



*Annual Report* 20  
ALL NATIONS APOSTOLIC TABERNACLE 22





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To be a church where people from all nations become disciples of Jesus Christ, through the sharing of His gospel to all nations through our local assemblies, as well as through support to national and foreign-based missionaries; and, are passionate about their role in the fulfillment of His Great Commission.



To preach, teach, and through personal involvement, propagate the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, as recorded in the Word of God.



Glorify the Omniscient, Omnipresent and Omnipotent God without reservation or apology. Edify the body of Christ with the teaching of sound doctrine. Convert sinners to Christ by preaching the full gospel of salvation through Jesus only.

## Pastor's Welcome

Fellow laborers, servants in the great kingdom of God, greetings in Jesus' name.

I never tire of greeting you in the reconciliatory name, JESUS. This name reminds me that I am part of an eternal family whose bond is unbreakable. Therefore, it is my delight to call you family and fellow laborers fulfilling Jesus' commission to bring good tidings of joy to the world.

As we resolutely execute this mission, prudence and good stewardship dictate that we designate time annually to reflect on the previous year's performance (spiritually and naturally). Our Annual Business Meetings serve this purpose.

Did we stay on course with our mission? Did we accomplish our goals? What were our challenges? What do we need to change? This annual report attempts to answer these questions. As you scrutinize it, ask yourself, what role did I play in these reported outcomes?

Further to reflecting and analyzing, we must also exercise foresight and

implement goals for 2023. Luke 19:13 rehearses Jesus' parable about a nobleman who went on a journey for an indefinite period and who, prior to his departure, gave his servants money and charged them to *"Invest this for me while I am gone"* (NLT).

Therefore, because the mission is still in flight, we must vigorously invest the gifts and talents God gave to us for the growth of His Kingdom—He will be expecting returns on His investments. In the business investment arena, there is something labeled Risk Tolerance — *"a measure of the degree of loss an investor is willing to endure within his portfolio"* (Investopedia, 2022). Some investors are conservative, some moderate while a few are aggressive. *"An aggressive investor, or one with a high-risk tolerance, is willing to risk losing money to get potentially better results"* (Investopedia, 2022).

In our January Prayer & Fasting journey, we were reminded that the early church was ablaze because the apostles, who were "full of the Holy Ghost," were willing to risk losing

everything to fulfill their mandate. They understood that their Father's business would give them the greatest yield on their investment of time, gifts, and talents, eternity with Jesus.

I pray that you will decide to be an aggressive investor in the work of God's kingdom in 2023. Present yourself to God, express your willingness to serve and ask Him for your assignment. Then, go and do it with all your heart. On behalf of Joy, and the board of trustees, I welcome you to our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting.

Yours investing aggressively,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Devon D. Dawson".

Devon D. Dawson  
Pastor & Friend

# Pastoral Office

To: The Board of Directors  
Ministry Leaders  
ANAT Friends & Families:

## MAJOR CHURCH SERVICES

### ANNUAL 21-DAY PRAYER & FASTING

**PROGRAM:** This activity which occurs at the beginning of each new year is not a ritual nor an exercise in futility. Rather, it is a recurring opportunity for us as a corporate body, and as individuals, to submit our flesh to God and seek His face. The resulting impact on each of us remains ours to determine. It is my opinion that 2022's program achieved its goal. Details are provided in the Prayer Network report.

### ANAT MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

**(AMC):** To the rhythmic call-and-answer beat of the contagious mantra, "AMC, Let's Connect! AMC, Let's Connect!" we infused ourselves with the prescribed doses of connectivity from December 2 - 4. We were challenged to "foster fellowship through connection" and to bridge cultural and generational gaps through healthy love. According to Kesha McKenzie, planning committee chair, the purpose of the conference

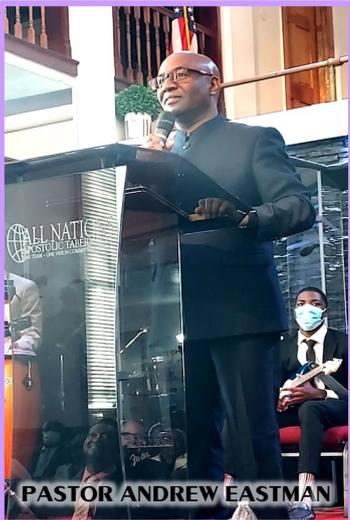
was: "A wide range collaboration of ministries to minister to the body. [To] identify and address the challenges ministries are having and identify practical solutions that help both the ministries and the people they minister to. Our key focus...connection. How connected are we, what hinders our connection, how can we increase our connection to ultimately win all souls for Christ? Without connection, it's difficult to bridge gaps or go above and beyond. Our goal, therefore, will be to foster fellowship through connection."

With such a purposeful vision and with everyone doing his/her part, we had a remarkable conference and are confident that we will achieve our stated goal. This success was based on several factors coming together — planners, executors, and participants. To our planning team: Kesha McKenzie, Dorion Norton, Sr., Desmond Gayle, Andrew Buckle, Samantha Champagnie, Brandon Mattis, Simone Browne, Hope Chin, and Dawn Pommells, kudos for a well-planned and executed conference. Our ministry leaders and their teams executed the plan and God was glorified.

Included in this mix of executors were our guest preachers who were given specific assignments. They delivered. According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (2021), "A plane flies through the air by continually pushing and pulling the surrounding air downward. In response to the force of moving the air down, the air pushes the airplane upward. Newton's third law of motion states that for every action there is an equal and opposite re-action." Our guest preachers, Dr. Raymond Kloepper (Florida), Pastor Andrew Eastman (Canada), and Pastor Henry Andrade (New York), through the anointed Word, created



DR. RAYMOND KLOEPPER



PASTOR ANDREW EASTMAN



PASTOR HENRY ANDRADE

### JESUS CHRIST TABERNACLE MINISTERING IN SONGS



that push (of our faith) and pull (down of doubts) effect that provided the uplift for our wings (of connectivity) to achieve the cruising altitude of true fellowship.

Then there were the special participants, our ANAT family, and friends. Thank you for showing up and engaging in every aspect



of the conference. Our multi-ethnic smorgasbord was the icing on the cake and provided an opportunity for giving to our ANAT family – we had food enough for two days. The fellowship was warm and inviting and was of no financial cost to ANAT. Thank you, family.



## NEW YEAR'S EVE THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION:

Happy New Year! This is the recurring phrase with which citizens of the world were presumably poised to greet each other in the reported "7,151 living languages" (USA Today, 2022) on December 31. Some may have braved cold, rain, and other elements to congregate waiting for the future to become the present when they would celebrate with much revelry. All Nations welcomed God's gift of a new year with thanksgiving and praise. Our anticipation began at 9:30 p.m. with one voice lifted in praise singing, "You are God and You're in control. Seated high you are Lord of all. Great I am, Sovereign Ruler, Lion of Judah, You are God. Things will change when we call on that name, Great Jehovah." This was an exhortation further underscored by testimonies of God's healing and preservation shared by Sisters Samantha Champagnie, Edith Mortimer, Patricia Bell, and Minister Norman Mattis. Minister Dorion Norton, Jr. brought it all together with a message entitled,

"The Moses Mentality" which can be summed up in his sobering declaration, "If when the clock strikes 12 and I don't find Your presence, don't take me there [2023]."

