequity for the most vulnerable or marginalised."

St.Kitts and Nevis is a member of the World Health Organisation.

Prime Minister Harris has announced his intentions to seek legal advice to make mandate vaccination in the country.


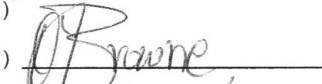

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# The southernmost rice industry in the world is adapting to climate change



Southern Chile is moving towards sustainable and climate smart rice production that will facilitate an 80% reduction in the use of seeds, without the need for herbicides and using 50% less water.

**Parral, Chile, 27 April 2021 (IICA)** - David Castillo and Washington Hernandez are rice farmers in Parral - a town in the Maule region, located approximately 350 km south of Santiago de Chile. For more than 20 years they have been producing rice under flooded conditions, which is the traditional method associated with rice cultivation.

This type of cultivation has the highest water footprint in the world, as approximately 1,700 liters of water are needed to produce half a kilogram of rice - an unsustainable requirement in the context of water shortages and climate change.

The Maule region is located on the fringe of an area hit by a mega drought that has been advancing for the last 12 years and which has become a critical issue for many producers. David and Washington recognize that they must begin to adapt and to adopt new technologies to continue producing.

Karla Cordero, researcher in charge of the Genetic Rice Improvement Program of Chile's Agricultural Research Institute (INIA), is known as the Queen of Rice. Cordero has spearheaded the country's implementation and adoption of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI), which has been proposed as a concrete solution for producers in the zone, as it allows them to employ intensive and direct dry-seeding practices.

Cordero explained that currently more than 10 million producers in 54 countries are benefitting from this methodology. Having originated in Africa, SRI has successfully been introduced in countries with warmer climates in the Americas. The challenge was to adapt it to a temperate climate, such as Chile.

She indicated that, "The prevailing climate conditions in the national rice zone only allow for the cultivation of japonica rice, which has made Chile the southernmost rice producer in the world. This cold climate promotes the growth of a rice crop that is pest and disease free, given that these scourges do not prosper in cooler temperatures. Thus, the crop can be cultivated with minimal use of chemicals and free of pesticides and fungicides. This characteristic differentiates our rice from the rice cultivated elsewhere in the world, which requires multiple pesticide applications, in order to enable a profitable level of production".

The researcher has been working for more than 4 years in generating relevant and valuable data and information to develop this system in Chile and in other temperate climate countries.

The application of this methodology was recognized by the prestigious Cornell University, in the United States, which stated, on its SRI International Network and Resources webpage, that, "SRI is part of a reorientation towards sustainable production, since it will allow advances in the reduction of chemical products used in the crop, eliminating the use of herbicides, and, at the same time, saving a significant amount of water currently used for rice".

For many years, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) has been working with countries, such as Nicaragua, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela and Colombia, in promoting, adapting and validating the SRI methodology, as a possible alternative to foster a more productive, competitive, resilient and low-emission rice sector.

In Chile, production promotes four basic principles: early cultivation (flexibility in the date of planting); reduced competition among plants, through the mechanical control of weeds; the maintaining of healthy soils (aeration and oxygenation of roots); and alternating between dry and wet soils.

These principles, in addition to the use of high-yield seeds, better industrial quality, short duration cultivars and adaptation to the new restricted water conditions, have enabled the creation of a climate-smart rice cultivar which, after two years of testing and experimental studies, is available for use on a mass scale by producers.

Fernando Barrera, Rural Extension Specialist at IICA, said that the challenge in this phase of the process is to continue the participatory research process with the farmers, extension officers, researchers and development agents.

"We are going to work to devise an irrigation strategy at the farm level that will facilitate an efficient 50% reduction in water consumption, as was already achieved at the experimental level, by adjusting the direct dry-seeding system to utilize the seed more efficiently and to produce more vigorous, resilient and high yield cultivars", he explained.

Barrera also remarked that, "We will continue work to develop a mechanized weed control system that will reduce dependency on herbicides and provide environmentally-friendly solutions. We will also identify the genetic lines that are most suitable for SRI, while also implementing production management practices to enable better adaptation to water stress conditions. The aim is also to devise marketing strategies that highlight the value of a more sustainable production system and that represent the best of our rural world".

According to the IICA specialist, after the experimental phase there will be a period in which the technology will be transferred to farmers, as well as an extension services phase, focusing on equipping farmers with tools and knowledge tailored to their needs, with a view to creating an impact and ensuring acceptance of this new form of sustainable production.

## Regional project, innovation and applied science for climate change adaptation

The initiative, which is funded by the Innovation Fund for Competitiveness (FIC for its Spanish acronym) of the Regional Government of Maule, is promoting research, innovation and competitiveness in the sector. The project seeks to benefit close to 1,100 rice farmers, as well as the chain associated with this sector, which includes technical advisors to farmers; companies; and also Chilean public entities, such as ODEPA and INDAP. It will also create indirect benefits for all national rice consumers.

Rodrigo Aviles, Regional Director of INIA Quilamapu/Raihuén, indicated that the Parral zone boasts the highest level of rice production in Chile, accounting for approximately 60% of the total. "Given what we have been experiencing in recent years, due to water restrictions and precipitation, INIA's genetic rice improvement program, in a bid to assist farmers to adapt to the new agricultural scenario-characterized by climate change, limited water for irrigation and increased environment-related market demands-has identified this alternative that we are demonstrating on an experimental farm in Digua, in collaboration with IICA".

The INIA and IICA teams invited David and Washington to see for themselves the strides being made with this cultivation system, in an open-air laboratory just a few kilometers away from their rice paddies, where project researchers are testing irrigation systems, seeds and agricultural management.

More than anyone else, both producers from the Cuyumillaco region are keenly aware of the water shortage problem and are cultivating close to 100 hectares that they sell directly to the mills.

Having been introduced to the methodology, they have both committed to implementing it on one hectare of their fields, with a view to progressing rapidly towards a complete migration to this production method, which will yield climate-smart rice that has been adapted to climate change.



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# CPL Official: Entry Requirement Could Encourage Others In SKN To Get COVID-19 Vaccine

By: Precious Mills

**BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 30th April 2021)**-Chief Executive Officer of the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) Pete Russell is of the view that the fully-vaccinated entry requirement for attendance to the 2021 Caribbean Premier League (CPL) to be held in St.Kitts could help to encourage others in the Federation to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

He shared his opinion while speaking at a press conference held on Tuesday 27th April 2021, streamed live via Youtube.com for which facilitated via Zoom technology, catering to the attendance of other officials along with media workers.

That session featured an announcement by the Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture Jonel Powell about St.Kitts-Nevis being the host country for the cricket matches.

“The planning and details that needs to go into making these things happen is so important, and I think to have the first fully vaccinated tournament, it’s again just showing the world forward and I’m sure that this will encourage people, certainly in the Federation, to get their vaccines so that they can come and watch some great cricket, and I think that’s very important. ...We all know that vaccination is the way out of this [pandemic] so hopefully everyone would take heed and we look forward to welcoming them at Warner Park,” Russell stated.

As understood, the first game is slated to take place on Saturday 28th August 2021 and matches will run through to the middle of September, and will see a 50% capacity of fans in attendance to the 8000-seat venue.

According to Russell, CPL is “absolute thrilled to be playing all 33 games in St.Kitts.”

He described CPL being able to host a fully vaccinated tournament as the “exciting part of it.”

“I think we led the way in terms of the protocols being put in place that have obviously now become a part of most events. We were the first large [capacity] cricket tournament back [in 2020] and that went very successfully. You’ve seen that others have had their problems...”€

Russell thanked the Sports Minister for having put in more than six months of work to ensure that the opportunity materialized.

“We believe that it is such an important part of the recovery of the region that we’re able to host CPL at all. We were very lucky to host it in Trinidad last year which was very successful, and this year again continues that process. We all hope that region gets back some form of normality. We absolutely appreciate and understand that tourism is very much a part of the economies. ...so it’s very important to us that CPL takes place...” Russell pointed out.

The Sports Minister commented that during this difficult period of pandemic, St.Kitts and Nevis understands the needs to position itself for recovery and recognizes the importance of its relationship with the CPL and the St.Kitts-Nevis Patriots.

