



OPEN LETTER

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To: The Religious Community in Barbados,

RE: ENGAGEMENT OF THE CHURCH IN THE RETOOLING OF OUR COUNTRY

It is with utmost humility that I write as the Political Leader of the Barbados Integrity Movement (BIM) and more importantly as Christian Believer to engage **All** Leaders in the Religious community together with their Congregants across the length and breadth of Barbados to stand up and be counted in this season of great distress and uncertainty for our people and country as a whole.

BIM recognizes that our beloved country is today facing the worse financial crisis in its history aided by what appears to be a severe lack of decisive management and a patriotic vision. Our National Anthem states that “God has been the people’s guide for past 300 years” but several of our current parliamentary leaders in themselves exude behaviors as though there is no respect for the “**Almighty God**” as is frequently demonstrated in their speech and actions.

It is BIM’s goal therefore not just to call upon the church in this time of distress for advancement of a “piece-meal” solution but to engage a partnership should it be God’s will for us to constitute a government; hereby recognizing that the church from the very inception is the only body recognized by God for the purpose of governance of the people. Under this collaboration BIM will seek to deploy spiritual principals as its mandate for managing the affairs of the country and will advance every cause to work with the church to address the ills currently plaguing us as a people.

Barbados was once revered as a very religious and Godly nation where our citizens young and old demonstrated exceptional regard for our leaders in whatever sphere they would be found. Today, sadly; it appears as though we have reached the bottom of the pit where it can be assumed that the government has separated the church (Religious organisations) from the seat of Governance. The idiom of “Separation of Church and State” has truly led to the vast degradation in morality and love for country; whereas our political leaders (all) have become more focused on the academic accomplishments rather than the social and spiritual wellbeing of our people.

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Barbados was once known to produce the very best academic minds which were privy to have graced some of the most hallowed halls throughout the world. This has always been with notable contributions to the great successes of many other nations in which these Barbadians have settled or resided before returning home to retire. These persons were shaped in the dynamic of the understanding of the word of God and social responsibility (Love of Country and Fellowman) whilst in the pursuit of academic accomplishment.

As a loyal son of the soil I can fully subscribe to the fact that upbringings of the village life were deeply embedded in the acts of social responsibility and commitment to Country.

It is against this rich historic ethos that I am calling all Barbadians to get back to our “First Love”, a passion for the word of God and a commitment to adhere to it by way of loving our fellow man and doing what is right. In difficult times, such as these, “let’s be our brother’s keeper”; “friends of all and satellites of none”.

By this, I am calling on the churches to return to a place of prominence to be ever more present and vocal in the affairs of our nation for both the young and old. No longer can we as believers stand idly by in the conviction that “**politics is a nasty game**”, we need to engage it in order to clean it up! If the church demands greater from our leaders and remind them that we are the servants of the people and not lords over them, all will witness a marked change in the future outcome of our country.

In our churches, there must be focused dialogue on what is adversely impacting the people (all), we can no longer be satisfied to prepare and preach sermons to our congregations and leave the rest of the nation to their own peril.

The churches **must** at this time consolidate to become the moral compass that once steered us away from suffering the ill-fated destinies similar to many other nations that have forsaken the edicts of God. It is time for our “Religious Leaders” to stop the unsavory acts of feeding their congregations on the notions that there should be no involvement in politics yet several of them secretly engage political agendas from the very pulpits. Encourage our people to vote and exercise their franchise for positive change!

God is calling Barbados back to a place of purity and righteousness; how can a “Religious Leader” tell any Prime Minister or MP for that matter that he or she is doing wrong without the vestment of moral authority because their very house is in a right state of order?

How can we speak on righteousness when it is the very topic that many “Religious Leaders” of today avoid for several known reasons?

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Why is there comfort in conforming to the transient practices and adopted customs of society when the world needs to be looking to the church for guidance and direction?

Why is there deafening silence at a time when the people are looking on in consternation, disgust and fear to let the emperor know that he is “Naked”?

Deuteronomy chap 9 vs 4 (KJV)

“Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the Lord thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the Lord has brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the Lord doth drive them out from before thee”.

I am encouraging the church to stand up in righteousness and be recognized in the eyes of God, to be counted as “faithful” knowing full well that you have stood for the very values that are written in the word of God!

It is with this foremost in view that I am therefore encouraging the church to be the lighthouses in a perilous ocean, recognizing that our young people are judging us by what we do and not what is said. Where are the role models and the surrogate mothers and fathers to our many hurting youth? It can no longer be satisfactory for the church to sit in a bubble snug in the conviction that it is meeting the needs of its immediate congregants whilst the entire nation is at risk.

Rome is burning while we sleep!

I am therefore encouraging **All** churches to join with BIM to rebuild our nation Barbados, line upon line and precept upon precept without compromise or shame. BIM stands ready to engage the churches in weekly consultations across the communities of Barbados whereas we will have “Town Hall” meetings that will be titled **“Together We Will”** in each church that will express an interest so to do. This will look at the issues adversely affecting our people and discuss wholesome solutions as to how we can address them collectively as a prospective Government and the Church “Hand in Hand”.

Please feel free to reach out to us on Facebook – **Barbados Integrity Movement** or by email barbadosintegritymovement@gmail.com to arrange the schedule for our visit to your church community.

This is an opportunity to invite the public into the church to engage and be heard while offering the word of God to heal our nation.

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