## PASTOR & LADY DAWSON'S APPRECIATION SERVICE – OCTOBER 26:

Joy and I thank the leadership and our ANAT family for once again demonstrating your love and appreciation for us as your servant-leaders. The various tributes and video expressions made the evening extra special, especially from our ANAT lambs. It is our honor and privilege to serve you and we hope to continue doing so as long as God says.

## OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

### ANNUAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT (ALS)

– NOVEMBER 4 & 5: Ministry reports, thanksgiving/promotional blitz, and engaging team-building activities

colored the landscape of our leadership summit. Other agenda activities included:

- Pastoral State-of-the-Church Address.



- Presentations: Auditors' Report, Samantha Champagnie; AMC Planning, Kesha McKenzie, and "The Power of Teamwork," Shondell James.



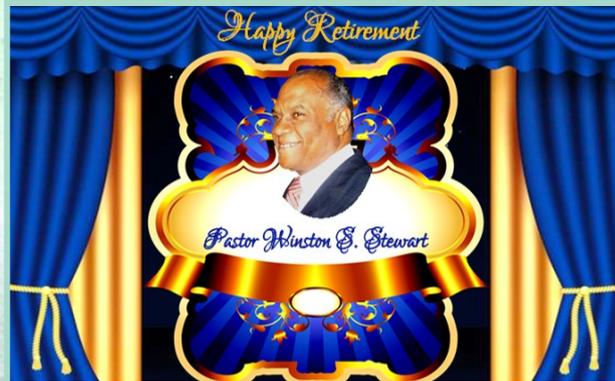
**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (ABM):** Please refer to the general secretary's report.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT):** We held regularly scheduled and as needed meetings to address operational needs. A hybrid (in-person and virtual) format was used. I am pleased to report that our board fulfilled its fiduciary duties in forward planning and managing the business of the church. For example, ANAT's Bylaws were amended and are pending ratification; we now have in-house laundry services with the purchase of new appliances. Join me in thanking the Smiths, the Gordons, and any other member who graciously assumed the responsibility of ensuring that baptismal attire was always available for use prior to the acquisition of these appliances. ANAT remains financially viable and in alignment with our bylaws.

### **STAFF RETIREMENT CELEBRATION DINNER – PASTOR W. S. STEWART**

It was a cool crisp November 18 evening when ANAT members joined with friends and family of Pastor

Winston Sammy Stewart at the Marriott Melville Hotel, Long Island, to celebrate his retirement from his staff position of director of ANAT's



Office of Communications, effective December 31, 2022. This was an international affair infused with much love and appreciation for this humble servant-leader. On behalf of the ANAT leadership, staff, and membership, Joy and I say, Happy Retirement Pastor!

While your kingdom service will continue, our prayer is that you take time for “leisure” as Jesus advised His disciples in Mark 6:31. To his life partner, Valerie, we cannot thank you enough for your sacrifice and support of your husband during his tenure. May God richly bless you as you both write a new chapter of your life story.

Finally, my sincere appreciation to the team (Robert Mayou, Hope Chin, Angella Keene, Dawn Pommells, Conroy Champagnie, and Norma Palmer) for planning and executing a beautiful evening. Thank you.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

**BABY DEDICATIONS:** We were privileged to present 18 babies to the Lord and invoke His blessings, protection, and direction over their lives. It is our prayer that these babies will grow in the knowledge, fear, and admonition of the Lord Jesus, and in time, accept Him as their Savior.

**COMMUNION SERVICES:** We drew to our Lord's table on January 26, a climatic end to our annual prayer and fast program, and on November 27, synchronizing with the season of thanksgiving.

**COUNSELING & WEDDING SERVICES:**

An unfortunate consequence of the recent pandemic is an uptick in the need for therapeutic interventions and support. Pastoral counseling is one approach available to individuals who are overwhelmed by life's challenges. Everyone encounters challenges, but we do not need to suffer in silence or face them alone. God afforded me the opportunity to be a sounding board for both members of ANAT and the community, and I will continue to pray wholeness for everyone and to support you as God gives me strength and continued wisdom.

Here at All Nations, we advocate for a Scripture-based marriage in which divorce is not an option that should be on the table. But we also know the benefits of premarital counseling as one tool that couples can build on to have a lasting healthy marriage.

In 2022, it was my privilege to provide premarital pastoral counseling to and unite Alexandria Norton & Barrington Neil, Jr., (ANAT) and Simone Brown & Linden Chance (community) in marriage on September 3 and October 22, respectively. My continued gratitude to our in-house marriage life counsellors, Brother Sylbert & Dr. Michelle Matthias, providing premarital classes to our couples. You are invaluable to this ministry.

**RIGHT HANDS OF FELLOWSHIP (RHOF)**

**CEREMONY:** On November 27, we joyfully welcomed nine additions to the ANAT family with the right hands of fellowship.

**HOMEGOING SERVICES:** "Time will come for the last goodbye. There's a smile though tears dim the eye. Death will take us, but only to sleep in the arms of my Savior so sweet" (Grace Thrillers, "Oh What a Sunrise"). These lyrics, I believe, would echo the sentiments of our deceased members: Sisters Violet Johnson and Lackraj Persaud. As a church with the community in our hearts, we hosted final services for members of our

community and for the deceased relatives of ANAT members.

**TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT:**

*"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other"* (John F. Kennedy). Therefore, in our drive to be successful kingdom servers, and to set the stage for a successful year, we began with our annual Volunteer Orientation on April 30 in the Serena Thompson Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who attended. New members of the joint boards also began their onboarding—completion is pending. Altar Ministry Workshops honed the skills of seasoned altar workers and empowered the freshmen. May I remind ministry leaders that success can be realized in different ways, one way is to train and develop your team through involvement. As Benjamin Franklin said, *"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."*

**DIRECT REPORT MINISTRIES**

The Altar and COPE (Creating Opportunities, Preserving Equity) Ministries are the direct purview of the Pastoral Office. Their reports follow.

## Altar Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

Emerging from the pandemic, we saw a revival of altar prayer and worship as more people realized that it was physically safer. Of the over 140 visitors who registered their visit to the altar, 23 were filled with the Holy Ghost and five were reclaimed. We saw 32 people take on the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in water baptism.

We are grateful to God for the increase. The altar workers have the zeal and passion to work with visitors and impact even more people in 2023. We are looking for a harvest that will cause heaven to rejoice.

Your servant in Christ,



*Robert Mayou*  
Coordinator

## COPE Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

How should we respond to the challenges of life? Habakkuk provides the answer — despite life's challenges we should still have a praise! "...yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior." (3:18)

The COPE ministry recognizes that life's challenges can become overwhelming, and we are here to help. I am pleased to report that because of your donations, we helped to alleviate the financial burdens of members who became inundated by unexpected demands.