“Consequently, yesterday the Federal Cabinet would have renewed the agreement for St.Kitts-Nevis and the CPL

thus ensuring that for another five years, St.Kitts and Nevis would have the benefit of the St.Kitts-Nevis Patriots, all the rights that come with them and the right to host home matches in relation to the CPL.”

Powell continued: “We also have taken it into consideration our own track record in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and the fact that we’ve been able to weather that storm pretty well. To date, we’ve had 44 [recovered] positive cases of COVID-19 with no deaths and no serious illnesses and so we’re confident in our ability to contribute to sport and in this regard the CPL, and so it is my pleasing duty to announce that yesterday, the Federal Cabinet of St.Kitts and Nevis approved the hosting of the entire 2021 CPL tournament here in St.Kitts and Nevis to be held at Warner Park, Basseterre, St.Kitts.”

“We look forward to partnering with CPL, we look forward to the tremendous economic benefits that would flow from having the entire tournament held here and the continued cricket development that ensues from the relationship between us, the CPL, the St.Kitts-Nevis Patriots and our own local cricket association,” he also noted.

Powell also announced that as of the 15th May 2021, St.Kitts and Nevis will be allowing patrons to attend all sporting events to capacity of 50% of the venue, and those patrons will have to be fully vaccinated with an approved COVID-19 vaccine which includes the upcoming CPL tournament.

“We are confident in our ability to pull off this tournament in a grand fashion but in a healthy way and so we look forward to the opportunity to continue partnering with CPL and to ensure that the game of cricket continues to flourish here in St.Kitts and the Caribbean,” the Sports Minister said.

**Front Page Photo: Cheerleaders for the St.Kitts and Nevis Patriots are all smiles during match one played in September 2019 at the Warner Park Cricket Stadium in Basseterre, St.Kitts (credit: CreateOne Media)**



Photo: Chief Executive Officer of the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) Pete Russell (left) and Minister of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture Jonel Powell seen during the Zoom meeting press conference held on Tuesday 27th April 2021 (Spokesman Screenshot)

## SKNT&LU Participates In Annual Safety and Health At Work Events

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Friday 30th April 2021)** - The St. Kitts-Nevis Trades & Labour Union has successfully demonstrated its commitment to seeing to the welfare of workers in St.Kitts-Nevis having participated in a week of activities to

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President of the St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union Sydney Bridgewater (immediate right) and First Vice President Larry Vaughan have a refreshment moment following the health walk held on Saturday 24th April 2021 (Spokesman Snap)

# G. A. Dwyer Astaphan, Commentary

77 April, 2021

## Greetings:



On November 2nd, 1937, Mr. Marcus Garvey gave a speech to the Mutual Improvement Society then located at Lower Market Street in Basseterre.

In his speech, he urged Kittitians and Nevisians not to be a nation of jellyfish. He urged them to have backbone, to stand up for their patrimony and their rights as a people, and to develop their minds.

But it needs to be said that when Marcus Garvey spoke to Kittitians and Nevisians at Lower Market Street after disembarking from the Lady Nelson steamship that morning about 84 years ago, he knew that he was not speaking to jellyfish and weaklings. He knew where their minds were at, and he knew what they had done before, in the Buckleys Rebellion, and before and after that Rebellion.

All he was doing was merely, but importantly, encouraging them not to give in, to remain strong, and grow even stronger, in mind and in commitment to their collective cause.

Those of you who know the history of that time will be aware that things were hellishly hard, and people were suffering greatly in conditions of extreme poverty, malnutrition, poor health, poor housing, social, political and judicial injustice, and an economy that was foolishly and short-sightedly, maybe wilfully, built on one industry, and not just a single industry, but a seasonal one, which meant less work and continuing poverty and dependency for loads and loads of people, and in some cases no work, in the off season which was almost half of the year.

Those conditions suited the British and the sugar barons, but were terrible for the masses of this country. So the masses rebelled.

And the rebelled, not only for themselves and their children, but for those who live today.

Their actions, and those in other Caribbean islands, caught the attention of the British Government which set up the Moyne Commission to enquire into living conditions in its Caribbean colonies.

And the report of the Commission was so embarrassing to the British that they blocked its publication until the end of World War II because they didn't want the Germans to use it as propaganda to show the world how inhumane and cruel the British were.

Before I go any further, allow me to share with you some other things which Marcus Garvey said to the people of St. Kitts & Nevis on that November 2nd, 1937 day.

He said that it is by the mind that you rise or descend. He said that if you do not train and protect your mind, men with trained minds will subjugate you. He said that people only liberate themselves through their state of mind.

He also said that the poor of the world do not worry about their minds, only about their stomachs, and he said that the more people eat, the more ignorant they

become, and they die ten years before their time.

I wonder what Marcus Garvey would say today about if and how poor people use their minds, and about how poor people eat. And live. I wonder, despite the tsunami of information that floods the world, and despite all of the changes that have occurred over the decades, whether he would find people in St. Kitts & Nevis today more socially conscious and committed to the collective good than their antecedents were 84 years ago.

How many of us use and develop our minds? And how many of us who do so are committed to the collective good of the country instead of being selfish and greedy with what we know and what we have gathered to ourselves?

How many of our minds are truly developed to the point where we seek information and try to be objective and analytical about that information, and make our judgments and decisions accordingly? How many of us are fooled by leaders the same way some of them 84 years ago were fooled by the colonizers? How many of us are happy with a \$500 a month, some money to phone in to call-in radio, another \$500 for our birthday, a ham and a turkey at Christmas, or an invitation to a Government House cocktail party? How many of us are fooled by those things when, for all practical purposes, we are being kept poor, deprived and dependent?

The wealth of a Kittitian is not measured by him being told that we have a better economy than St. Vincent, because a so-called good economy does not guarantee economic justice and empowerment for the poor citizen or resident or for any citizen at all, and comparisons with other places which have different realities are odious; no, worse, comparisons can be foolish.

And the wellbeing of a Kittitian is not measured by the fact that he can go to Music Festival, CPL cricket, Black Sand Bangalang, the Strip or Park Hyatt, or join a Carnival Troupe for \$1500. Instead, it's measured by her having easy access to excellent social services, by her having political choices that guarantee good and transparent governance, by her living in a society which operates on the basis of the Constitution and the Rule of Law for ALL, by her having a trained mind, a productive and industrious attitude, a social conscience, a healthy outlook, and a sense of dignity and honour.

Let me address the matter of economic justice and empowerment.

In 1989 or thereabouts, the then PAM-NRP Coalition Administration borrowed money and built the Southeast Peninsula Road, all through private lands, owned by a handful of persons. Immediately word of the Road was publicly known, the price of the land down there went up by leaps and bounds. I know one landowner who upped his price by 1000%.

In order to recoup some of the money paid for the Road, the Government increased stamp duty, and while they collected more, all it meant was that the land prices went up even more, making it more difficult for people to put money into bricks and mortar.

I think the Government should have gotten some of the land in exchange for at least part of the cost of the Road and I believe that the landowners in the area should have been, and should be, paying a special fee to help maintain the infrastructure down there.

As it is, the buyers paid the extra money and you, the taxpayers of Irishtown, Newtown, Trafalgar, Old Road, Halfway Tree, Sandy Point, Newton Ground, Phillips', Ottleys, Cayon, Keys, Conaree and St. Peters have to pay for it. Forget the developers: they pay no taxes! We need developers, eh. Don't get me wrong, but we need to do this thing on the basis of economic and social justice, and respect for the patrimony of

our people, that respect having to come first FROM our people, because if we don't respect ourselves, nobody will respect us.

Understand how the game is played: They get the concessions, and you pay the taxes. They hold one head with self serving politicians, at your exclusion, and you are made to be scared to complain, protest or join a union so that you can hold one head with your brother and sister workers, and be protected in your numbers.

Economic injustice, and you are just as guilty as they are because, unlike your ancestors, too many of you are jellyfish. You have spunk to fight and cuss and pull down each other, but no spunk to embrace and cooperate with each other. You are happy to uplift those who degrade you, and to unwillingly uplift those whose redemption and success is tied into your own.

