

## Bermuda TUC Supports Equality, Jobs and Justice

For the first time in the history of Bermuda, a Labour March was held May, as is done in many other parts of the world. In recognition of the 2014 International Labour Day otherwise known as May Day, the Bermuda Trade Union Congress and conjunction with the newly-formed “People’s Campaign” marched from Victoria Park in Hamilton to the House of Parliament, where the “People’s Manifesto”, which called for “Equality, Jobs and Justice” was presented to Premier Craig Cannonier and Opposition Leader, Marc Bean.



Members of the People’s Campaign Committee, including Rev. Nicholas Tweed, Sisters Molly Burgess, Dorita Rogers and Linda Meizener and Brothers Chris Furbert, Jason Hayward, Alan Wilkinson and Ed Ball.

At the rally that was held prior to the March, the President of the Bermuda Trade Union Congress, Brother Alan Wilkinson, addressed the thousands of people who were in attendance with the following message:

“Today, May 1st is known as May Day or International Workers’ Day in most countries around the world. Last year on May 1st the Bermuda Trade Union Congress gathered on the steps of City Hall to commemorate International Workers Day and at that time we once again asked that May Day, or International Workers Day be recognized as the

official Labour Day Holiday. Once again today, the Bermuda Union Congress is calling for May Day to be recognized as the official Labour Day Holiday and not the first Monday in September.

The Bermuda Trade Union Congress is aware that in March 1982, the then Shadow Minister Home Affairs, the late C. Eugene Cox piloted an amendment to the Public Holidays Act, 1947 which added Labour Day to the list of public holidays in Bermuda. Mr. Cox’s amendment called for Labour Day to be celebrated on the first Monday in May.

While his amendment was passed, the government at the time did not agree to the holiday being celebrated in May, but instead assented that Labour Day be celebrated on the first Monday in September.

At this time we pause to remember our deceased brother, Comrade Richard “Doc” Lynch, who served for many years as the President of the BIU’s Construction Division. On May 1st of every year while he was with us, always recognized May Day by placing an advertisement in the daily newspaper.

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# McDonald's workers' horror story: 25-hour shifts and bunking in their boss's basement!



A former McDonald's franchisee will pay out a six-figure settlement after allegedly subjecting student guest workers to 25-hour shifts, substandard housing and repeated retaliatory threats. The settlement, announced Tuesday by the federal Department of Labor, includes \$205,977 in damages and back pay to 291 workers, the majority of whom landed at McDonald's under the State Department's J-1 visa program for "cultural exchange." Fifteen of those workers drew international attention and support after mounting a surprise strike last March.

"The conditions at this McDonald's were not the exception, but rather an extreme version of the rule," charged National Guestworker Alliance director Saket Soni, whose group spearheaded the strike. Local DOL director Al Gristina alleged in a statement that franchisee Andy Cheung's company Cheung Enterprises "willfully took advantage of vulnerable student workers living and working in our country under the J-1 visa program." Andy Cheung and McDonald's did not respond to requests for comment.

As I've reported, the McDonald's workers first walked off the job March 6. "We are afraid," guest worker Jorge Victor Rios told me before going on strike. "But we are trying to overcome our fear." Rios and his comrades at central Pennsylvania McDonald's locations accused Cheung of rampant and ongoing abuse: Schedules of as little as a handful of hours a week (despite paying \$3,000 on the promise of full-time work), or as many as 25 hours straight, without any overtime pay. Cramped housing including bunkbeds in their boss' basement, for which they paid him rent that could rival a meager week's pay. And threats ranging from curtailed hours to deportation, for offenses ranging from reporting abuse to refusing a last-minute order to come to work.

"Nothing that they told me is true, because everything is a lie," striker Luis Fernando Suarez told me last year. Suarez said his so-called cultural exchange had been "like an ugly face of the United States ... I didn't feel safe."