Yearly, we eagerly anticipate extending the COPE lifeline beyond the walls of ANAT to our community. In September and November, we again had a vigorous turnout to our annual Back2School giveaway and our Thanksgiving grab-n-go outreach, respectively. The pictures tell a bigger story than this report could.



On behalf of the COPE team, thanks to our ANAT family who generously donated time, goods, services, and cash. We also acknowledge and thank members of our community who donated clothing.

Our largest demand continues to be for financial support. Therefore, if you are already giving cash, please continue to do so and when possible, increase the amount. For those who are still thinking about it, we encourage you to do so, any amount is acceptable. As the Chinese idiom states, "Little and often fills the purse."

Your servant in Christ,



*Samantha Champagnie*  
Director

## 2022 PASTORAL CHURCH GOALS ACCOMPLISHED

- Revitalized the Christian Education Ministry (CEM) to pre-pandemic standards.
- Conducted altar ministry workshops.

## CLOSING STATEMENT

### 2023 THEME

The theme, *“Above and Beyond Together,”* continues to demand our undivided attention. Our recent *“Church Ablaze”* fasting and prayer journey has underscored the reality that we have not yet scratched the surface of what it means to go above and beyond in serving Jesus Christ. Nearing the end of his life, Apostle Paul’s self-assessed summation of his life stated confidently, *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing”* (2 Timothy 4:7-8). The sole purpose of going above and beyond in

our spiritual walk with Christ is to fulfill our calling and thereby glorify Him. The choice is yours and mine to answer and live the call.

### VISION

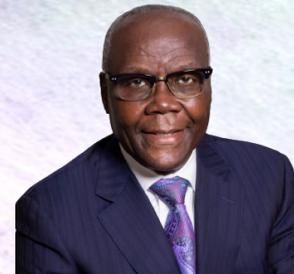
In 2023, I envision a church ablaze as every saint and ministry pushes past any perceived, self- or other-imposed limitations. I envision All Nations being a church of saints full of the Holy Ghost, burning with zeal for service and boldly engaging in active evangelism. I see saints understanding the times and becoming fervent intercessors blazing a path for people to walk off the streets into the sanctuary seeking to be baptized in water and with the Holy Ghost and fire. I believe to see the Lord confirming our faith, prayers, and evangelistic efforts with signs and wonders.

### 2023 CHURCH GOALS

- Realize an influx of new converts representing at least three different races and/or ethnicity into All Nations.

- A 5% increase in our volunteer roster.
- A 15% increase in youth participation in weekday services.
- Revitalize the zonal ministries.
- Reestablish regular in-person prayer services.
- Reestablish Sunday morning manna.

In His service,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Devon D. Dawson'.

Devon D. Dawson  
Pastor & Friend

# Christian Education Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

## COMBINED CLASSES: NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN & PRIMARY



Christian greetings in the precious name of Jesus!

It is with grateful hearts that we give the Lord thanks for His blessings on us.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The major accomplishment was the relaunch of our in-person Sunday school program. Headed by a re-entry planning team, the process began on May 1 with a general session under the theme, "Returning, Rebuilding, Renewing, Above & Beyond." Of special significance was the introduction of uniformed lessons covering "The Beatitudes" and "The Lord's Prayer."

I am happy to share with you below more relevant details.

- The Abundant Life class for new converts resumed classes on January 4. Four members of the class received the Right Hands of Fellowship on November 27.
- Sunday school classes resumed on May 15.



- During the general assembly on July 3, a review was done on the lessons covering "The Beatitudes." It was heart-warming to hear adults and children recall with enthusiasm various aspects of the lesson.
- The Kingdom Builders class had two outreaches on August 7 and September 4. They distributed tracts and secured the names and telephone numbers of more than 60 people who indicated their need for prayer.

Following the first outreach, one person attended our service and was baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost.

- On Sunday, August 21, we hosted a Back-to-School service under the theme, "Stand." During the service, we celebrated our graduates and charged our students to stand for Jesus.
- Four new teachers joined the staff.

### JUNIOR CHURCH

- Junior church resumed at the Tabernacle on May 15. The services were held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Prior to this, the meetings were held bi-weekly via Zoom.



- Each week, about 45 students attended. Students 7-12 years occupied the fellowship hall while those 6-12 years occupied the after-school room.
- The lessons taught covered biblical themes, such as: "God's Attributes," "Serving God," and "Christian Living."
- Of special significance was the excitement displayed by our students regarding the Word of the Lord.

### EVENTS

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

- VBS had to be canceled this year due to low registration.



### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

- This was held on Sunday, December 18, under the theme, "Jesus, the Light of the World."
- Our hearts were indeed blessed by all the songs, poems, and musical renditions from all our classes.
- We give glory to God for all the families and friends who were in attendance.

#### NURSERY & KINDERGARTEN CLASSES



#### BEGINNERS CLASS



**PRIMARY CLASS**



**YOUTH CLASS**



**PRE-TEENS CLASS**



**TEENS CLASS**



**CLASS 201**



### ABUNDANT LIFE CLASS



### KINGDOM BUILDERS CLASS



Faulknor, Jamel McKnight, Marie Brown, Sonia Gayle, Paulette McFarlane, Shereen Dawkins, and Jennifer Faulknor, our special advisor.

- Also, tribute is due to all our ministers, teachers, parents, guardians, and students for their support.
- I offer, too, special thanks to our men who prepared our classrooms for that important hour of occupancy each Sunday morning.

Yours in His service,



*Donna Thomas*  
Director

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- We praise the Lord for all His many blessings. As noted in 1 Samuel 7:12 *“Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shem, and called the name of it, Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.”*
- The Lord has been our help and we give all the glory and praise to Him!
- We are forever grateful to Pastors Devon Dawson and Winston Stewart for their guidance, support, and wisdom.
- Tribute is due to the members of our leadership team for their hard work and support — Sisters Nathalie Sutherland, Geraldine Buckle, Lorna Cofield, Ruth Shirley, Judith

# Defenders Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

Christian greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

The Defenders Ministry, formerly known as the Men's Ministry, continued the process of defending our faith, family, and fellowship. Built into this process was the opportunity for the growth and development of our men.

It is with a sense of gratitude that I provide the highlights of our ministry during the year.

- A Prayer Breakfast which was held on May 28, provided an important opportunity for fathers, sons, and grandsons to pray and share fellowship together. Included in the program was an effective presentation on defensive maneuvers by one of our own police personnel, Brother Marc Thomas.
- In collaboration with our Evangelism Ministry, we participated in outreach activities designed to propagate the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Under the guidance of the pastoral office, bi-weekly prayer meetings were held on Tuesday evenings. A relatively small but purposeful number of men and boys attended and participated.



- The work and welfare arm of the ministry continued to play an important role in the upkeep and maintenance of both facilities at Parsons Boulevard and Jamaica Avenue.



- A social media connection was launched to share Bible passages and comments with a view to encouraging our men to continue in the faith, regardless of the challenges that they encounter.
- I am grateful to our pastor for his support, as well as all the men who seized the opportunity to be defenders of the faith, family, and fellowship..