So you were born here, but here is not yours.

Then in 2007, the Labour Administration of the day signed an Agreement with Christophe Harbour in which it gave the developers a very free hand, which resulted in enormous losses of opportunities for local contractors, heavy equipment operators, tradesmen, and other providers of services and goods. By the Agreement they created a separate principality or state. A man was allowed to buy 3,000 acres of land and can't even develop 300 of it. And on top of that he borrowed \$42 million from the SIDF, and money from National Bank. I wonder if these debts have been paid off yet.

That Administration was widely criticized by the present Administration for the Christophe Harbour deal, and vowed to do something about it. And I must say that they did do something about it. They talked! Nothing else!

To add insult to injury, this present Administration is signing away your birthright, your opportunity and right to own the renewable energy supply to SKELEC so that you can cut out the middle man and you can own the company and get dividends too. But that's not what they want. They have brought in a Swiss company which will own the solar plant and sell the energy to SKELEC who in turn will sell it to you. So in this vital national asset and resource, you remain a consumer, never to become an owner. Our power supply will be controlled out of an office in Switzerland. Your money will bail that company out of the trouble that it is in, and hundreds of millions of dollars will leak out of our economy. Your money will make some Europeans rich and keep you poor.

Now if that is not self disrespect, I don't know what is!

Something has to be fundamentally, and philosophically wrong with the thinking that led to this decision. What would Marcus Garvey think? And perhaps more importantly, what would he think of you for allowing that to happen? Would he call you "jellyfish"?


If this deal goes through, the project has to be nationalized and turned over to the people of St. Kitts & Nevis. I've said this before, and I'll say it again. You all need to understand.

I also want to bring to your attention and to the attention of the spirit of Marcus Garvey, this: the Government has announced that they're talking with a developer who will build middle income homes for Kittitians and Nevisians, and the developer and people who invest in the development company will be eligible to apply for economic citizenship. They will also finance the construction of the homes, and take mortgages from those of you who will buy a house from them.

Now why would the Government want to allow a foreign developer to do this? I can see how it might  
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# Workers are too important to be threatened and insulted



By  Larry Vaughan  
April 18, 2021

The COVID-19 Crisis has opened the eyes of our minds to the recognition that our societies need to closely examine the present and emerging circumstances and to determine how sustainable and progressive we truly are with regard to the policy actions we decide to adopt. The adequate use of technology to speed up our access to goods and services or the changes in policies to ensure that our economies emerge with true resilience following the pandemic are only two ways that small island developing states, like Saint Kitts and Nevis, can ready ourselves for the still approaching new normal.

Between March 2020 and the present, peoples across the globe have been confronted by the economic and social challenges that are associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Governments and leaders in the private sector and civil society have reviewed the situations in which they find themselves. Sluggish economies, increased social safety needs and possible fallouts seem to be the order of the day. Everyone is seeking answers.

Governments have found their answers in the development of stimulus spending packages. Like John Maynard Keynes, our peoples advocate for increased government expenditures and lower taxes to stimulate demand and pull the economy out of depressions, such as we face today. We seek state interventions through policies that mitigate our challenges and get the people back out and working.

Employers have found answers in lobbying the government. It is often said that the squeaky cog gets the grease. Such it is with businesses that speak up and speak out. These business leaders, through an association of employers, speak with one voice to raise concerns and seek solutions.

However, there is yet another group in our society. The people in this group are the ones who pay all the taxes that governments collect, be they direct or indirect in nature. These people are the principal producers and consumers of the goods and services produced in an economy. These are our workers.

Oftentimes, governments and employers sit at the table of development to discuss plans, programmes and strategies that are intended to move the nations forward but too many times the

workers are left out the discussion. It is as if government and business leaders are not mindful that workers face economic and social issues too. It is as though, there is an understanding that workers are not capable of articulating their own interests, concern and desires.

The unwillingness to include workers in the discussion of issues of national significance suggests that we have not recognised that business failures do not only have macroeconomic implications for the state and entrepreneurial consequences for business owners. They also mean job losses which impose significant social and economic challenges on the ability of the people to provide for themselves and their families.

As such, there is always a need for governments to consult with the people whenever the state embarks on making policy decisions. Consult, here, does not mean that a decision is to be made, then it is to be told to the people. Consultation, does not mean that the state should say what it intends to do and then proceed unabated. Consultation demands that representatives of the state, of employers and of workers meet to discuss matters of national significance in order to arrive at policy positions that reflect a coherently coordinated consensus.

When one listens to the words of Prime Minister Harris of Saint Kitts and Nevis on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, we did not hear the public policy directorate entering in consultation with the people on the vaccine roll-out. We heard PM Harris say, "We (the government) need every employer not just to say, but to insist that every employee must be vaccinated. This is where it is going to come. For the protection of your business, for the protection of the peace and the health of those who are vaccinate., employers, including the government, will have to give consideration to that."

Nowhere in this comment nor in the proclamation of the pursuit of a policy of mandatory vaccination for workers was there any hope that the government of Saint Kitts and Nevis is prepared to sit at the table of brotherhood and concord and negotiate a policy of national significance in the pursuit of national maximum immunisation. Is it because the WHO did not stipulate this; or because donor funds and donor doses did not come with this stipulation?

When one reads the missives put out to staff by local businesses in Saint Kitts and Nevis, one sees that businesses are prepared to force their will on workers without care for the concerns that have caused their vaccine hesitancy. The diction, mood and tenor of the various letters range from insulting, intimidating and demanding. Rather than sitting at

the table with workers as equal partners in the national discussion on the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out, workers are approached as underlings and subordinates in the business environment who must do what the lords and masters (government and bosses) dictate.

In my recent walks about town, many have asked me, what does the ILO say about mandating the vaccines to workers? What protections do the ILO offer workers?

I must confess that I am unable to speak definitively to the ILO's position on mandating vaccines. It is not because the ILO is not clear on this issue in its Constitution, its Philadelphia Agreement, and its 190 Conventions along with their protocols and recommendations. However, the ILO has sought at all times to have its member states bound to key principles, that if they are adhered to, Saint Kitts and Nevis would have approached the vaccine roll-out matter much differently.

The first ILO principle that should guide a national response such as this is the principle of Tripartism. This principle says that states engage internally in economic corporatism that is based on tripartite agreements between employers' organisations, trade unions, and the government of the country. Each participant in the process is to act as a social partner in order to create economic policy through cooperation, consultation, negotiation, and compromise.

Saint Kitts and Nevis adopted this principle when it established the National Tripartite Committee on Labour Standards in Section 43 of the Protection of Employment Act (Cap. 18.27 of the Laws of Saint Christopher and Nevis). Section 47 of this Act outlines that Committee has the function to advise the Government and the Minister of Labour on all labour matters including (a) the formation and implementation of national policies on basic conditions of employment and the health, environment and safety of workers; (b) the promotion of collective bargaining; (c) proposals for the adoption and amendment of legislation; and (d) review of the operation and enforcement of the Protection of Employment Act.

A cursory look at this legislation and the ILO principle suggests that the Prime Minister would have spoken out of turn on what policy is to be pursued and that where he has a proposed labour-related policy, regulation or law, this Committee is to meet and consider its implications.

At present, I am a member of the Committee and I have not yet missed a meeting of the Committee since my inclusion as one of the three Labour Union representatives. The proposal of the mandatory vaccination for workers has not come to the National Tripartite Committee for its consideration and as a member I await its introduction.

All we have is public loud talk. The

rhetoric being heard from the government and business leaders is that not being vaccinated can make the COVID-19 virus a workplace illness. Yet at the same time, the local Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the Government have not yet been heard advocating for the ratification of ILO's Convention 155 on Occupational Safety and Health which would allow for solutions to all forms of work-related threats to the health and safety of workers.

If the primary concern is truly the health of the country and that of the business environment, then there should be an equally loud consideration for the health of the worker at present and going forward. Until we pass the relevant legislation and ratify the ILO Convention 155, we are not yet serious about the health and safety of the worker. And so, there is a need to come to the table of cooperation and concord to discuss this matter before we consider ways to threaten and mandate our way to a COVID safe workplace.