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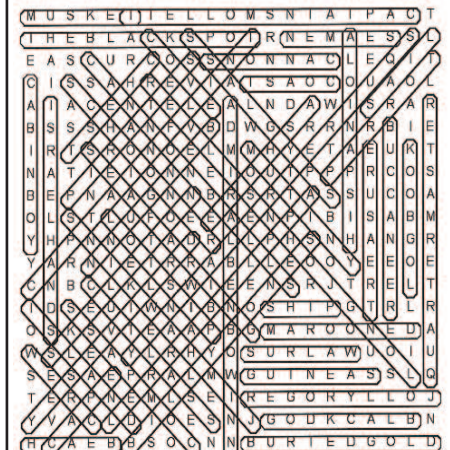
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### TREASURE ISLAND

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The hidden message is: TREASURE ISLAND WAS WRITTEN BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON



# CARICOM Region for Sale to the Highest Bidder

In my opinion, there is something seriously wrong in the CARICOM (Bermuda included) region when leaders of countries in the region are offering citizenship for a price. Unlike the islands to the south of us who are offering these schemes to attract what is sometimes referred to as “high net-worth” individuals, Bermuda is unable to offer citizenship as the island is still a dependent territory. But the sentiment is the same. Bermuda and the other islands are offering the right of abode to the highest bidder and I personally have a problem with that.

Recently, John Dupperault re-issued his appeal to the powers-that-be to relax the immigration laws in Bermuda to “give others a chance to help us”. According to Mr. Dupperault in a speech to the Bermuda Insurance Institute awards ceremony, “Foreign entrepreneurs are needed to help boost the island’s economy because Bermudians don’t have all the answers”. It is my opinion that non-Bermudians don’t have all the answers either because Bermuda is not the only place on the planet that is having economic challenges. To my knowledge almost every country in the world has been having economic challenges since the onset of the great recession hit the planet in August 2007. From what I’ve read, no country was spared, and so Bermuda, Bahamas, St. Kitts and those other islands that are offering “economic citizenship” is not unlike the United of America, the United Kingdom, Canada, Greece, etc. etc. etc.

I find it interesting that just a day before Mr. Dupperault made his appeal to the Bermuda Insurance Institute, Sean McWeeney, QC of the Bahamas was

making a similar appeal to the Bahamian government while speaking to the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Conference 2014 in the Bahamas.

Mr. McWeeney told the STEP Conference that Bahamas needed to jump on the “bandwagon” that has seen other competitor jurisdictions implement programmes that give investors accelerated access to citizenship rights in return for meeting an investment threshold.

The Government of St. Kitts has actually set up a “Citizenship by Investment Unit” which handles all matters concerning Citizenship by Investment in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. The Citizenship-by-Investment Program was established in 1984, making it the longest established program of this kind in the world. It has distinguished itself from many other similar programs by rigidly enforced investment requirements and meticulous due diligence procedures. The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis utilizes this program to attract investors of good character to make a substantial contribution to the development of the Federation. These investors are then given the opportunity to apply for citizenship and passport within the strict guidelines of the law and the relevant regulations.

According to Mr. Dupperault, Bermuda has been “a pretty exclusive club up until now. I think it’s time to loosen the rules so others can join.” The fact of the matter is that Bermuda has not been a “pretty exclusive club until now”. Instead Bermuda has handed out extended work permits and long term residency to certificates to most who request them. Hence, Mr. Dupperault and others of his



ilk are residents of this small island. Having visited both the Bahamas and St. Kitts, it appears that both island are not unlike Bermuda, as all three islands have “high net-worth” individuals residents living in exclusive enclaves where the average working-class individuals do not reside.

It is apparent to me that while the above-mentioned islands have all invited the rich and famous to reside on their shores, the workers on all three islands continue to struggle to make ends meet. This was evident on International Workers Day in Bermuda and St. Kitts when thousands of workers marched demanding “equality, jobs and justice”. The Bahamas will celebrate the Labour Day in June, and if last year’s march is any indication, certainly I believe that there will be more workers demanding the same thing.

In my opinion, the members of CARICOM should come together and discuss the best way forward for their people rather than begging rich foreigners to populate their islands, as it is evident to me that these rich foreigners really do not bring jobs with them when they come as Mr. Dupperault and others would have us believe.

# Buy Union!!

## DIRECTORY OF UNION SHOPS

For the benefit of all Union members and unionized employers, the Bermuda Industrial Union is publishing this Directory. It is designed to assist Union members, in particular, to support and purchase from the places that are listed below because they are organized and have collective agreements with the BIU.

