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### THE NEW NATIONAL PARTY, ONE EVENT AND PARTY DISCIPLINE YIELD A SUCCESSFUL JULY 8, 2012 CELEBRATION IN ST. ANDREWS:

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The New National Party (NNP), under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Dr. The Right Honourable Keith Mitchell, and its rescue team would like to express its deepest appreciation to the thousands of Grenadians who participated in our National Convention and political rally in Telescope, St. Andrews. The large and interactive crowd showed their support for the party and its readiness to battle the National Democratic Congress (NDC) in the upcoming polls which is constitutionally due by October 2013.



**The large and attentive NNP Supporters at Convention and Rally on July 8, 2012**

The NNP supporters came out in droves to support their party goals and vision for the nation's future. They were not enticed by the offer of free food and booze by the NDC to attend their rivalling functions at La Tante and Gouyave. They paid their way with their hard-earned savings to the NNP event and they returned home with a sense of

pride and assurance that they are engaged in a united and disciplined party that is ready to wrestle the mantle of governance from a failed and disunited NDC.

The democratically-held elections at the convention provided the opportunity for the selection of a competent team that will guide the party's work over the next year as we head into a general elections. In our effort to be transparent and informative to all in the global community, we present a listing of our new national executive and their titles.



**A United and disciplined NNP rescue team at the Convention on July 8, 2012**

### **NEW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE (2012)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
The Rt. Hon Dr. Keith Mitchell	Political Leader
Hon. Elvin Nimrod,	Deputy Political Leader
Senator Gregory Bowen,	Chairman
Kenny Lalsingh	Deputy Chairman
Hon. Roland Bhola	General Secretary
Hon. Dr. Clarice Modeste	Assistant General Secretary
Steve Horsford	Recording Secretary
Brenda Hood,	Assistant Recording Secretary
Senator. Anthony Boatswain	Treasurer
Terrence Forrester	Public Relations Officer
Winston Garraway	Labour Relations Officer
Joy Mancini	Welfare Officer
Oswald Gilbert,	Floor Member
Prescott Swan,	Floor Member

Cletus St Paul	Floor Member
Richard McPhail,	Floor Member
David Stan Phillip	Floor Member
Bassanio Nicholas,	Floor Member
James Stafford,	Floor Member

## ONE EVENT TWO CELEBRATIONS

### A LONELY AND DRIFTING CAPTAIN ARRIVES ON THE SHORES OF THE LANCE IN GOUYAVE:



**Captain Tillman Thomas:      The other faction  
In La Tante:**

The marriage of convenience between the NDC and RMC took another step for annulment on Sunday, July 8, 2012. The embarrassing and disgusting situation is well known across the nation and globally that the NDC celebrated two distinct 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. The NDC Ship Captain, Tillman Thomas drifted into the St. Johns harbour with some of his loyal sailors aboard while the drunken mutineers landed at La Tante Bay, St. Davids.

Both sides opted to blame each other and embarked upon intensive character assassination. The assassination was so intense that one of Thomas's crew member, Finance Minister Nazim Burke; told the spectators that the mutineers on LaTante beach were only able to muster about 150 curious spectators and that free food and booze was flowing.

There was very little choice (s) for Thomas in Gouyave. Apart from some of his loyal crew, and those who were given strict warnings that they had to attend his rally; he attracted a few recycled NDC members who went on to provide more "All Fools Jokes" much to the dismay of those present. A prominent recycled individual who was quite evident on the platform was "Phinsley St. Louis" whose arrogance and idiocy is well known across the tri island-state. Other trusted ministerial senators like Bernadine and

Peters had no alternative but to give thanks and praise to Tilly for allowing them to wreck two important Ministries.

Finally, the NDC mutineers seem to have a collective leadership made up of Peter David and Arley Gill. In David's pep talk, he expressed his dreams about a future NDC victory even within the current melee. It once again shows his contempt for the people of Grenada. His call to the lonely ship captain for a conversation with the mutineers who had assembled on the La Tante Beach will be ignored.

**WATCH FOR MORE NDC BACHANNAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE:**

**NDC DRIFTERS LOOKING FOR A HOME-NNP WILL HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT NEW HOUSE GUESTS**



**They should have come to La Baye but opted for La Tante**

Historically, the New National Party (NNP) has never shrugged away from extending an open arm to NDC members and supporters who seek a new political home. The NNP is cognizant of the undisputed fact that it will take the collective effort and will of the people to fix our economy. Therefore, we will continue to show open arms to all those who are prepared to make their contribution in nation building. But we hasten to remind those seeking refuge that they must adhere to NNP discipline and party line.