The ILO has called this principle its pillars of Coherence, Coordination and Consensus. When all parties (Government, Employers and Workers) come to sit at the table there is greater consistency between policy statements and the resources that are invested in the delivery of national policies. Already, we have a policy which created a National Tripartite Committee, yet this body is under-recognised as a fundamental tool that the country can use to meet our vaccine roll-out related challenges. Where there is coherency, there comes a consistent approach to examine the direct relationships between the situation diagnosis, the problem identification, and negotiated planned solutions. Ultimately, would have shown signs of being a matured society were we to have produced an emergent policy through which there was consensus - the product of consultations between the state, the employers and workers.

If these two principles of tripartism and occupational health and safety were being pursued in Saint Kitts and Nevis, there would be less distrust by workers in the roll-out of the vaccine. There may also be a need to vaccinate less individuals. We will be able to recognise that there are areas where the state needs to adopt strengthened occupational safety and health measures, legislate adaptive approaches to work including teleworking and e-governance systems, prevent discrimination against workers and their exclusion from national decision-making processes, and provide adequate healthcare access for all including national health insurance.

Our work as a people is not to blindly bend to the wishes of the international community at the expense of workers. It is not for us to put undue pressure on **(cont'd on next page)**

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- Thursday 29 April 2021

# Taiwan Evacuates Hotel To Sterilise It After Rare COVID Outbreak

By Reuters Staff

**TAIPEI (Reuters)** - Taiwan began moving more than 400 people to a centralised quarantine facility on Thursday from an airport hotel after a rare domestic outbreak of

COVID-19, and will sterilise the entire hotel building.

Taiwan has kept the pandemic well under control because of early and effective prevention, including largely closing its borders. Most cases have been imported from abroad, though the island has reported sporadic domestic infections in recent months.

Since last week it has reported COVID-19 infections in nine freighter pilots from Taiwan's largest carrier, China Airlines Ltd, some of whom had been

staying at the Novotel Taipei Taoyuan International Airport hotel, now being evacuated. They are thought to have been infected overseas.

Health Minister Chen Shih-chung told reporters that an infected hotel worker was in intensive care and that the government had decided to move all 412 people at the hotel, including pilots and staff, to a centralised quarantine facility for tests.

The hotel is being thoroughly sterilised, he

added.

"We are worried that other workers may also have been infected," Chen said.

China Airlines, which has had to cancel some flights while its pilots are tested, said it was fully complying with government epidemic prevention steps and stepping up vaccinations for staff.

"During the pandemic the virus is everywhere, and China Airlines will not let up for a moment," it said in a statement.

Taiwan's total case numbers remain extremely small compared with those of some other parts of the world, with only 58 people being treated in hospital. It has reported 1,122 cases to date, including 12 deaths.

Taiwan holds news conferences to announce details of each individual new case.

Reporting by Ben Blanchard. Editing by Gerry Doyle.

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attract investors who will see a profit from interest generated out of mortgage payments.

Does the Government plan to let these people have good government lands for next to nothing, and give them duty free and other concessions, as these foreign developers jump up in glee and celebration all the way to their banks overseas with their bellies full of money, again bled out of St. Kitts.

Why do our governments so love to make foreigners rich and powerful, and keep you poor and powerless? Is this what you've been voting for all these years?

Can't the Government allocate specific parcels of land, and a specific sum of money raised from the revenues of the Sustainable Growth Fund and put into a special housing development account, managed by a team of exemplary persons, have local architects design these homes, including water treatment, water catchment, hurricane and earthquake resilient, solar panels, the whole green way, with home gardening proposed so that people can relieve themselves of this dependence on others for all of their fruits and vegetables, in short, create a gold standard for middle income homes in the region, hire quantity surveyors, land surveyors, contractors, truckers, heavy equipment operators, all of the above, all local, give them the same duty free status, and the other concessions, let them hire locals, and generate all of that money into the local economy. Let the fund take mortgages at lower rates than the banks give (and quickly you will see the banks drop their interest rates too so that they can get a piece of the action).

This looks like it could be yet another scheme to enrich foreigners and deprive and disempower locals, which is the exact opposite of what this Team Unity Administration promised. This is sell out governance, not good governance, this is governance that keeps our people poor and dependent, despite all of the talk about the prosperity agenda.

This will have to be opposed, and boycotted.

## Workers are too important ...

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our own people in order to achieve maximum immunisation status by any means necessary. Rather, there is a need to discuss the issues we face as a country, with all stakeholders. It is only then, we would have begun to show great respect for each other.

This vaccine roll-out situation is merely a manifestation of the way we learned to govern in this country. What's worse, it shows how we plan to continue to govern when times get better. We seem to be willing to continue to ignore the ordinary man and woman in good times and then make demands of him or her when the going gets tough.

The workers are too important to be treated that way. And I say without reservation, if as worker in this country, I am not considered to be an integral cog in the national socio-economic engine that drives progress, prosperity and fair share for all, it is better that I do not seek to be vaccinated because all I would have done is to inoculate myself into a future of servitude.

I deserve more respect. All workers deserve only respect. And therefore as workers, let us demand the respect we deserve.

Larry Vaughan

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# Having Difficult Conversations - Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy



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Regarding vaccine hesitancy towards the COVID-19 vaccine, about half the population is in the “movable middle.” More specifically, 20% are skeptical and 30% are open but uncertain. They want to know that vaccines are safe and that the benefits outweigh the risks.

Using empathic messaging and transformative dialog, we can do our part to increase vaccine efficacy among our friends and family in the movable middle. The following three topics are among the most common reasons for vaccine hesitancy.

In this article we will discuss how to address these tough conversations with friends, family, and communi-ty members.

**Side effects and safety:** When engaging with someone who cites concerns about side effects and safety as a reason for hesitancy regarding the COVID-19 vaccine:

1. Lead with empathy by meeting the person where they are and listening to their concerns.

2. Respect that it is okay to be hesitant. Ask: “What specifically worries you about the vaccine and its side effects?” Be affirming in your response.

3. Give the facts about vaccine safety. Be upfront. Avoid using medical jargon and describe side effects honestly. For example, you might list common side effects, such as local pain at the injection site, fatigue, headache, muscle or joint pain, chills, fever, swelling and nausea. Note that these typically subside after a couple of days. In addressing the safety of the vaccine, use language like “safe and effective” rather than “quickly developed.”

4. Encourage them to direct questions to their health care provider. Answer what you can but be honest about what you can’t answer. Refer to seeking out new information as “keeping up with the latest information” rather than “there is a lot we still don’t know yet.”

**Lack of knowledge:** When engaging with someone who cites lack of knowledge about COVID-19 vaccines as a reason for hesitancy or not getting the vaccine:

1. Lead with empathy by meeting the person where they are.  
2. Be curious about their knowledge regarding COVID-19 vaccines by asking: “Tell me what you know about COVID-19 vaccines.”

3. Validate their accurate knowledge points, and wonder about their inaccurate points by saying, “Tell me more about this” or “say more about that.” Be sure to validate responses by saying, “I can see how you arrived at that understanding.”

4. Be curious by inquiring; “Are you interested in additional information about COVID-19 vaccines?”

5. Answer questions and provide knowledge about the vaccines using everyday language.

**Government distrust:** When engaging with someone who cites distrust of the political and economic motives of the government regarding COVID-19 vaccines:

1. Lead with empathy by meeting the person where they are.  
2. Acknowledge all feelings of distrust.  
3. To the wonderer., ask: “When did you first come to distrust the motives of

the government and government-sanctioned organizations?”

4. Listen to their narrative without interruption.

5. Validate their narrative and wonder about exceptions to their story. Ask: “Have you or anyone that you know ever been able to trust the motives of the government?”

6. To the wonder, ask: “What might move you from distrust of the government’s motives to increased trust of the government’s motives?”

Tips for conversations: When having these difficult conversations with family and friends, it is important to be an active, empathetic listener and acknowledge hesitancy. Make the conversation collaborative, not combative.