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BIU Gas Station



# Bermuda's Struggle to Create a Credible Media Voice

Recently the issue of the role of the media came to the fore when former Royal Gazette reporter, Ayo Johnson launched a new media concern which can be found online under "Think.bm". This first story carried on this digital on-line format dealt with the very controversial "Jetgate" saga which involved a trip taken by Premier Craig Cannonier and two of his government ministers, Shawn Crockwell, Tourism and Transport Minister, and Mark Pettingill, Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs, and, as it turns out, the private business partner of the Premier, Steven DeCosta.

This was all the more controversial because the private jet was provided by a potential gaming investor interested in attaining a casino license in Bermuda. That in itself was wrong because it would appear that this potential investor was setting himself up to gain an advantage by engaging the Bermuda Government in that way, especially when the Premier's personal business manager was in on the talks and, with the absence of a civil servant, which is the normal practice in these matters.

The whole matter was dubbed "Jetgate" because the Premier has not been forthcoming in answering Parliamentary Question as to what really happened in these so-called

meetings with this potential investor. Enter the exposé revealed by Ayo Johnson in the first story written in his independent news organization, a new type of news gathering format which has placed the emphasis on an even deeper investigative reportage that is the norm in other countries.

What is worse is that Ayo Johnson's exposé should have set off a feeding frenzy in terms of other news media attempting to probe even deeper to get to the truth of the matter. Even though some news outlets mentioned the outlines of the story, the major, and only daily newspaper, the Royal Gazette did not report a word on what could be the biggest news story to do with members of the Government, including its leader.

Ayo Johnson's integrity as a journalist has come under attack by OBA Government supporters and he was insulted by an OBA Government Minister in Parliament, Minister Wayne Scott, who accused him of working for the PLP political opposition to pull down the Premier and the OBA Government. This was an outrageous allegation given that the number of street protests over OBA Government policies threatens to overtake even those that were mounted against the former UBP Government. The OBA Government has no one to blame except itself in

## THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE



BY ALVIN WILLIAMS

the downward plunge of its popularity and the desire of the people to rid themselves of this government.

This is another story that is not investigated in any depth by the media in Bermuda and not even acknowledged by the daily, who it is quite clear is completely compromised in its media principles in its almost slavish determination to protect the interests of this government in not carrying certain news stories that may rebound negatively on the OBA Government, except when the People's Campaign mounted a protest march on the Government that could not be ignored.

So Ayo Johnson's attempt to create a new news gathering format joins a long list of attempts to create a credible news media voice for Bermuda.



# Opposition PLP Grateful for Public Support

By Marc Bean, Opposition Leader

The PLP has been eternally grateful for the public support we have received over the past year and half. As we look around, we are filled with excitement at the potential within Bermuda and Bermudians.

As a people, we must take time to reflect upon where we are in our personal, community, and national development. Despite so many of our brothers and sisters losing their jobs, and struggling to make ends meet, we remain an island where there is still a sense of hope that better days are ahead.

Despite our fears and our worries, more and more of our true spirit, as a people, is being revealed. Some of the ways that this has been evident is workers offering to take home less pay to keep their colleagues employed and families feeding and clothing their neighbor's children.

## PEOPLE POWER

We have witnessed the power of unity among the churches, unions and common laypersons. You see, when it comes to love and compassion, Bermuda is indeed another world.

This charitable and giving spirit has helped to cultivate the hope that we will be a stronger more united people.

Compassion for others and cooperation must continue beyond our economic standing.

We must believe in a Bermuda where every Bermudian who wants to work, will have an opportunity to work, and every Bermudian who wants to provide their family with a brighter future, will be able to do so.

## EVOLUTION OF MINDSETS

We must change; our future depends on it.

As a people we must reconnect with our families, bond with our neighbors, and renew the sense of community, that we all know exists within each of us. Let us further commit to looking within and decide that going forward we will stop referring to our fellow Bermudians as lazy, stupid or any other negative connotation.

Let us continue to support and praise businesses that show a commitment to hiring, training and promoting Bermudians. Let us begin to play a

part in the elevation of our people with a more encouraging, nurturing and protective attitude towards each other.

That change of mindset by itself will not create jobs, or put more food on our tables. It will however begin the process of making it less socially and economically acceptable to treat Bermudians like second class citizens when it comes to jobs, opportunities, and having a say in the running of our own country.

That change of mindset will make each of us more open to working with each other, cooperating, building success together and competing. When we trust, respect and work with each other, there is no limit to what Bermudians can accomplish.