Your servant in Christ,



*Controy Champagnie*  
Director

# Evangelism Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

All praise is due to the Almighty God for His grace that has allowed us to partake in the harvest.

I would like to report a successful year of ministry and evangelism. At the start of the year, we had listed as one of our objectives the desire to make ANAT a multi-racial assembly. At the launch of this initiative, many members stepped forward to express their willingness to embrace this vision and detailed how they planned to intentionally work to make the vision become a reality.

## SUMMER OUTREACH WEEKENDS (SOW)

- Another one of our objectives was to take the preaching of the gospel outside of the four walls of the sanctuary. This we did during our Summer Outreach Weekends.
- On those weekends, members possessing a willing heart gathered in front of the Tabernacle and proclaimed the wonderful works of God. Passers-by slowed their steps or stopped altogether to listen to

and at times joined in with the songs, worship and praise. Ever diligent not to pass up on an opportunity to lead someone to Christ, we earnestly prayed for persons who indicated that they had a need for prayer. One lady who was visibly moved by the Holy Ghost, cried uncontrollably as she reached out to God for His help.

- We also held a joint outreach session with the COPE ministry during which time we prayed for individuals who requested prayer, distributed backpacks with school supplies, and an estimated 150 envelopes, each containing gospel tracts and a pastoral letter.

## THE JAMAICA ARTS & MUSIC SUMMER FESTIVAL (JAMS FESTIVAL)

- Once again, we participated in this annual event. We gathered under our tents on Jamaica Avenue, as usual, and ministered to people



through prayer, anointing with oil and laying on of hands, singing, and reading of the Word. We were blessed to have had with us, Spanish and Haitian speaking members who took the opportunity to read the Word in their native languages so that passers-by of that nationality heard the gospel in their own language.



- As is the custom during these events, we distributed over 1,800 gospel tracts, water, back-to-school supplies and other items of interest. As in previous years, we were blessed to have members of the Cornell University Community Outreach and NYU Dental school with us. Together with their presentation, our singing, and preaching the gospel, we were able to minister to approximately 550 persons, not counting the numerous children who accompanied adults.

#### HOME BIBLE STUDY (HBS)

- The year saw a rebirth of our Home Bible Study program. Special mention has to be made of our coordinator, Dr. Sabrina Gayle who has worked with purpose and passion to get this program going. She has set a personal goal of teaching 200 Bible studies in a year.

#### NURSING HOME MINISTRY (NHM)

- This ministry has experienced a revival comparable to pre-pandemic levels. An increasing number of nursing home directors have reached out to us regarding the resumption of our regular visitations.

One such request came from the director of the Madison York nursing home. On very short notice, Sister Tammy Lawrence and a small group responded and were on site praising God with the residents. This is the passion that God desires from us.

- As we move closer to a post-COVID era, we are looking forward to a resurgence of other institutional ministries. The leaders of our Shelter and Prison Ministries are waiting for the doors to be re-opened so that we can re-enter these facilities.

I would like to express appreciation to Pastor and Sister Dawson for their continued support. I am deeply appreciative of the help received from Pastor Stewart and the Office of Communications whose contribution aided and assisted the Evangelism team in convening successful missions services.

Thanks to the members of the Evangelism team who tirelessly worked with me to ensure that all goals and objectives were realized.

I wish to make special mention of Sister Charmain Parker-Thomas and Brother Lloyd Beckford who were nominated as evangelism volunteers of the year for their hard work and dedication to the ministry. Their services were performed even in the face of many personal difficulties, and they often went beyond the call of duty.

Finally, to my family, thanks a million for your support through all the challenging periods of this year.

Yours in and for evangelism,



*Andie Davis*  
Director

# Golden Agers Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

It is with joy that we greet you.

King David in penning Psalm 37 attests to the faithfulness of God. He declared unwaveringly, *"I have been young, and now I am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging for bread."* Truly, as the shadows lengthen in our lives, God has never failed to be God. His undying love and provision are new each day. For the members of the Golden Agers Ministry, each day is a privilege, a blessing, and an opportunity to attest to God's goodness.

## PRAISE IS WHAT THEY DO

Many of our seniors are now attending in-person services at the Tabernacle, embracing the new normal. However, for the period under review, we have seen many of our seniors experiencing greater health challenges than before. Presently, Sisters Millicent Bartley and Cynthia Martin are residents in a rehabilitation home. Sister Phyllis Ferguson continues to believe God for the healing of her eyes, and Brother James Campbell's pains do not stop his praise. Notwithstanding this, our seniors valiantly declare, *"...though their outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed*

*day by day..."*, *"...and the light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory..."* so they press on to victory.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Telephone calls were made to maintain contact with members by the care team.

## VISITATIONS

For the period under review, we visited Sisters Doris Charlton, Ruby Hall, and Millicent Bartley.

## ACTIVITIES

In collaboration with the Ladies Ministry, on May 7, approximately 20 members of the Golden Agers Ministry attended the Mother's Day Weekend Prayer Breakfast. This was a very informative meeting as Sister Sonia Gregory shared on *"Connecting the Seniors"* with the Resilient Ministry, and Sister Angella Jackson spoke on *"Care of the Convalescent."* Each attendee was given a special gift and a forward planning form which they were encouraged to complete.

## PROMOTION

In 2022, one of our precious members, Sister Violet Johnson, was promoted to her eternal home. Having lived well in her 90s, she was an example of the believers and a faithful child of God.

In closing, I would like to thank Sister Hazel Dawson for her untiring support, Sister June Laing for faithfully checking on our seniors, and Brother Marc Thomas for always responding to our call for service and support.

Yours for the expansion of God's kingdom,



*Hope Chin*  
Director

## THE BEAUTY OF ELDERLY HANDS

BY KELLY ROPER

Although the hands of the elderly may not be smooth, supple, and unblemished,  
They have a beauty all their own.  
Each line, each spot, each scar has its own tale to tell.  
Some are tales of tragedy, others are tales of triumph,  
But they all combine to tell the unique story of that treasured person's life.  
So the next time you're with an elder,  
Gently take that person's hands within your own,  
And look with wonder at a life truly lived.

# Ladies Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

Salutations in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It is indeed a privilege to report on the activities of the Ladies Ministry for the year under review.

We continued to operate as a diverse ministry comprised of ladies who utilized their skills to edify and empower ladies from varied backgrounds.

While the year was a challenging one, our ministry was operational, and we are delighted to share with you the highlights.

- In collaboration with the Golden Agers Ministry, we had an unforgettable Mother's Day brunch. The unfavorably weather that greeted us on the day did not prevent us from moving forward with the event, under the theme, "Woman 2 Woman."
- Those in attendance included our New York Metro District Ladies president, Sister Esther Mitchell, several ladies ministry leaders and their team members from our district, and the New York District.

- The program provided information, inspiration, and challenge for those in attendance. It included giveaways, delectable food, and rich fellowship.