Remember, they are receiving a lot of different information about the vaccine from different sources.

Overall, the choice is theirs to make, and you could be an important voice in their departure from the ‘moveable middle’.

**More information:** <https://adcouncilvaccin toolkit.org/resources/messaging-guidance>

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# Ancient Christian Thinkers Made A Case For Reparations That Has Striking Relevance Today

By: Dr David Lincicum, DPhil (Oxon),  
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*The biblical story of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt is also a historical tale of reparations after enslavement.*



Some ancient theologians argued that the Israelites deserved a share of Egypt's wealth after being enslaved for centuries. Image credit: Culture Club (Hulton Archive via Getty Images).

Reparations to Black Americans for centuries of slavery and oppression have been discussed for a long time. But ever since journalist and author Ta-Nehisi Coates wrote 'The Case for Reparations' in *The Atlantic* in 2014, the conversation has taken on a new urgency.

Just this month a House committee voted to create a commission to consider reparations.

However, debates over compensating a group of people for past injuries or abuses date back to at least the early centuries of the common era. As a professor of theology who teaches about Jewish and Christian antiquity, I have studied how the logic of reparations has roots in the Hebrew Bible and in early Christian biblical interpretation.



Writer Ta-Nehisi Coates as he testified during a 2019 US House of Representatives hearing on slavery reparations. Photo credit: Zach Gibson (Getty Images).

## Exodus from Egypt

The classic text for thinking about reparations is the story of the Israelites' flight from Egypt, recounted in detail in the Book of Exodus, the second book of the Old Testament.

The Israelites had been enslaved by the Egyptians and subjected to forced labor for hundreds of years. As the story goes, through divine intervention and the leadership of the prophet Moses, the people were set free and allowed to depart Egypt.

As God announces the plan in advance to Moses, he assures him:

"I will bring this people into such favor with the Egyptians that, when you go, you will not go empty-handed; each woman shall ask her neighbor and any woman living in the neighbor's house for jewelry of silver and of gold, and clothing, and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters; and so you shall plunder the Egyptians."

When the Israelites ask as commanded, the Egyptians surprisingly comply. "And so," the text laconically summarizes, "they plundered the Egyptians."

### Literal or allegorical plunder?

The story seems to have been a source of embarrassment to Jews and Christians in antiquity and even in more recent times.

Whether deceit was involved has been a matter of scholarly discussion, but at least one ancient historian used the account to paint the Jews of his day in a dim light. Around the turn of the millennium, Pompeius Trogus wrote that Moses led the Israelites in "carrying off by stealth the sacred utensils of the Egyptians."

Perhaps in light of similar accusations, some Jews and, subsequently, Christians, interpreted the text as a story about symbolic and not literal plunder.

The Jewish Alexandrian philosopher Philo, an older contemporary of Jesus in the first century, interpreted the event literally and justified the Israelites' actions.

"For what resemblance is there between forfeiture of money and deprivation of liberty," he wrote, "for which men of sense are willing to sacrifice not only their substance but their life?"

In other words, the Israelites were in the right to take material goods from the Egyptians since the Egyptians had deprived them of the far greater good of freedom.

But, in another treatise, Philo gave an allegorical interpretation in which the Egyptians' wealth represented pagan philosophy.

He felt that ideas that might originate in "pagan" philosophy could be put to good use - or "plundered" - for Jewish purposes. By way of comparison, one might imagine a contemporary preacher using, say, insights from psychoanalysis to elucidate the meaning of a biblical passage.

Two centuries later, the Christian scholar Origen of Alexandria used a similar argument to make the case that "pagan" philosophy should be studied by Christians as the "adjunct to Christianity" - to prepare for and supplement true Christian teaching. He justifies this taking of intellectual property by using the example of the Israelites making off with the Egyptians' possessions. He understood the biblical text's account of the plundering of the Egyptians to be a symbolic authorization for Christians to take the intellectual property of the surrounding pagan culture.

Subsequent Christians theologians, from St Augustine in the late fourth century onward throughout the medieval period, took up this line of interpretation.

### "Not just a few dishes"

But Philo's literal understanding of the passage - that the Israelites took property from the Egyptians as a form of just repayment for their enslavement - also found followers among the early Christians.

In the second century AD, a debate raged in the Christian Church as to whether the Jewish scriptures should be authoritative for Christians. Marcion, a

charismatic leader from the Black Sea region, contended that the Hebrew Bible attested an inferior god and so should be discarded. He and his followers urged that it contained morally reprehensible stories, and held up the plundering of the Egyptians as an example.

The theologians Irenaeus of Lyons and Tertullian of North Africa, who argued for what ultimately became the form of Christian belief backed by political authorities, however, disagreed.



Early Christian author Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus, aka Tertullian, circa AD 200. Image credit: Adoc-Photos (Corbis Historical Collection via Getty Images).

Irenaeus replied to the Marcionite argument in his treatise "Against Heresies," which contains a remarkable display of the logic of reparations.

He writes that the Egyptians held the Israelites in "abject slavery" while at the same time contemplating their "utter annihilation." Meanwhile, the Israelites built them "fenced cities" and made them even more wealthy.

"In what way, then," Irenaeus asks, "did the Israelites act unjustly, if out of many things they took a few?"

His argument is straightforward: The Israelites deserved to be repaid for their forced labor. They contributed to the wealth of the Egyptians, and so had a right to a share of it.

Some 25 years later Tertullian wrote a systematic refutation of Marcion's position, entitled "Against Marcion." In it he repeated some of Irenaeus' arguments, including his case for reparations.

Tertullian imagines a court in his own day hearing the claims of "the Hebrews." He argues that no amount of gold and silver could repay the Israelites for their hardship. "(They) were free men reduced to slavery," he writes. "If their legal representatives were to display in court no more than their shoulders scarred with the abusive outrage of whippings, any judge would have agreed that the Hebrews must receive in recompense not just a few dishes and flagons ... but the whole of those rich men's property."

Particularly notable is the fact that Tertullian makes the case for reparations to be paid to the descendants of the Israelites who had been forcibly enslaved centuries earlier.

Although the force of the passage is driven by a

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Photo: Left: Quasim Walker of CleanRite; Right: Samal Duggins of Montraville Farms

# Montraville Farms CleanRite Old Road United Jets Launch Free WiFi

**BASSETERE, St. Kitts, 27th April 2021** - In celebration of their newly formed partnership with the Old Road United Jets Football Club, corporate partners Montraville Farms & CleanRite announced the installation of a free Wi-Fi hotspot on the main street between Hermitage Road and Wingfield Road.

“Never before has there been so much excitement in the Old Road community surrounding the performance of the team.” Samal Duggins, owner of Montraville Farms, explained. “During this extraordinary time we recognize the importance of keeping the fans and the entire community connected particularly since they cannot attend games. Therefore the best way to continue to boost support was to provide an avenue which would allow businesses and fans to stream the games live.”

Quasim Walker, owner of CleanRite added, “At a time like this it is our belief that we ought to step up and give back to a community that has given us so much. Whether it’s for business, school or personal use internet access is vital.”

The partnership was made official on Thursday, 22nd April at a lavish ceremony at the popular Sprat Net Bar and Restaurant in Old Road. The event saw the launch of the new club uniforms, team song and the signing of the partnership agreement.

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CleanRite Old Road United Jets continue to perform well in the SKNFA Premier League and one of their young stars, 19-year-old Tiquanny Williams, currently leads the league in goals.

# Ancient Christian Thinkers Made A Case For

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debate about scriptural interpretation, its logic strikingly anticipates the case for reparations in The US today.