On behalf of the parliamentary group, party executive, members and supporters of the PLP, I wish to say that we glorify in the cooperative spirit of the people of Bermuda.

*“Up Ye mighty race accomplish what you will”*

*Marcus Garvey*



# My Fears About Commercial Immigration

by E. McNeil Stovell

What I find most amazing is the fact that a non-elected politician, who does not represent any constituency can't really be called a true Bermudian, and that's because he has no real roots down into our soil, has been given the power to even suggest that we should sell of our birth right in order to attract rich people to invest in Bermuda.

The fact of the matter is that as far back as I can remember, we have never had to do any such thing to get people to invest here, and as it stands today, there is nothing stopping anyone from doing so now. I say nothing!

The problem I see coming out of this commercial immigration thing is this: as time goes by you will begin to hear the Minister calling for these foreign investors to have voting rights, not only because they have invested large sums of money here, but they would have been given passports and citizenship which would give these people a legitimate right to seek voting rights as well. Of course, they will give us Bermudians a little time to get well pre-occupied with something else before they hang that one on us. We have a bad habit of going to sleep in the face of political danger.

Ask yourself the question. "Why would anyone who has invested large sums of money in Bermuda need to acquire a passport, citizenship and eventually the right to vote, if they are not going to live here, when all they need to worry about is their investment returns?"

Now that the OBA Government has opened up the total real estate landscape of Bermuda so that foreigners can buy property on the lower end of the real estate market, this will no doubt allow very rich people to buy low cost house in any constituency in Bermuda, so that they may have an address from which they can vote. Could that be true?

We must always remember that these people will probably not be spending much time in Bermuda, after all, what do we have in Bermuda that would keep such types of people occupied? "Hot air"? Thus they would not have to put up with our local problems and issues, since none of it would be affecting any of them in any way.

As I see it, the granting of passports and citizenship and eventually the right to vote, is not really about investing money in a little Bermuda. No, it's more about the OBA importing support to help straighten their electoral support base. I don't believe for a moment that the OBA has taken their eyes off the fact that they won an election on just four votes.

Based on the fact that people have been investing in Bermuda for decades and making lots of money without acquiring passports, citizenship or the right to vote, tells me that this commercial immigration scheme is just that, a scheme to get voting support by way of the back door, with the hope that Bermudians would be stupid enough to buy into this dumb idea that it will bring jobs that in fact are not guaranteed or promised to them.

Trust me people, the OBA is trying to undermine the voting process in order to favour themselves. Let's take a good look at this so-called commercial immigration for just what it is. It's a vote-getting scheme, that's what it is. So, what do we say to that? Dump it, we don't need it period.

# “The Theatre Lady” Feted By Former Work Colleagues

On Sunday, May 4, 2014, former Liberty Theatre employee, Sister Grace Dill, was feted by former work colleagues, friends and family at a surprise luncheon held at the Henry VII Restaurant. Mistress of Ceremony at the luncheon was Sis Marie Tucker and tributes were paid to Mrs. Dill by former co-workers Sisters Rita Furbert, Andrea Mills, Yvonne Morton, Velma Small and Elaine Woods.

Sister Dill began her long career in Bermuda's theatres at the tender age of 17 at the Colonial Opera House, after leaving the Berkeley Institute upon the death of her mother and go out to work. She ended her career at the age of 85 when she retired from the Liberty Theatre. In between her time at the Colonial Opera House and the Liberty Theatre, Sister Dill worked for the Bermuda General Theatres, who operated several theatres on the island.

According to the written tributes that were shared about Sister Dill, she sought work in the theatre for three main reasons: (1) She always loved



the movies; (2) she always loved meeting people and talking to them; (3) she discovered early on that her work schedule and hours allowed her the time she needed to take care of her husband, her home, and most importantly to raise her four children.”

“From the very start, Gracie displayed the kind of work habits that made her a valuable theatre employee. She was congenial, dependable, flexible and hardworking,” said one person paying tribute to Sister Dill. “These work qualities she modeled for her children and everyone else with whom she came into contact.”

Sister Dill worked in every area in the theatres during her sixty-seven years in the industry, including usherette and cashier. While her children were young, Sister Dill

would do a full day's work at home before going off to work. This would include ironing twenty school shirts (5 for each of her four children) plus her husband's uniform shirts, preparing meals and cleaning the house. However, this did not stop Sister Dill from having a pleasant attitude and greeting theatre-goers with a smile.

