



# ST. ANNE'S AYPA CONVENTION 2007 REPORT

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## INTRODUCTION

Members of the Clergy, Island Council Executive, Fellow AYPAs Members, warmest wishes are extended to all from the members of the St. Anne's AYPAs.

Throughout the past year, St. Anne's AYPAs continues to work tirelessly to maintain its level of excellence. We were faced with a number of obstacles but it was the grace of the Lord Almighty along with the perseverance of the executive and members of the branch which allowed the branch to rise above the difficulties and grow.

It is indeed with great pride that we present the Annual Convention Report for 2007.

## AIMS OF ST. ANNE'S ANGLICAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION

1. To promote AYPAs and its principles among Youths in the Community.
2. To positively educate and motivate Youths in the Community
3. To encourage the Community to become more active in AYPAs and its affairs
4. To encourage members of the Community to attend Church and its functions.

### OBJECTIVES OF EXECUTIVE

Upon election, the members of the executive which were: Dacil Heyliger (president), Dehaan Henry (vice president), Lerone Joseph (treasurer), Ralseia Glasgow (assistant secretary/treasurer) and Dexter Browne (PRO), sought to outline the problems facing the branch and also to illustrate ways to combat these issues. Hence, these were the primary objectives of the Executive:

1. Improve payment of subscription
2. Improve punctuality at meetings.
3. Improve attendance at Island Council Meetings.
4. Improve church cleaning
5. Implement branch slogan
6. Improve fellowship between Senior Members.
7. Include Junior Members in Branch and Island Activities.

## MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP

St. Anne's AYPA is composed of vibrant Junior and Senior Groups. The junior group which runs from 9 – 15 years usually met on Wednesdays at 5:00pm but due to competition from other activities, moved to Mondays at 5:00pm. The senior group (16 - years) meets on Mondays at 7:30pm. Lateness was a major difficulty over the previous years but a late jar was placed at the door for every meeting where members would pay a fine of \$1.00. With this strategy punctuality improved greatly.

### *Subscription*

For the senior section, employed members are required to contribute \$10.00 monthly. Non working and junior members pay \$1.00 per week. The executive observed that persons were not consistent in the payment of subscription; hence payment plans were set up for each member with outstanding subscription to repay over a period of time. Most members have completely cleared their debts.

### *Program*

The branch tries as much as possible to have activities centered on the motto, and the four (4) principles of AYPA. The executive seeks suggestions from the branch for possible programs and then plans accordingly. The finished program is then shown to the branch for approval. A copy is also sent to Island Council and the parish priest.

## Attendance

The total membership at St. Annes stands at thirty five (35) members. For the junior section, there are twelve (12) members with nine (9) regular. Five (5) members were recently moved to the senior section.

In the senior section, there are eighteen (18) members on roll with fourteen (14) regulars. There are four (4) senior members on study leave. The average membership at meetings is thirteen (13).

### BRANCH ELECTIONS

Branch Elections were held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Parish Hall. Ms. Jolin Toshi Davis, Island Council President, presided over the election. Voting was done by secret ballots. The new Executive stands as follows:

Ms.Ralseia Glasgow -	President
Mrs. Franklyn Charles-	Vice President
Ms. Twanah Eddy-	Secretary
Ms. Tionae Warner-	Treasurer

The following persons were nominated members:

Ms. Rashema Noland-	Public Relations Officer
Ms. Tanise Warner	Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Natoya Veira	Assistant Treasurer

The incoming executive is fully committed to the branch and is confident in their abilities as longstanding members in the Branch to uphold and maintain the level of excellence displayed by the members of St.Annes AYPAs.

Elections are not held in the junior section, but the opportunity is given to call members to be involved in activities such as chairing the meetings. Persons also perform executive roles such as secretary and treasurer. This is a useful tool as it prepares the members for future positions in the senior AYPAs and Island Council Executive positions. It must be mentioned that members immediately coming from the junior section are on the present executive and this is a great accomplishment as they have shown they possess the ability to lead the branch.

## BRANCH ACTIVITIES

### *FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES*

The branch planned a lot of fundraising activities for the year. Three (3) bake sales were held in November 06, January 07, and June 07. They were greatly supported by the church congregation.

The branch held a movie night on 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Church Hall. The Omen was the movie shown. Special thanks are extended to all branches that supported.

A number of small fund raisers were held at the branch level such as \$0.25 and \$0.10 concerts. A bring and Buy night was held where all members brought something to eat such as sandwiches, biscuits, punch, and sweets and they were sold in the meeting.

On February, 16<sup>th</sup> 2007, a Valentines Day Dinner and Dance Extravaganza was held at the Sandy Point Community Centre. It was a joint venture with our brother parish of St.Thomas. It was very successful and received great reviews.

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the branch went on a walk a thon from the Bay Road to Frigate Bay. Sponsor sheets were given out to all senior members.