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Jewish Context’. Those studies included one year (2006 to 2007) of Divinity (New Testament) at The University of St Andrews in Scotland, and one year (2008 to 2009) at The Eberhard-Karls Universitat in Tubingen, Germany as a guest of Das Institut fur antikes Judentum und hellenistische Religionsgeschichte. Experientially he has served as a Departmental Lecturer (2009 to 2011), a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow (2011 to 2012), and an Associate Professor of New Testament Studies, University Lecturer and Caird Fellow in Theology (2012 to

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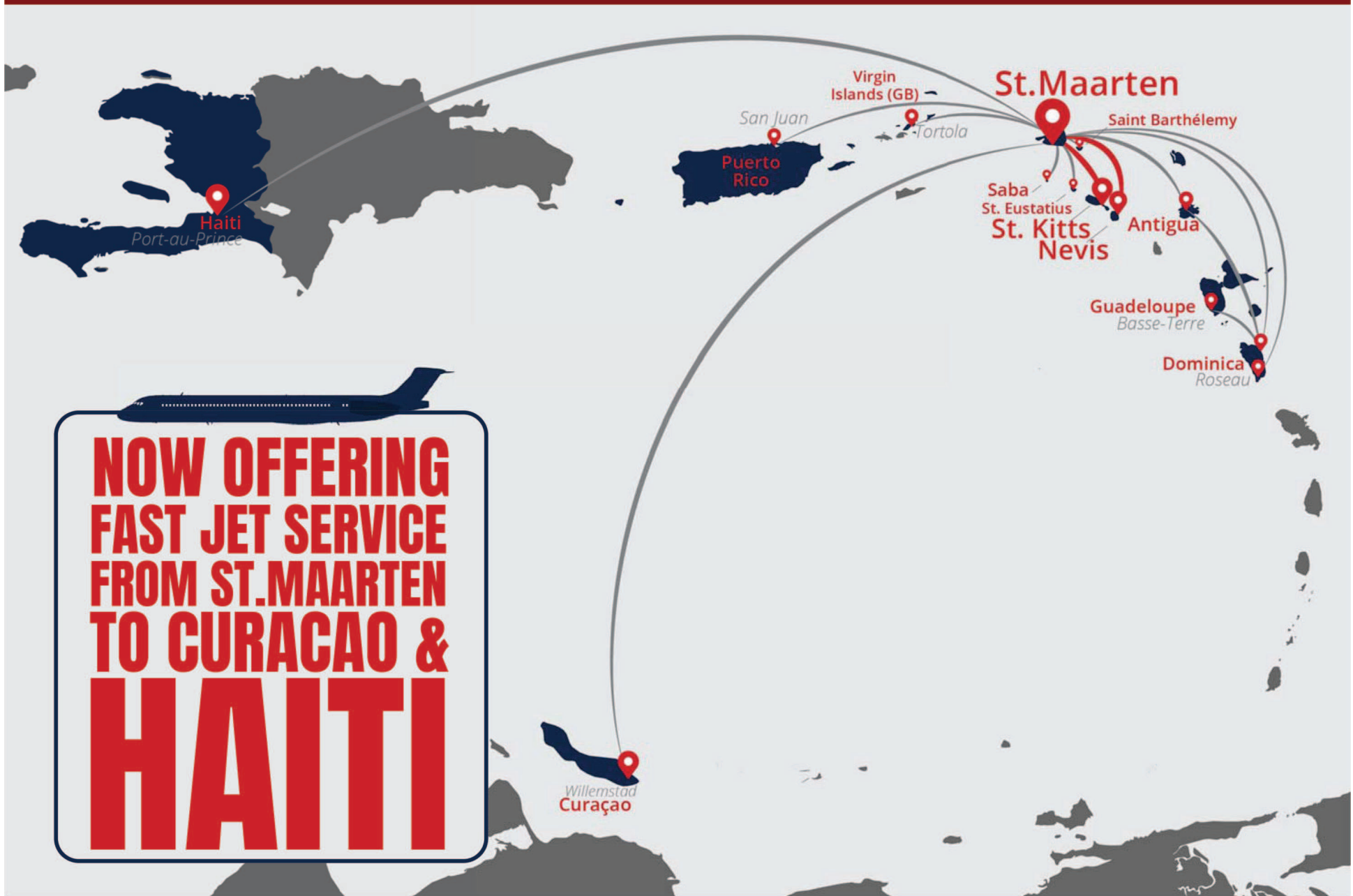
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# SKNT&LU Participates In Annual Safety and Health At Work Events

mark the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, observed on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 under theme: “Anticipate, Prepare and Respond to the Crisis. Invest Now in Resilient OSH Systems”.

Spearheaded by the Department of Labour, the calendar of events included a Walk held on Saturday 24th April with the starting point at the Department’s premises located at Lime Kiln which saw participants going easterly along the bypass road and proceeding to the Frigate Bay lawn.

On Sunday 25th April, a church service was held at the Calvary Baptiste in Sandy Point.

On Wednesday 28th April, Minister of Labour, Wendy Phipps, made an address to the nation on the commemorative day.

Later that night, a panel discussion was held with a live broadcast on ZIZTV which highlighted labour market concerns relating subject matters such as COVID19 vaccination and its role in promoting a Safe and Healthy work environment as well as COVID19 induced changes to the way of work, as it relates to teleworking, psychosocial risks, and violence specifically.

SKNT&LU First Vice President Larry Vaughan sat on that panel, providing representation in the interest of workers.

More details to be provided in a follow-up report.

**Front Page Photo: Staff from the Department of Labour, members of the St.Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union pose for a group photo at the Frigate Bay Law following the health walk (Spokesman Snap)**

APRIL 29, 2021

## CDB President bids farewell to member countries and staff

Completing his decade-long tenure at the helm of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), President Dr Wm Warren Smith said farewell to member countries and staff at a special Board of Directors meeting, followed by a staff function.

During President Smith’s period in office, running from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2021, he oversaw the response to two global crises that heavily impacted the Caribbean Region - the aftermath of the 2008 global financial crisis at the beginning of his first term and the Covid-19 pandemic at the end of his second. In between, CDB tackled a series of increasingly devastating storms associated with climate change which hit Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs).

Under the guiding principles of increasing resilience and building back better, which got traction especially after the destructive 2017 hurricane season, President Smith effectuated reforms to better serve the Region and strengthen the Bank’s operations.

“CDB worked alongside its Borrowing Member Countries as they tackled more than a decade of crises and sought to build their resilience to shocks. Throughout my tenure, the Bank solidified existing partnerships and formed new ones to secure concessional resources for BMCs,” said Smith. He added, “Larger development institutions are now channelling increased levels of resources through CDB, giving donors and beneficiaries better value for money.”

With three replenishments of the Special Development Fund during President Smith’s tenure, the Bank mobilised more than US\$900 million to promote inclusive and sustainable growth in eligible BMCs.

Under President’s Smith leadership, new partnerships were forged to mobilise funds for the BMCs. In 2015, the United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Fund, designed to stimulate growth and trade in eligible BMCs, was announced. The £330 million fund supports improved livelihoods, reduces poverty and creates safer conditions for citizens. Also aimed at promoting economic growth through trade, the Bank signed agreements with the European Union in 2012 and 2019 for the management of more than €12 million under the European Development Fund’s Standby Facility.

Increasing climate resilience in the Region was a major focus for President Smith throughout his 10-year tenure leading the Bank. Major initiatives in this area include two Climate Action Lines of Credit from the European Investment Bank, signed in 2011 and 2017 for a total of US\$175 million; the multi-donor Community Disaster Risk Reduction Fund, established in 2012; CDB’s accreditation as a partner institution of the Adaption Fund and the Green Climate Fund in 2016; and the C\$20-million Canada-CARICOM Climate Adaption Fund, launched in 2020.

Energy security has been another focus, as part of a broader initiative to improve the protection and sustainable management of the Region’s natural resources. In 2013, the Renewable Energy/ Energy Efficiency Unit was formed. Major undertakings include the Geosmart initiative, which mobilised more than US\$145 million from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the European Union, Italy, and the United Kingdom to develop geothermal energy. The Bank’s Sustainable Energy for the Eastern Caribbean programme, established in 2015 to advance and implement renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions, mobilised US\$10 million from the European Union and the United Kingdom.

Responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Bank has so far allocated more than US\$130 million for budget support to assist BMCs with tackling the fallout from the pandemic and building economic recovery and resilience. Additionally, a US\$50-million loan agreement signed with the IDB in 2020 is supporting Covid-19 responses in Member States of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States.