- Sunday, May 8, marked the climax of our Mother's Day celebration. The theme, "Woman 2 Woman" was highlighted by an inspiring skit depicting the biblical story of the two women mentioned in

1 Kings 3:16-28 who found resolution through King Solomon's wisdom. Our guest speaker, Evangelist Shurline Perry, preached an inspiring message.

- Four teleconference sessions were conducted covering the following:
  - ◇ Self-care.
  - ◇ Women of the Bible.
  - ◇ Reading and discussions on Book Club Night.
  - ◇ Activities on Game Night.

I extend sincere thanks and honor to all team members who have supported and served consistently in this ministry.

Yours in the service of our Lord,



*Sandra Hutton*  
Director

# Marriage Life Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

The motto of the Marriage Life Ministry (MLM) is *“Godly marriages, strong families, a Church united”* with a vision *“To effectively build strong Godly marriages which will impact our children, our church and our community.”*

Under the overarching leadership and guidance of Pastor Devon Dawson, MLM continues to grow with a focus on its vision.

## EVENTS

### GET CLOSE TO ME AND TALK TO ME

- This online event included a presentation, *“Get Close to Me and Talk to Me,”* discussions, and interactive games. There was a lot of excitement, competition and interaction during the games. We are grateful for the support and excitement shared by the participants.

### PIVOTING – FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR COUPLES

- This online financial planning seminar aims to help families build and manage their financial future through informed financial planning. The topics covered included, *“Life Insurance,” “Wills,”*

*“Power of Attorney,” “Living Trusts,” “Proxies,”* etc. We are grateful for the beneficial life experiences shared by our members— Brother Robert Mayou, Sisters Sonia Tomlinson, Simourn Shearer and Lorna Martin. We also thank our external professional presenters, Trishanya Dierick-Smith of Primerica and Wendy Edwards of New York Life. Thanks to all who participated in whatever capacity.

- We were privileged to actively participate in every quarterly prayer and fasting program hosted by the Prayer Network Ministry.
- Handed out treat packages to married couples.
- The joint in-person Games Night with the Youth Ministry was canceled due to inclement weather.
- A proposed trip to see the show, *“David”* at the Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, did not materialize due to schedule conflicts.

A big thank you to all the team members, most of whom are involved in multiple ministries. We are conscious of, and understand the effort it takes to balance work, family, marriage, and ministry activities. Also, thanks to the leadership, ministries, and members for your support.

With God’s continued help, we pray that this ministry will achieve its vision and mission to:

- Encourage biblically sound marriages that will motivate husband and wife to be faithful to the covenant they made and constantly strive to deepen their marital bond.
- Ensure that as parents:
  - ◇ They do not forget their marriage but continue strengthening it as a family foundation.
  - ◇ They strive to train their children according to God’s Word, faithfully caring for the little ones God has given them.
  - ◇ They desire to glorify God above all else, above cultural norms, public views, and popular trends, and even above themselves.

Through Christ,



*Michelle & Sylbert Matthias*  
Directors

# Music Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

 psalm 18:46,49 – *“The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock; And let the God of my salvation be exalted....Therefore, will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.”*

All Nations Music Ministry, also known as AMM, continues to move forward with God’s help. As a ministry, we have experienced many challenges, triumphs and struggles but through it all, God has been faithful in keeping us.

## SPECIAL THANKS

We are truly grateful to our ANAT family for your continued support and prayers which add worth to our ability to serve in this manner. We appreciate you!

Our praise team continued to be the source of all our musical inspiration. They did an outstanding job of keeping us all encouraged and focused on the Lord.

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to the following members for going above and beyond in serving the ministry:

## BAND

- Brothers Johnathan Barnaby, Errol Dawson, Rohan Gordon, Sean James, Barrington Neil, Jr., Matthew Neil, Leo Palmer, Amadou Pommells, Xavier Pommells, Justin Scott, Joseph Small, Mark Taylor, Melton Thorpe and Nathan Whyte.

## VOCALS

- Sisters Shasel Barnaby, Michelle Bonfield, Chris-Ann Campbell, Josan Goode, Lisa Gordon, Stacey Lyons, Monica Mattis, Kiersten McKnight, Jennifer Neil, Alexandria Norton, Joy Pommells, Lori Shirley and Anika Simpson; Brothers Kavoy Ashley, Daniel Hemley, Antonio Mattis, Brandon Mattis, Rasheed McGrath, George Smalling and Samuel Walters.

Thank you AMM members (musicians and vocalists) for continually devoting your resources and talents to the ministry. You and your sacrifice for service are appreciated.

We vow to:

- Preach, teach, and through personal involvement propagate the gospel of Jesus without discrimination to all nations. Together, we dedicate our lives to God so that He can use us as vessels of honor to fill the atmosphere with praise and worship so that His presence is welcomed in our midst, and lives can be indelibly impacted and changed each time we minister.
- Continuously train and develop each member of the music ministry so that together, we can go above and beyond for years to come.

Yours in Christ,



*Kesha McKenzie*  
Director

# Office of Communications

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

Christian greetings in the name of Jesus!

Consistent with the spirit of servant leadership, it is with a deep sense of obligation and excitement that we present to you this report. During the year, we sought to provide information with a desire to communicate. Sydney J. Harris said that, *“The two words ‘information’ and ‘communication’ are often used interchangeably, but they signify quite different things. Information is giving out; communication is getting through.* Naturally, it is hoped that we did get through.

Here are some of the highlights:

## DOCUMENTS PREPARED AND CIRCULATED

- Quarterly prayer and fasting manuals.
- Relevant Annual Report together with papers relating to ANAT Weekend.
- Right Hands of Fellowship booklets.
- Ministry Leaders & Volunteers Orientation handbook as well as the leadership directory which included our annual calendar of events.
- Information covering prayer requests received, guests attending services, and converts. This information was circulated to Zone leaders on a weekly basis for the necessary follow-up ministry.
- Monthly statistical data to the Board of Elders, Board of Trustees, Ministry leaders, and Zone leaders covering prayer requests, guests attending services, and converts.
- Names of persons requesting prayer, (also identifiable by a unique number), were circulated to members on a weekly basis, and in a timely manner.
- Papers relating to the dedication of babies as well as funeral service programs for members and others who passed away.

## AUDIO, VIDEO & LIVESTREAM

- Our team of devoted workers continued to minister in these vital areas, producing rich sound effects, and suitable images for livestream coverage.
- About four young men were selected for training in the area of livestreaming. They have made steady progress.

## STATISTICAL DATA

⇒ Prayer Requests Received:	874
⇒ Guests on Sundays:	428
⇒ Livestream Viewers:	4,932
⇒ Facebook Viewers:	5,061
⇒ YouTube Viewers:	13,367

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Our social media platforms continued to be popular not only with our members, but also with the public.
- Our weekly views and interactions have increased in the two years since we expanded from just livestreaming to Facebook Live and YouTube.

- Typically, a viewer is defined to be an end-user who has watched our videos for at least three seconds.
- An interaction includes clicking the like button which is an interactive way for us to gauge how well the video connects with the viewer.
- As of the time of this writing, there were about 1,000 subscribers on our YouTube channel.