Grenada is a small nation and everything must be done to accommodate those in need because it is one positive way in healing the nation from spite, victimization and hate which the NDC has advanced and sustained since its existence.

We are aware that many who were in Gouyave and La Tante on Sunday were there for many reasons and it is clearly understood by the NNP. So our part remains sympathetic

and will always ensure that there is an environment where love, peace and the spirit of brotherhood reside.



The New National Party (NNP) is pleased to have Mr. Gabriel Martin Henry as its constituency caretaker as the party prepares for the upcoming general election which is constitutionally due in 2013.

Often described by local residents as a local son of “La Tante Junction” with great achievements, while others refer to him as a pillar of strength and rock of support in community development. But Gabriel is no stranger to struggles and has a very deep commitment and appreciation for family values as is evident from birth and his current situation. He values family life, and this is why the NNP has a very proud sense of his life achievements. Coming from humble beginnings, he supported his family that has borne excellent fruits for which both Gabriel and the party are extremely proud.

His strong support for family values has also included the participation of his wife Audrice that has resulted in great family success and achievements. His children Kizzy, graduated from the University of the West Indies with an Honours degree; Zinda is studying Medicine in Cuba, Hezron is studying Civil Engineering in China and Gabriel Henry Jr. attends the St. David’s Secondary school. He has three brothers and three sisters living today.

A Civil Engineer by Profession, he attended the University of Camaguey in the Republic

of Cuba where he obtained a B.Sc. in civil engineering. He is fluent in English and Spanish and is currently pursuing part-time studies in Seismology ( Earthquakes Engineering) that would lead to a Master's Degree.

His employment career is also worthy of comment, as a current part-time lecturer at the T.A Marryshow Community College (TAMCC), he is presently the CEO/Managing Director of Modern Engineering Consultancy. While enjoying the challenges of self-employment, Gabriel's professional career also included a wealth of experience over the years as an Engineer with the Ministry of Communications and Works where he made a significant contribution to risk assessment; project management, monitoring and evaluations of projects

His long and historical involvement with student affairs, sports, tourism, philanthropy and other social society engagement initiatives attest to his strength and dedication. He is presently the president of the Grenada Cricket Association and by extension a Director of the Windward Island Cricket Board and under his young but distinguished leadership, Grenada was able to attract once again first class and international cricket games to our national stadium.

Gabriel is deeply committed to the social and educational development of St. Davids. Today his own children are well on their way to achieving academic success and the youth of St. David's can rest assured that the same opportunities will be afforded to them, under the watchful and vigilant eyes of this your humble servant. Given his experience and interest, the NNP has no doubt that he will continue to make a sterling contribution towards the development of the parish while advancing the party's Rescue Mission which is so badly needed in Grenada.

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Given the poor state of the economy under the National Democratic Congress Government and the poor leadership displayed by Prime Minister Hon. Tillman Thomas to address the plight of the people of the country, we the delegates of this 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the NNP pass the following resolutions.

## RESOLUTION ON HEALTH

WHEREAS it is universally recognized as a well established fact that the Health of a Nation is the Wealth of the Nation

AND WHEREAS the Health Care Services in Grenada have deteriorated considerably to a deplorable state over the past four (4) years of the Administration of the NDC

AND WHEREAS further that this NDC Government of Grenada continues to withhold payment to the OECS Pharmaceutical Procurement medical services (PPMS)

AND WHEREAS medicines and other medical supplies continue to dwindle and become alarmingly scarce in Grenada

AND WHEREAS the shortages have affected the quality of Health Care in Grenada

AND WHEREAS the said shortages of medicines, medical supplies and equipment have directly lead to the loss of human lives in this country

AND WHEREAS the state of the Health Care Services in Grenada continues to worsen and threaten the well being of our Nation

AND WHERE AS our people continue to suffer under the aforementioned conditions without any intervention by the National Democratic Congress Government to improve access to better health care.

AND WHEREAS the Government's inaction and mismanagement of Health Care in Grenada is unacceptable and no longer tenable

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NNP calls for the immediate dissolution of Parliament and fresh general elections be held in Grenada to allow for the serious and urgent address of Health Care in Grenada by an NNP Government that cares without further delay.

## RESOLUTION ON AGRICULTURE:

WHEREAS from the installation of the National Democratic Congress Government in 2008, the Farming Community and the Agricultural Sector in Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique have been negatively affected and experienced disastrous outturns due to inappropriate decisions, lack of vision and non implementation of positive policies.