From 2011 to 2020, the Bank approved a total of US\$3 billion, comprising of US\$2.3 billion in loans and US\$700 million in grants. In the same period, CDB disbursed a total of US\$2.1 billion with US\$1.7 billion in loans and US\$400 million in grants to reduce poverty and transform the lives of the Caribbean people.

During the 10-year period, CDB supported access to improved water and sanitation services for 62,700 households by installing or upgrading over 800 kilometres of water supply lines in several countries. The Bank improved learning conditions through investments in upgrading over 1,600 classrooms and training some 13,000 teachers. Some 470,000 students across the Region benefitted from these initiatives. The Bank also financed interventions in disaster risk management in 60 communities across the Region and the construction and rehabilitation of almost 2,400 kilometres of roads.

Under President Smith’s leadership, membership in the Bank increased to 28 countries, with Suriname joining in 2013 and Brazil in 2015. The Bank established its first country Office in Haiti in 2018.

Internal governance was also strengthened during Dr Smith’s presidency with the establishment of the independent Office of Risk Management in 2012, to improve the resilience and creditworthiness of the Bank, and the inauguration of the Office of Integrity, Compliance and Accountability in 2015. CDB’s procurement policy was aligned with global best practices, with the latest revision coming in 2020.

### COVID-19 SAFETY AND HEALTH



#### SYMPTOMS

- The most common symptoms are fever, tiredness, and dry cough.
- Others are aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat and/or diarrhea.
- Symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually.
- It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear.

#### TRANSMISSION

- Droplets from nose or mouth when infected people cough and exhale.
- Standing within one meter of an infected person.
- Touching contaminated surfaces or objects and then touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Ageing and underlying diseases (e.g. diabetes, heart disease) increase risk.

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### Big Palang Happening.

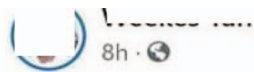
Government and businesses are aggressively pushing persons to be vaccinated. We have all heard the PM say that he has his lawyers looking at ways in which they can mandate vaccinations. Since then, employers have been forcing their workers to take the vaccine either with threats of termination if they do not or making it mandatory that they take the PCR COVID-19 test every two to three weeks.

Now let us be honest, if a low-income earner how in God's green earth will I be able to afford EC\$250.00 every two to three weeks to take a test to prove 'I do not have COVID'. Therefore, it leaves the staff with no choice but to take the vaccine. This is a complete violation of basic human rights and a breach of their employee contract. But! The people need the money, so they went, and they got vaccinated even though they did not want to.

They are taking advantage of the working-class vulnerability and this is wrong.

Rumour has been circulating for some time that some people are going to be making it big off of this vaccine issue, and the question has always been how. Hmm - well old people say what hide in the dark must come out in the light.

Apparently, what was promised is not being fulfilled. Have you checked out social media lately? So, there are new changes to the COVID-19 protocols being established for persons who are fully vaccinated according to Timothy Harris' statements on Leadership Matters, but his social media lackies are not having it.



Where is the normalcy that was promised for those who tek e vaccine. This is complete bullshit and de could keep dey second dose.

Some people are not too happy with Timmy...

Tim Third-Term with all his bullying tactics nobody going to get any vaccine. His 9 days quarantine does not make sense.

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Tim Third-Term Sylvia Ward why are you so miserable. Good God woman why are you encouraging people not to take the vaccine. Every month you collect your pension.

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Sylvia Ward Tim Third-Term you sound so foolish. What does one getting a pension has to do with one taking the vaccine. strueps!

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Tim Third-Term Sylvia Ward you have received ALL your pension each month since march 2020. 100s of hospitality workers have not earned one penny since march 2020. The more people vaccinate the more we get our economic activities going so these hospitality workers can get back to work to feed their families.

Reaching herd immunity is our best chance of getting our people to work.

I wonder if this is the reason why this new profile has popped up for the PM? It will be quite interesting to see what will transpire in the coming months.

First PLP had their campaign and brought in the doctor from Trinidad to send the message out that Timothy going for a third term after Unity stated that a leader who serves more than two terms is a dictator.

Shawn has his hopes up to be the first prime Minister from Sandy Point and made it clear for the second time publicly at the PAM convention that he will be the next Prime Minister. Well, I thought the people had to vote first for a party to win and then the Prime Minister be selected. Maybe I missed something, because Shawn Richards sounds very convinced that he will be the next Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis. Sounds like 2025 elections done happen. Shawn needs to share where he bought his crystal ball.

Old people say more in the mortar than in the pestle.

Another thing, I thought the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party lost the past two elections, and according to the Unity government Labour dead and Dr. Douglas washed up. But it seems as though the so-called nonfactor is still a major factor, because Timothy has how social media bullies back at it again peddling Dr. Douglas' name blaming him for current situations when the man has been out of power for almost 10 years. What kind of nonfactor can have so much power that the government feels so threatened by him they cannot leave his name alone? Sounds to me like Dr. Douglas is more like a MAJOR FACTOR than anything else. Timothy pushing the narrative so hard that the Labour Party needs to get rid of

## A Message From President Biden For Our Union

By Errol Maynard, OBE

On Wednesday night, 28 April 2021, on the eve of his first one hundred days in office, United States President Joseph Biden made his first address to a joint sitting of The US Congress.

On that occasion a limited number of senators and representatives occupied the chamber, due to the social distancing health requirements in force as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, a most noteworthy feature of the session was the fact that, for the first time in US history, two women sat immediately behind the president as he delivered his address. They were US Vice President Kamal Harris, president of the senate, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi. It was truly a very proud moment for the women and girls of America.

President Biden laid out a number of proposals and plans for the re-development of his country, stressing that "America is on the move again. Turning peril into possibility. Crisis into opportunity. Setbacks into strength."

Stressing the need for the re-development of the country's infrastructure and other areas, he emphasised that job creation was a cornerstone of his programme, and illustrated just how that would better the lives of millions of Americans and their families, and simultaneously give a very healthy boost to the entire US economy.

He emphasised that progress against the coronavirus should be followed by dramatic investments to help people who 'feel left behind and forgotten in an economy that's rapidly changing', and stated that his proposals will lead to the generation of millions of jobs, describing that segment of his plans as being "a blue-collar blueprint to build America".

Since assuming office Mr Biden has been engaged in a number of efforts aimed at re-strengthening the unions, and helping them to escape the debilitating effects of right-wing polices which have plagued those organisations from the time of President Ronald Reagan in the early nineteen-eighties.

As he laid our his 'blue-collar blueprint' President Biden reminded Americans, and the world at large, that it was the middle-class which had developed America, and that it was unions which had developed the middle-class.

That particular message should resonate with our current trade union officials and members, for it was also the case that the Trades and Labour Union played a major and leading role in the development of a middle-class in this country.

It is recommended that the officers and members of our Trades and Labour Union take this reminder on board, and make it a center-piece of their efforts to re-develop the organisation and our country as a whole.

Douglas because he is dragging the party down, but if that is the case, his tactics make no sense. Think about it, if I am competing with Jane and Bill is her advisor, and I keep beating Jane, why would I encourage Jane to get rid of Bill? I would be saying to Jane, hold on to Bill for dear life, because I want to keep beating her. Clearly Dr. Douglas is more of a threat to him than he is letting on. The funny thing is that some Labour supporters are even buying into the narrative. Think critically people, the man is a GREAT, value him.

This narrative that has been peddling that Labour is dead. Ha! Looks more like Labour has something up its sleeve. I would keep my eyes on the SKNLP, they have been too quiet for too long. I believe this is very strategic and what is to come will tell the tale. Do not sleep on the SKNLP, they are never down for long.

Well, that is it for now. We will see what the next high point topic is next week.

# CPL, VACCINES AND CORNERSTONES

By: FAIR SHARE FOR ALL

All this time last year, it was very convenient and strategic to say "who out, stop out. Who een, stop een" Politically and geophysically, the government's mantra resonated with the majority. It sounded like wise counsel at a time when stories of thousands dead and dying from COVID-19 terrified the living beyond comprehension.