#### MULTIMEDIA

- There was a continuation of the presentation of prayer requests, announcements, and special features before the start of public worship.

- This was done to strengthen the information impact, thereby boosting support levels.

In closing, I wish to offer thanks to Pastor & Sister Devon Dawson and all other leaders for their support. Also, I must make mention of Sister Angella Keene who has served skillfully, heartily, diligently, and consistently. To all our team members, I say a 'BIG' thank you for your contribution to this ministry.

Valerie and I close this chapter of our service to the Lord and His people with a profound sense of gratitude to the Lord and you, His people. Also, we are deeply aware of the great privilege that was extended to

us. We walk towards the fading twilight with our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Yours in Christ,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Stewart".

Winston S. Stewart  
Director

# Prayer Network Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

Greetings in the name of Jesus!  
Once again, special prayer and fasting was the special feature of the four quarters of the year.

## FIRST QUARTER

Under the banner of Project 22, our prayer and fasting from January 10 - 28 had as its theme for the first quarter, *"Tuning for Harmony With God."*

## SECOND QUARTER

Tuning for harmony with God is a continuous process, and so, from April 13 - 15, the theme was, *"Staying in Harmony Through Perseverance."*

This period witnessed a change in the leadership structure of the sessions from selected individuals to ministries. The ministries providing leadership were: Prayer Network, Family Life, Ladies, Defenders, Board of Trustees, Christian Education, and Evangelism.

The church was inspired and challenged to *"draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."* (Heb. 10:22-25)

## THIRD QUARTER

During this quarter, which was from July 13-15, the theme was, *"Recall for Alignment."* The Lord knows that on this journey, called life, we run into problems that blindsides us. We fall into potholes that get us out of alignment with God, friends, coworkers, family, and even ourselves. To correct this mishap, we heeded our Savior's warning and went back into His shop for realignment.

## FOURTH QUARTER

As the year drew to a close, we again entered into another season of prayer and fasting from October 12 - 14, under the theme, *"Commitment."* My brothers and sisters in Christ, the Christian life requires total commitment. Partial commitment is no commitment at all. Total commitment means that God is our sole authority, our guiding light, and our unerring compass. It means that we will love God with our whole being.

## TELEPHONE PRAYER SESSIONS

- **Sundays at 7 - 8 PM VIA ZOOM**  
Led by Minister Andre & Sister Trudy-Ann Davis.
- **Mondays - Fridays at 5:30 - 7:30 AM**  
Led by Minister Conroy Champagne and his fellow hosts.

- **Tuesdays at 8 - 9:30 PM**  
Led by Sister Nathalie Sutherland and her fellow hosts.
- **Wednesdays at 12 -1:30 PM**  
Led by Minister Hope Chin.
- **Fridays at 7 - 9 PM**  
Led by Sister Joy Dawson.
- **Saturdays at 6 - 7 AM**  
Led by Ministers Robert Mayou and Steve McKnight.

I am thankful for the growth witnessed this year not only in the numbers calling in on the prayer line but in the depth, wisdom and maturity evident in those, who at one time were afraid to let their voices be heard.

Thanks for the men and women who have committed their lives to the work of Christ, making my task as leader light and fruitful.

Respectfully submitted,



*Joy Dawson*  
Director

# Resilient Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

Christian greetings in the name of Jesus!

It is a delight to share with you some of the highlights of the year's activities.

## EDUCATIONAL MEASURES

- After careful and prayerful consideration, the ministry team decided to make education a major thrust during the year.
- This was achieved by selecting and covering topics that would facilitate the process of building resilience in the lives of our members.
- These topics included:
  - ⇒ *"Types of Resilience."*
  - ⇒ *"Pillars of Resilience."*
  - ⇒ *"Components of Resilience."*

## RELEVANT TEACHING SESSIONS

- Pastor Devon Dawson presented effectively on the topic of *"Spiritual Resilience."* His presentation, which was done in two parts, took place

on August 31 and September 2 at the Tabernacle. In addition to those persons who came to the Tabernacle, about 520 viewers participated online.

- The last presentation covering the topic, *"Connection, A Component of Resilience,"* was undertaken by Pastor W. S. Stewart in December.

## MEET AND GREET SESSION

- This new feature was held in May via Zoom.
- The participants were enthusiastic, and those who were involved in the trivia questions were appropriately rewarded.

## BOAT RIDE

- On September 4, a group comprising of six persons enjoyed a dinner cruise on the East & Hudson Rivers with a panoramic view of New York City, Jersey City, and Brooklyn. The 3-hour experience was rich in fellowship, food, and fun.

## BRUNCH

- On October 8, we hosted a brunch which was held in the Serena Thompson Fellowship Hall. Those

in attendance were motivated to action by a presentation by Minister Hope Chin who covered the theme, *"Conquer."*

I wish to say a big thank you to Pastor Dawson, the ministry's leadership team and all the members for providing effective support.

Your servant in Christ,



*Sonia Gregory*  
Director

# Youth Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus!

It is indeed an honor and privilege to serve our youths here at All Nations Apostolic Tabernacle.

Below are our services and events for the year under review.

## YOUTH WEEK (JUNE 22-26)

- Under the theme, "Arise," the Lord blessed our youths who attended.
- On Wednesday, June 22, we delved into the Word with our first-ever Bible Quiz Nite. This featured matches between our quiz teams and the adults. The participants' knowledge was tested using 40 verses from the book of Proverbs.
- On Friday, June 24, we had an impactful service where the youths were encouraged to discuss how they were feeling. During the night, we had a competition and voted for the attendee with the best sneakers.
- On Saturday, June 25, we enjoyed a day of food, fun, and fellowship at Adventureland in Farmingdale, NY.
- On Sunday, June 26, we concluded with a power-packed service in which we enjoyed a move of the

Holy Ghost. Our very own Reverend Dorion Norton, Jr. was used of the Lord.

## JOINT YOUTH SERVICE

- On Friday, July 22, the Youth and Evangelism Ministries hosted an outdoor evangelistic service under the theme, "A Man for All Seasons."
- The youths led in praise and worship. Also, they testified about how God had helped and kept them in all seasons of life.
- Brother Andre Gordon, Sr. gave an exhortation, emphasizing that Jesus was the One who can carry them through any season. Many were touched and responded positively to the invitation to come for prayer.

## YOUTH NITES

- On Friday, July 8, the service was dedicated to singing praises to the Lord. A youth praise team and a guest band provided the leadership. Following a timely exhortation, the youths converged at the altar and prayed.
- On Friday, August 5, the youths came dressed in their best "nerdy outfits" for a night of worship and fellowship. A panel was selected to cover the topic of "Inadequacy and Lack of Confidence." The relevant terms were clearly defined, and participants were given

the opportunity to share their experiences on both physical and spiritual levels. Also, 10 relevant scriptures were provided for them. To end the service, the moderators engaged the participants in the important activity of writing complimentary notes to their peers.

## SOCIAL EVENT

- On Friday, August 12, we gathered for fun, fellowship, and exercise as we walked across the Brooklyn Bridge.