For most of her working life, Sister Dill was driven to work by her husband, the late Earl Dill. However, upon his death and shortly after her 65th Birthday, which was around the same time that Brother Ottie Simmons asked her to come to work at the Liberty Theatre, she obtained her driver's license and drove her own car for the first time in her life.

“Grace Dill looks back on her life in “show biz” with few, if any regrets,” offered her daughter Janette Musson. “She had lots of fun, made life-long friends, met lots of great people and raised her family while doing so. Her children had their mom at home she was most needed and learned from her and their father about hard work and a strong work ethic.”





# HISTORIC EVENT

May 1, 2014, Bermudians marched and rallied for the rights for Equality Jobs and Justice.





# THE PEOPLE'S MANIFESTO



*"Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,*

*Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people,*

*Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law."*

*The Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its 183rd meeting, held in Paris on the 10th December, 1948.*

## ***Preamble:***

*The People's Campaign for Equality, Jobs, and Justice is a coalition of concerned people of goodwill who have joined together to give voice to the condition of the country. As a group we are concerned with the growing frustration and mistrust of the political process in view of the continued rise in unemployment, growing gap between haves and have not's, and the unequal burden of sacrifice being placed on the lowest and the least.*

*This coalition out of a shared love and concern for the country feel the need to speak in an effort to reset the moral compass of the island and its leaders around a set of core issues. The people have formulated this Manifesto in order to guide those who represent them so that they cannot continue to implement policies in the name of the people that do not serve the interests of the people.*

*From its origins, Bermuda has existed under a system driven by mercantile interests, viewing people as a means to a profitable end. This People's Manifesto demands systemic change for the benefit of the people. The narrow confines of the centuries old business centered system that privileges the narrow interests of the few over the many is incompatible with the enduring, fundamental principles of Equality, Jobs and Justice. 405 years of history tells us that this cannot be achieved without systemic change and the establishment of core principles upon which to build a new foundation for the empowerment of the People.*

## **EQUALITY**

### **All people are equal and are entitled to equal treatment**

1. Every Bermudian should have the opportunity for post secondary education and should not be prevented from attaining education due to lack of funding.
2. The Government must implement an equitable taxation system that would structure taxation based upon levels of total income and the value of assets and holdings.
3. Quality healthcare must be accessible and affordable to all.
4. All Bermudians must have equal treatment under the law: the criminal justice system and the civil legal system must be accessible irrespective of financial well-being and must be administered at all levels in a manner that truly demonstrates that justice is blind.

## **JOBS**

### **All people are entitled to a job with a livable wage**

5. Every person should be entitled to a livable wage in proportion to the cost of living. That is to say, a wage that permits its citizens to meet primary needs of food, shelter, clothing, healthcare and from a primary source of employment.
6. Full employment for Bermudians must be a national priority.
7. The Government must hold all employers accountable so that all workers will be respected and afforded the same standards and working conditions.
8. All workers must have the right to join Unions or form associations to defend their rights.

## **JUSTICE**

### **The Government is the servant of the people and the people of Bermuda entrust the Government to ensure that all of its people are treated equally, have equal opportunities, and must have equal protection under the law.**

9. The Government must implement a program specifically designed to provide true economic opportunities for persons who historically have been prevented access.
10. The Government must establish regulatory constraints over the market to ensure that the business community share the sacrifices and participate in practices that serve the common good recognizing that the economy must serve the people and not the other way around.
11. Equal rights must be the same for ALL citizens in Bermuda, as such age cannot be a barrier for access to services, capital, and employment.
12. The Government does not own public property but holds it in trust on behalf of the people and therefore should exercise proper stewardship that protects the assets of the people against privatization.

In conclusion, the people of Bermuda are entitled to expect that those who are entrusted to lead them will be guided by the will of the people, and make decisions based upon priorities that are consistent with the expectations, hopes and aspirations of ALL of the people.



# PLP Awaits the Truth from the Premier & Cabinet Colleagues

"On Friday in Parliament, Premier Craig Cannonier called the [www.think.bm](http://www.think.bm) article "foolishness" and said that this issue, "is not a concern of the people".

Today, a year after this issue first came to light, the Executive of his own party has launched an internal investigation into their own leader's actions.