But with time, many persons realized two things:-

1. As deadly as the COVID-19 was being made out to be, the vast majority of people inflicted with the virus recovered fully and

2. Our beloved tourism-dependent federation could not afford to remain locked down indefinitely.

So even though SKN was one of only a handful of countries who beat the virus and of the forty-four persons who contracted COVID-19 to date, not one single soul had to be hospitalized for any length of time, not one single soul had to be put on a ventilator and most importantly, not one single soul died, because we were so successful at keeping out the virus, Timothy and his gang did not want to do anything that would jeopardize our successes.

And that's where vaccinating the herd by will or by force became priority number one.

But there was a problem. By the time the vaccine reached our shores, the propaganda about it had reached here long before but the government chose to ignore the stories.

So here is the conundrum. We are closed so we are not making any money. SKN is dying because we are closed and therefore we are not making any money. The government believes we can safely open our borders once

the herd is immunized. But the herd is not rushing to be immunized despite the threats and the bullying and the shaming.

Big business is livid that the herd is not rushing to get immunized. They are not willing to make any more adjustments to their already adjusted lifestyles. Struggle is not in their vocabulary anymore. The herd is preventing them from returning to a life of luxury and the herd must not win. So CPL is now being used as a huge carrot to entice the reluctant and the defiant to get vaccinated.

CPL, much like the CBI/SIDF stone that was once rejected, has now to become the corner stone of our dying economy. This now most valuable cornerstone seems to be the saviour that the government was looking for. At least two birds will be killed with this cornerstone. It will bring much needed stimulation to the economy and the immunization of the herd will near its desired end goal.

Trinidad and Tobago who hosted the CPL last year made over US 50 million dollars. Whereas CPL 2020 was played without any fans present, this government is allowing 4,000 fully vaccinated fans into Warner Park.

I am sure all the Chamber members who were taking the government to task for not doing enough for them to be able to return to the lifestyles to which they were accustomed are hoping that CPL will be the answer to their prayers.

I am also very sure that Lindsay would be very happy too because I really don't think that he wants to have to jump up on any table in front of Timothy.



By Vigilante

\* De other half a de #4 misappropriator tell somebody dat is all kinda tranquilizer de man have to be tekking to sleep when night come. But she say dat she not sorry for him because is dem same tablit dem she use to have to tek when he was running up and dung wid he baby mama.

\* Dey say dat he ain't pass back since last year but all in a suddenly he dung dere every day. Dey say he and de #2 misappropriator round and round begging pardon and asking people what dey want.

\* Everybody know dat de Bad Wud ambassador ain't get no letter from nobody. Is he mek it up so he could buse de #4 misappropriator and de business people dem.

\* People want to know if a former minister suppose to put people business on de road and dey want to know if he forget he never had current in he house for a whole year.

\* Dey say is because dey use to call him out bout all he corruption what mek he tink dat he suppose to put people business on de part.

\* Humpty Dumpty is who giving him people business because he carn get no more food for free. Dey say dat because dey tell Humpty Dumpty dat he gon have to pay because tings slow, he tek way he mout speech and start to buse dem.

\* Dey say de #2 misappropriator carn sleep neither. Dey say dat he change he number and tell somebody dat to tell who calling he name dat he not de welfare department.

\* Dey say dat is five million dollars done spend to mek de road up Bird Rock wider. But nobody can see where all dat money gone.

## SCOOPS

### The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF)

April 29, 2021 - COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Traffic Department would like the public to note that Bus Drivers who ply the bus route to the East of the island of St. Kitts will continue using the East Line Bus Terminal as of Saturday, May 01, 2021. The public is hereby advised that all persons who travel along that route using the services of these omnibuses will be picked up and dropped off at the Terminal.

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# WEST INDIES WOMEN'S HIGH-PERFORMANCE CAMP TO START IN ANTIGUA ON MAY 2

**ST JOHN'S, Antigua** -The Cricket West Indies (CWI) Selection Panel has named 30 players for an estimated month-long West Indies Women's high-performance camp to be held in Antigua starting on May 2. This will be the second such month-long camp in 2021 assembled under the guidance of Head Coach Courtney Walsh and his support team.

With the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifiers now rescheduled for December, Coach Walsh has devised a programme to maximize team preparations ahead of international cricket and the qualifiers later in the year.

"The purpose of this camp is to work on consistency and game awareness. The last camp was more observational, and we got a pretty good idea where the ladies are at. There are 30 players coming in and a few of them are coming in nursing injuries, so the coaching staff and medical team are ready to work with all of them," he said.

"We are going to use this camp to see as much of the players as possible. I am most excited to see the younger ones coming into the camp, because we're trying to build the pool of players available. So, I think it'll be a great opportunity for these youngsters and the other new players to grasp the chance before them."

Among the 30 players called up for the camp are eight (8) uncapped players including teenagers Zaida James from St. Lucia and Jannillea Glasgow from St. Vincent and the Grenadines. James is a left-arm medium pacer while Glasgow is a right-arm medium pacer.

The other uncapped players are Rashada Williams, Caneisha Isaac, Shanika Bruce, Mandy Mangru and Rachel Vincent. Making a return to the camp is left-handed wicket-keeper/batter Kycia Knight.

CWI's Lead Selector for Women's cricket, Ann Browne-John was excited by the bigger pool of players for this camp.

She said: "It is very important to have the West Indies players back in a training camp as the coaches can continue to help them hone their skills as we prepare for our next series. Most of the top international teams have now restarted playing and it is critical for the WI team to prepare as we anticipate more international cricket coming up this summer."

She added: "In an effort to continue to unearth talent, eight players have been included who were not in the January camp. It serves as an opportunity for the coaches and selectors to look at

some of the young up and coming players. Due to the pandemic, a regional tournament has not been held yet, so the players haven't had the opportunity to impress the selectors in competitive matches. Heavy emphasis has been placed on batters including first timers Rachel Vincent, an opening batter from



Trinidad and Tobago, and Mandy Mangru, a young player from Guyana who has been impressive in the Under-19 tournament. The camp also includes two young teenage medium pacers Zaida James and Jannillea Glasgow."

Cricket West Indies (CWI) has been working closely with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Sport in Antigua & Barbuda to orchestrate logistics and agree the safety protocols for the camp after the successful hosting of the first Women's high-performance camp, the CG Insurance Super50 Cup and the West Indies Men's International Home Series against Sri Lanka. All players and support staff were tested with negative COVID-19 results before their arrival into Antigua. The players and support staff will train and live in a bio-secure bubble for the duration of the camp.

## FULL SQUAD SELECTED:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Aaliyah Alleyne    | 16. Japhina Joseph     |
| 2. Reniece Boyce      | 17. Qiana Joseph       |
| 3. Shanika Bruce      | 18. Kycia Knight       |
| 4. Shemaine Campbelle | 19. Kyshona Knight     |
| 5. Shamilia Connell   | 20. Mandy Mangru       |
| 6. Britney Cooper     | 21. Hayley Matthews    |
| 7. Deandra Dottin     | 22. Anisa Mohammed     |
| 8. Cherry Ann Fraser  | 23. Chedean Nation     |
| 9. Shabika Gajnabi    | 24. Karishma Ramharack |
| 10. Jannillea Glasgow | 25. Kaysia Schultz     |
| 11. Sheneta Grimmond  | 26. Shakera Selman     |
| 12. Shawnisha Hector  | 27. Steffi Soogrim     |
| 13. Chinelle Henry    | 28. Stafanie Taylor    |
| 14. Caneisha Isaac    | 29. Rachel Vincent     |
| 15. Zaida James       | 30. Rashada Williams   |

## TEAM MANAGEMENT UNIT

- Courtney Walsh - Head Coach
- Sheena Gooding - Team Manager
- Ryan Austin - Assistant Coach
- Corey Collymore - Assistant Coach
- Steve Liburd - Assistant Coach
- Samantha Lynch - Assistant Coach
- Robert Samuels - Assistant Coach
- Neil Barry - Physiotherapist
- Shayne Cooper - Strength & Conditioning Coach
- Garry Belle - Team Analyst
- Amanda Johnson - Team Mental Skills Coach
- Naasira Mohammed - Media & Content Officer