## HYPHEN

- On February 24 - 26, 15 members of the group attended the annual Winter Fire Conference held in Bloomfield, Connecticut.
- Under the banner of "Let's Talk," the group conducted a holistic discussion on Saturday, July 30. Topics covered included, "Career Choices," "Ministry," and "Finances."

## PROMOTIONS

- Quarterly fasts were promoted on our social media platforms.
- Pictures and videos were posted to increase our following which opened the opportunity to reach more social media accounts.
- We reached approximately 777 accounts during the months of May thru October.

- Social media facilitated contact with people from the United States, Jamaica, Canada, and the Philippines.

### **BIBLE QUIZZING (BQ)**

- The 2021/2022 Bible Quizzing session ended in June 2022.
- The book of study was Proverbs with the focus on specific verses. These sessions were conducted virtually.
- Fifteen quizzers from All Nations participated in the in-person district finals held at The Open Door Apostolic Tabernacle in Brooklyn. Our beginners team was placed first, the junior teams, second and third, and the senior team, third.

### **YOUTH CONFERENCE**

- This was held on Sunday, October 23, under the theme, *"Restored."*
- Pastor Byron Hypolite and his family attended and ministered to the glory of God.

- A special feature was a panel discussion during Sunday school comprising of members from the teens, youth, and 201 classes. Attendees were given sound answers to questions covering ministry, sexual purity, lifestyle, and self-care.

### **CHRISTMAS HOLI-SLEIGH PARTY**

- On Saturday, December 17, we hosted a *"Holi-Sleigh Christmas"* party.
- Activities included the building of gingerbread houses, and an ugly sweater competition.
- The party which provided a great time of food, fun, and fellowship was supported by youths from All Nations Apostolic Temple, Bethel UPC, and Word of Life Apostolic Church.
- We ended the night with a vibrant worship session.

- Consistent with the spirit of the season, we collected non-perishable items and toys to give to a local shelter.
- We give special thanks to Sisters Li-Shann Powell and Alexandria Neil, our events coordinators for planning such an effective event.

We thank God for all His continued blessings upon the lives of our youths. As we move forward, we are believing God for a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Through God, we shall do valiantly.

Yours in His service,



*Lori Shirley*  
President

## Zone Ministry

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

**H**oly greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Before miraculously healing the unnamed man who was born blind, Jesus made this statement: *"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work"* (John 9:4). This statement points to the sense of urgency that characterized His earthly ministry. This profound example has been a guiding light to us in the pursuit of our ministry in Zone 5.

It is a pleasure to share with you some of the highlights.

### OUTREACH

- This took the form of prayer and tract distribution in Prospect Park.

- For the most part, this was done on Saturday and Sunday evenings.
- As a rallying point, we erected a small tent in Prospect Park.
- Several of the people for whom we prayed were visibly touched by the power of the Lord, and one person reached out to receive the Holy Ghost.
- Also, we accepted the opportunity to feed the hungry.

### BIBLE STUDY

- Occasionally, we taught Bible studies on a limited scale at various locations in the park.
- From this endeavor, and with the help of the Lord, we succeeded in making firm contacts with 20 persons. Our ministry to them was ongoing.
- Six persons from Brooklyn joined our weekly online Bible studies.

Please join us in praying earnestly to God for a great breakthrough in this zone.

I wish to say a sincere thank you to Pastor Devon Dawson for the opportunity to serve. Also, I thank my wife and family for their faithful support of this important ministry.

To God be all the glory!

In His service,



*Andrie Gordon, Sr.*  
Leader - Zone 5  
Brooklyn

To: Pastor Devon D. Dawson  
Board Members  
Ministry Leaders & Saints:

**I**n the words of Charles Spurgeon,  
*"Of all I would wish to say this is  
the sum; my brethren, preach Christ,  
always and evermore. He is the whole  
gospel. His person, offices, and work  
must be our one great, all-comprehending  
theme. The world needs to be told of its  
Saviour..."*

#### **DALEVIEW NURSING HOME**

- Our return to the Daleview Nursing Home was delayed due to the continued COVID-19 mandates issued by the Health Department. However, we have since reached an agreement with the recreation supervisor and will resume our visits during the first quarter of 2023.

#### **ZONE PRAYER CONNECT**

- We continued our weekly zonal prayer connecting which has proven to be a source of strength

and sustenance for the group. We thank the Lord for the many answered prayers, particularly that of the successful surgery of Sister Yvonne McDonald's granddaughter. The group also served as a source of prayer and encouragement for Sisters Sophia Farquharson and Corine VanHolten during their time of bereavement.

- We were able to convene 265 teleconference prayer meetings for a total of 13,812 audio minutes. Thanks to the Lord for His unspeakable benefits!

#### **TELEPHONE CONTACT**

- In response to our mission to reach our community with the gospel message, we routinely placed calls to individuals whose names were given to us by the Office of Communications. We pray that this effort will produce a bountiful harvest.

#### **APPRECIATION**

- I would like to express my deep appreciation to Sisters Marsha Taylor, Charmain Parker-Thomas and Hazel Dawson who have worked closely with me in moderating many of our weekly prayer meetings.
- Sister June Laing for maintaining close telephone contact with our seniors.

To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Yours in Christ,



*Hope Chin*  
Leader - Zone 7  
Eastern Long Island

# Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting

## THEME: "ABOVE AND BEYOND TOGETHER!"

The annual business meeting of All Nations Apostolic Tabernacle was held on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 3:27 p.m. at 89-28 Parsons Boulevard, Jamaica, New York. The purpose was to review the church's operational and spiritual activities, elect and appoint officers, and cast the pastoral vision for the new year.

Pastors Devon Dawson and Winston Stewart acted as chair and cochair, respectively. Brother Robert Mayou carried out the duties of general secretary.

We began with worship and prayer led by our praise team.

### CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The chairman extended welcome to everyone present. He stated that the pandemic caused us to limit our celebration of All Nations Weekend as we had done in pre-pandemic periods. He further mentioned that we would be relaunching the ministries in 2022. Chairman Dawson showed the event booklet and announced that it

included the program. Additionally, he stated that at least three weeks' notice was given prior to this meeting; hence, the quorum would be those in attendance.

### CALLED TO ORDER

The chairman called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m. At his invitation, the congregants stood and lifted their hands in worship, as they welcomed God's presence. Thereafter, Brother Lindsay Brown offered prayer.

### READING OF 2021 MINUTES

Upon the invitation of the co-chair, Brother Mayou read the minutes covering the 2021 business meeting.

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes were confirmed on a motion moved by Pastor Winston Stewart and seconded by Brother Desmond Gayle. Brother Gayle asked if there were any further developments on the electronic voting system. The chairman confirmed that electronic voting would be used during the meeting.

### RATIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

After indicating that the annual report was posted on the website, Cochair Stewart entertained a motion to ratify

the said report. This was done on a motion moved by Brother Dorion Norton, Jr., and seconded by Brother Desmond Gayle.