Earlier today, instead of calling the serious allegations "foolishness", OBA Chairman Thad Hollis said, "we have a story, that appears to have some validity to it". What is even more shocking is that the Chairman admitted that the Premier of the Country did not tell the truth to the Chairman of his own party when asked about Mr. Stephen DeCosta's participation

in the trip now known as JetGate.

Though many Bermudians should rightfully be concerned if an investigation that has only been commenced a year after this issue first came to light can be fair, the PLP will await to see how transparent the OBA will be. To date, their transparency has made a mockery of their election pledges and good government. However, for the first time, it seems that some members of the OBA are saying enough is enough.

It is imperative that the Attorney General, Mark Pettingill, and the Minister of Tourism, Shawn Crockwell also come clean to the people about the details of this Washington trip. It is my hope that the OBA MPs who have defended or

remained silent while the Premier and his Cabinet colleagues make a mockery of good governance will now have the courage to speak up for what is right. Those that choose to remain silent will be just as complicit as the Premier if any wrongdoing is found.

As I said yesterday, "Investment in Bermuda is critical for our success and for our reputation to be clouded with this affair is unfair to everyday Bermudians who are looking for jobs and careers. The PLP fully supports efforts to see development at Morgan's Point, Par-la-Ville, and the Club Med Site (among others) and it is essential that the OBA government sort this matter out."

I once again ask for the Premier and his Cabinet colleagues to do the right thing and, "Just tell the truth".



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### Massive Crowds For Labour Day March In St. Kitts



Labour Day marchers in St. Kitts in their red.

St. Kitts and Nevis (WINN): "We march today. Rain or shine, we're here! Thick and thin, we're here! Because we march in the interest of the people of St. Kitts and Nevis, especially the ordinary people!" Shouted ruling Labour Party Chair Marcella Liburd, to the mass of supporters taking part in Monday's Labour Day march.

Labour Party supporters young and old and in between, came out in large numbers, marching through the streets of the capital dressed in bright red.

"So we're marching today for housing. We're marching today for the PEP programme. We're marching today for health. Very shortly we'll bring onboard a national health scheme, that all the people who have no health insurance will be covered by that health scheme!" said Liburd, who is also the Federal Minister of Health

In the majority of Caribbean states Labour Day is primarily about the trade

union movement. However in others like Antigua and Barbuda and St Kitts and Nevis, the politics takes centre stage.

"The Labour day message is that we're here, showing solidarity with the people of this country, especially the ordinary people as we continue to uplift them. That's the overall message," Ms Liburd said, responding when asked by WINN FM, that the march carried both a political message and a union message.

"Because if you're interested in workers, and this is a working class government. So if you don't have a working class government then the working class and the workers will suffer."

A major party rally was also a part of the May Day celebrations.

St. Kitts and Nevis Labour supporters have said that their show of strength on the streets was intended to send a message to Opposition Alliance Team Unity, that the incumbent has the numbers to win the next general election.

### PLP Mourns Death of Mrs. Brennell Henry

The Bermuda Progressive Labour Party extends condolences to the family of the late Brennell Henry, a life member of the Party who joined when the Party was in its infancy. For many years, Mrs. Henry served as Membership Secretary and it is believed that until her death, was the sole surviving member of the original Central Committee of the Party.

Recently Mrs. Henry was honoured by the PLP at the Party's fiftieth anniversary celebration that was held in November 2013. At that time, Mrs. Henry was given a standing ovation by the Party Leader and others in attendance for her long and dedicated service to the Party. Until her illness some years ago, Mrs. Henry rarely missed a Central Committee meeting and could be counted on to serve the Party in various capacities, including providing baked goods for sale to help raise funds.

A member of Devonshire Branch, Mrs. Henry, and the late Mrs. Leonie Richards, sister to the late Dame Lois Browne-Evans, were instrumental in the Dame Lois' success at the polls in 1963. Dame Lois would rarely canvass without her canvassing team of Henry and Richards.

Party Leader, Marc Bean said that he was saddened to hear of the news of Mrs. Henry's passing and recalled how he was proud to have honoured her with a special 50th Anniversary pin on behalf of the Party last November. He offered condolences to her children, grandchildren and other family members.