AND WHEREAS it has become extremely difficult and impossible to access and or purchase implements and inputs for farming operations.

AND WHEREAS the present administration have made the process even more difficult by it's ineptness in organizing, staffing and effectively operation a planning and execution unit within the Ministry of Agriculture

AND WHEREAS the said Government has removed the farmers fund which assisted farmers with low cost and low interest short and long term loans which assisted in sustaining their operations.

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to purchase and distribute fertilizer at subsidied prices to the farmers within the last four years

AND WHEREAS access to many farms and plantations has become increasingly worse within the last four years

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to purchase and make available to the Pest Management Unit the necessary tools and chemicals for the treatment of Banana and Plantain Fields

AND WHEREAS the Farm Machinery Pool at Meribeau continues to be destroyed and there has been no attempt through budgeting or any other financing process to repair, improve or increase the stock of machines

AND WHEREAS the numbers and levels of families reaching poverty status continues to increase

AND WHEREAS food security and Agriculture is recognized internationally as a creditable and reliable means for fighting hunger and poverty



AND WHEREAS the said Government list Agriculture as one of and among the five transformational sectors of the economy

AND WHEREAS the Government has shifted its focus away from Agriculture and fail to address the plight of the Farming Community and the deplorable state of the sector

AND WHEREAS the Government 2011-2012 budget for Agriculture was approximately 50 % less than 2010-2011

AND WHEREAS market access and availability for much of our Agricultural produce continues to be a major problem

AND WHEREAS the Prime Minister and his Ministers have failed to improve the Agriculture Sector thus further improvising the farming community

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this convention of July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 calls for the Government to immediately dissolve parliament and call fresh general Elections now!!

## RESOLUTION ON THE ECONOMY

WHEREAS, the Grenada Economy as of December 2007 was growing at an average rate of 4.5% annually, and Grenada was ranked as the No. 1 Economy in the OECS

AND WHEREAS the NDC promised the Grenadian people that it would do a better job at managing the economic affairs of the Grenada Economy

AND WHEREAS during the past 4 years the Grenada Economy experienced annual average negative high level

AND WHEREAS the rate of unemployment is now at an unprecedented high level

AND WHEREAS this NDC Government has demonstrated that it is incapable of managing the affairs of our country

AND WHEREAS the Global Economic Recession has impacted every economy in our region but some countries have done relatively well and Grenada has not.

AND WHEREAS the NDC has failed to deliver on its many promises to the Grenadian people

AND WHEREAS the level of suffering among the Grenadian people are greater now than it has ever been.

BE IT RESOLVED that we the delegates of the NNP at our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention held on July 8, 2012 at the St. Andrew's Anglican Secondary School, do hereby call on the Tillman Thomas Administration to dissolve Parliament and clear the way for fresh general elections now!!

## RESOLUTION ON YOUTH

WHEREAS the young people of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique are experiencing severe social and financial problems

AND WHEREAS there is an absence of hope among youths throughout the state of Grenada

AND WHEREAS the social ills and increasing crime situation is a direct result of the Government's inability to provide jobs and opportunities for the young people of the tri-island state

AND WHEREAS the Government has failed to deliver on the promises to provide jobs and other opportunities for the young people of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we the delegates of the NNP at our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention held on July 8, 2012 at the St Andrews Anglican Secondary School do hereby call on the Tillman Thomas Administration to dissolve Parliament and call fresh election now!!

#### RESOLUTION ON EDUCATION

WHEREAS the majority of our schools are operating under severe challenges due to the cut on spending for education by the Government, thus making it very difficult for them to provide adequate education services to our children.

AND WHEREAS the school feeding programme continues to face serious challenges and is in its deepest crisis since being implemented.

AND WHEREAS the students in most need of nutritional support cannot get the required assistance.

AND WHEREAS all of our schools do not have adequate general supplies to aid the teaching process.

AND WHEREAS the T A Marryshow Community College is set to raise its fees significantly, thus making it difficult for students from low-income household to attend classes.

AND WHERE AS education is a critical element if our people are to be liberated from poverty.

AND WHEREAS the government has shown an inability or unwillingness to provide assistance to the neediest students to ensure they can attend college.

AND WHERE AS the government has failed to implement most of its campaign promises for education.

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Education seems more occupied with the internal party conflict rather than administering the education department.

AND WHEREAS the government has shown little commitment to youth development

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we the delegate of the New National Party here at the St Andrew Anglican Secondary School for our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on this 8th day of July, 2012, do call on the National Democratic Congress Government to dissolve Parliament immediately and call fresh Elections!!