### PASTORAL REPORT

The pastoral report was read by Pastor Devon Dawson. In his preliminary remarks, he stated that we attempted to be good citizens during the pandemic by following the New York State Department of Health guidelines. He mentioned that we lost only one person during the pandemic and for that we should be thankful. All the members infected by COVID-19 recovered. We gave God thanks.

In his report, Pastor Dawson acknowledged the services of key volunteers and provided synopses of major church services and events. Specifically, he identified, by name, several saints from the media and praise teams who deserved our commendations and thanks. His report also attested to the success of our annual prayer conference. In underpinning this assessment, the chairman stated that there was a prayer momentum that should not stop. He went on to affirm that we understand the value of prayer and that the services we had

online would be brought back into the sanctuary.

A positive outcome of the pandemic was the birth of the All Nations Ministries Conference (AMC), which was held from December 3 - 5, 2021. Pastor Dawson mentioned that he was looking forward to AMC 2022. The next major service reported on was our successful watchnight service. As it related to our financial health during the pandemic, Pastor Dawson stated that we took advantage of COVID-19 federal assistance in 2021. Coupled with the faithful giving of God's saints, we kept the lights on and the staff intact. He further stated that God had been faithful and justifiably deserved our thanks.

Operational needs were also addressed in the pastoral report. We were able to get some assistance in taking care of some of the challenges we had with the baptismal pool, and restroom issues were resolved. Pastor Dawson mentioned that we continued to dedicate babies and perform funerals in 2021. He encouraged everyone to read the annual report that was then on the website.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chairman Dawson reminded the congregation that we had deferred the annual financial report to a later time in the year and informed them that the audit would resume shortly.

## **ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

The chairman informed the attendees that voting would take place electronically by accessing the ANAT website. This was following our commitment to improve on what we had done the previous year. Brother Dorion Norton, Jr. was invited to illustrate how electronic voting would be done. He walked the attendees through the online voting on the All Nations' website. Everyone confirmed access to the voting webpage.

Chairman Dawson, in addition to reading the requirements for voting, informed the members that the term for the board of trustees is one year. He read the names of the nominees to the board of trustees.

Members complied with the direction of the chairman and the voting was concluded.

The chairman explained that he had been working with a new group of brothers to take care of the spiritual needs of the church. The chairman then read the names of these brothers who were being appointed to the board of elders — Kerrick Whyte, Alfred Williams, Desmond Gayle, and Robert McKenzie, and stated that everyone would go through training. He encouraged everyone to go through the list and make his/her selection.

The chair confirmed that everyone had voted. Anyone omitted from the ballot was included in a special motion.

## **SPECIAL MOTION**

Sister Sophia Delahaye was nominated to media coordinator by Dorion Norton, Jr. The motion was seconded by Sister Pearline Palmer. All were in favor.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The resolutions committee chair, Dorion Norton, Jr., presented six resolutions.

### **RESOLUTION #1**

This resolution, which covered the resignations and reassignments of

officers, was accepted on a motion moved by the chairman of the resolutions committee, and seconded by Brother Desmond Gayle.

Pastor Dawson spoke on the resolution. He expressed his appreciation to Brother Mardio Leard as the youth leader. He shared that Brother Leard wanted to take some time off to pray and seek God's directions. He thanked him for his ministry. All were in favor.

#### **RESOLUTION #2**

This resolution covered a vote of thanks to our COVID-19 response team and the ushers. The resolution was moved by the chairman and seconded by Brother Dorion Norton, Sr.

Pastor Devon Dawson was acknowledged by the cochair. Pastor Dawson expressed deep appreciation to the teams and asked everyone to give a standing ovation. The chair acknowledged Brother Dorion Norton, Sr. He gave thanks to the ushers for standing on the frontline and doing a diligent job.

Brother Desmond Gayle amended the motion to include the members and

visitors who cooperated during the pandemic. All were in favor of the amended resolution. The resolution was supported by all.

#### **RESOLUTION #3**

This resolution covered a vote of thanks to the music ministry. It was passed on a motion moved by the chairman of the resolutions committee and seconded by Brother Dorion Norton, Sr.

#### **RESOLUTION #4**

This resolution covered a vote of thanks to the culinary ministry. It was passed on a motion moved by the chairman of the resolutions committee and seconded by Brother Joseph Small.

#### **RESOLUTION #5**

This resolution expressed appreciation to Sister Norma Palmer. It was moved by the chairman of the resolutions committee and seconded by Sister Trudy-Ann Davis. After comments by Pastor Devon Dawson, the resolution was unanimously accepted.

#### **RESOLUTION #6**

This resolution expressed appreciation to Pastor & Sister Devon Dawson for

their effective leadership. It was moved by the chairman of the resolutions committee and seconded by Brother Michael Cofield. After comments by Brothers Dorion Norton, Sr., Steve McKnight, Alfred Williams, and Sister Andrea Forrest, the resolution was unanimously accepted.

Cochair Winston Stewart returned the chair to Pastor Devon Dawson.

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Pastor Dawson introduced the need to recognize the seven members who passed on.

#### **EXTENSION OF THE MEETING**

At the invitation of the chairman, Brother Dorion Norton, Sr. moved a motion to extend the meeting beyond the 5:16 p.m. limit. The motion was seconded by Brother Steve McKnight, and all were in favor.

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

At the invitation of the chairman, Sisters Joy Dawson and Valerie Stewart conducted the memorial service. All seven promoted members were honored by a moment of silence and a poem read by Sister Norma Palmer.

## CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

The chairman offered his closing remarks which included his thanks to everyone for attending the meeting. He made the prayer to close out the meeting.

The adjournment was taken at 5:52 p.m. on a motion moved by Brother Conroy Champagnie and seconded by Brother Lindsay Brown. All were in favor.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the chairman. He entertained a motion proposed by Pastor Winston Stewart and the motion was seconded by Brother Dorion Norton, Sr.

Chairman Dawson announced the names of the three new members elected to serve on the board of trustees — Sister Kayren Komlani, Brothers Sylbert Matthias and Clive Sergeant. There were four new members added to the board of elders — Brothers Kerrick Whyte, Alfred Williams, Desmond Gayle, and Robert McKenzie.

The chairman asked all the leaders to stand. The saints stretched their hands toward them and prayed for them.

## NEW RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION #7

A vote of thanks for Pastor Winston S. and Sister Valerie Y. Stewart. The motion was seconded by Brother Michael Cofield. Comments were made by Brothers Dorion Norton, Sr., Robert Mayou and Andre Gordon, Sr. All were in favor.

### RESOLUTION #8

A vote of thanks for the office of communications. The resolution was seconded by Sister June Laing. All were in favor.

### RESOLUTION #9

Regarding the voting protocol at our business meeting. The resolution was seconded by Sister Lisa Gordon. After comments, all were in favor.

Pastor Winston Stewart announced that all the appointees were elected and ratified.

The chairman expressed that the electronic voting system worked and mitigated the issues of handwriting and omissions thereby facilitating a productive business session.

He then entertained a motion from Sister Lorna Cofield to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brother Michael Allwood.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Submitted by:



*Robert Mayou*  
General Secretary





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