### *NON – FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES*

The quarterly program of the senior and junior section is the same. The junior group continued with its Study sessions during the month of May to aid students in exams.

A number of new activities were implemented to motivate members and bring a flare to AYPAs meetings such as Physical Education Night, Word Power Night, Poetry Night, Xmas Games Night, Game Show Night, Moonlight Walks and Vers-A-Thon.

The branch helped with the Annual Church Bazaar by running activities such as the Haunted House, Bouncing Castle, and the Hot Dog Stand.

Bookmarks were done for visitors to church and then more bookmarks were done for the entire church. With much effort and determination, the branch has finally received their branch t-shirts.

The branch was involved in Mothers and Fathers Day activities in church. For Mothers Day, sweet filled, wrapped champagne glasses with loving notes were given to Mothers while the Fathers received engraved pens with slices of pineapple and fruit cake.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006 and February 19<sup>th</sup> 2007, the group invited Mr. Dwayne Weekes for a Dance Night. The branch learnt simple salsa and ball room dance steps. St. Thomas AYPAs also joined in the fun.

The Branch Social, Gift Exchange and Awards Ceremony was held in December at Sunset Café. Awards were given such as Mr. & Ms. Personality, Best Buddies, and Most Improved Member. It was a very enjoyable experience and members really had a lot of fun.

For all activities, the junior members were invited along and also joint meetings were encouraged between the two (2) sections. The president also visited the junior meetings on a number of occasions.

### CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

The average attendance at church is satisfactory but improvement can be made in some members. AYPAs Sunday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. The junior and senior sections take turns cleaning the church and doing the lessons on that Sunday. To make the cleaning aspect easier, members were divided into two (2) groups; the morning and the afternoon. Each group would take turns cleaning the church and preparing it for worship.

Most AYPAs members are also servers and six (6) junior members were confirmed recently. We have regular bible study sessions with our priest, Fr. St.Clair Williams. The branch participated in a congregational quiz between other groups in the church. We placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For Diocesan Youth Week, Ms. Che-Raina Warner delivered the message while Dexter Browne was the MC for the service. These are both AYPAs Members.

The branch also took part in the Sunday School Christmas Concert by doing a selection.

### RELATIONSHIP WITH ISLAND COUNCIL

The St.Anne's AYPAs Branch has an excellent relationship with Island Council. We had a representative at every Island Council Meeting for the AYPAs year.

St.Anne's always pay dues at an early time, contribute immensely and do not have any monies outstanding. Attendance at Island Council Activities is also a trait of St.Annes.

Six (6) members from our junior section attended the Island Council junior weekend camp. Ms. Che-Raina Warner was awarded Best Camper, Mr. Kareem Rogers was voted Mr. Personality and Davicia Browne was apart of the Best Working Group.

Our branch also came out in full numbers for the Island Council fun day at St.Johns.

### RELATIONSHIP WITH BRANCHES

St.Anne's has an excellent relationship with fellow branches and has had a number of group visit during the year. Holy Trinity and St.Thomas visited the branch. The main programs were quiz and dance night respectively. The group visited St.Peters AYPA where the main program was an obstacle course which the members thoroughly enjoyed. St.Anne's participated in St.Thomas Guy Fest explosion by doing two (2) items. Support was offered to other branch activities such as dinners in Holy Trinity and St.Johns.

### CONFERENCE 2007

St.Annes plans to send at least six (6) delegates with three (3) from the junior section to the upcoming 38<sup>th</sup> biennial Conference to be held in St.Kitts in the Parish of St.Annes. Other members would sit in at sessions at the Conference.

## CONCLUSION

The St.Anne's branch has experienced trials such as the loss of executive and longstanding members as they left the group to study. Members have pledged their support and dedication to the branch to work hard on keeping the branch afloat. Though difficult times may be ahead, the branch is confident that we would fight through it.

I would like to sincerely thank all the members of the branch who contributed and participated in whatever aspect they could to uplift the branch to the level it is today. Thanks must be extended to St.Clair Williams who always lent a helping hand or words of advice to the group. Profound thanks must be given to the church congregation who always were ready to contribute in cash or kind to our endeavours.

Finally, the St.Anne's Branch extends its richest blessings on the Anglican Young Peoples Association and encourages the association to continue to strive for excellence amidst trying times. May the Association rise to the occasion and enjoy many more fruitful years in existence.

*PERFECTION IS ACHIEVED NOT WHEN THERE IS  
NOTHING MORE TO ADD....BUT WHEN THERE IS  
NOTHING LEFT TO TAKE AWAY.*



*FEW THINGS ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO DILIGENCE AND  
SKILL. GREAT WORKS ARE PERFORMED NOT BY  
STRENGTH BUT PERSEVERENCE.*

**HAPPY CONVENTION 2007!!!**

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Ms. Dacil Heyliger  
Branch President