# Verizon Wireless Victory

**In Historic Vote, Verizon Wireless Retail Store Workers in Brooklyn Join our Local. Victory for CWA at Largely Non-Union Company Comes Despite Intense Management Pressure!**



**New York** - In a historic victory today, May 14, 2014, 63 retail store workers at six Verizon Wireless stores in Brooklyn, N.Y., voted for a union voice and representation by the Communications Workers of America. This vote represents huge victory for these workers and for thousands more across Verizon Wireless who want representation to address their issues on the job. For more than a decade, Verizon has done everything possible to prevent Wireless workers from joining 40,000 Verizon Communications workers and 80 Verizon Wireless technicians who have union representation.

Today's vote begins to break down that barrier and ensures representation to these retail stores workers.

They also join more than 40,000 workers at AT&T Mobility who have organized without fear at their company for nearly two decades. Bianca Cunningham, who works at the Bensonhurst store, said, "We walked in the footsteps of our brothers and sisters who fought before us. We banded together in the face of adversity and combatted fear with hope. We look forward to Verizon Wireless workers stepping out of the shadows and joining the 40,000 strong in CWA who work at Verizon to continue to fight for the middle class."

The National Labor Relations Board determined that the six stores - seven until Verizon Wireless management closed one - were an appropriate election unit. VZW executives kept up an

intense campaign against workers who want a union to address their job insecurity, declining wages and discipline for unreasonable/unfair sales metrics. Some workers were dragged into one-on-one captive meetings with management as often as three times a day. The number of corporate executives camping out in the six stores was a "who's who" of top company management. Even VZW's Chief Operations Officer made an appearance.

The VZW workers received support from hundreds of CWA members, including AT&T Mobility retail workers in New York -- check out their video on YouTube: <http://youtu.be/4UNBpIT182I>



# Bermudians Join in the “#Bring Back Our Girls” Campaign

## Bermuda TUC Supports Equality, Jobs and Justice

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(Hamilton, Bermuda 15th May 2014)  
– Amnesty International, The Bermuda Union of Teachers and Imagine Bermuda are collaborating with the global movement to ‘Bring Back Our Girls’. This is in response to the kidnapping of almost 300 school girls in Nigeria, which has touched a chord with people of conscience everywhere.

1. The crisis in that corner of the World points to a number of issues; including:
2. The need to maintain respect for the rights of all people, regardless of gender, ethnicity, Faith or any ‘label’.
3. The importance of Education in the lives of young people everywhere.
4. We are calling for the local community to play some part in this campaign in a variety of ways:

The local chapter of **Amnesty International** is circulating a petition to support the Campaign which will be available on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from Noon – 4 pm in the Washington

Mall. The public can submit a solidarity photo at the Amnesty web page – <http://bringbackourgirls.tumblr.com/>

1. **The BUT has asked their members to wear Red** on Friday, May 16, 2014, in support of this cause. The BUT is also encouraging their members to post pictures of support of **#BRINGBACKOURGIRLS** **#BUTbda** on their Facebook Page. The Caribbean Union of Teachers, which has over 40 member units, including Bermuda, is also supporting this day.
2. **Imagine Bermuda has been working with the School Principals** in both the Private and Public sector at all levels, to set aside 5 mins (300 secs) on the morning of Friday May 16th for a school-wide reflection on the Campaign – Bring Back Our Girls.

In light of same, we are inviting the whole local community to set aside some time over this weekend, with their friends and family, to reflect on this matter of Global importance and it might be used as a ‘teachable moment’ for the young people in our lives.

### About Imagine Bermuda

Imagine Bermuda is a network of community organizations that focuses on harnessing the assets from our heritage and applying them to today’s challenges in order to enhance Bermuda’s community.

May Day is a day to uphold workers’ struggle around the world. Workers will take to the streets in most of the major cities of the world, holding high their union banners and red flags. Workers will march and protest, listen to rousing speeches and appreciate the past sacrifice of labor leaders. Labor leaders and activists in every country know the story of the heroic Haymarket Martyrs of Chicago who in 1886 led strikes and militant protests against big industrial bosses and bankers. Some of the labor leaders were American-born, while others were immigrants from Germany and other countries, just like Chicago today. All of them were united in understanding the working class is the basis of social change, a revolutionary class, the class of the future with the right to rule society. Today, May 1, 2014, the Bermuda Trade Union Congress is recognizing May Day or International Workers Day along with the People’s Campaign. The Bermuda Trade Union Congress wishes to thank all who have come out in support of the People’s Campaign. We ask for you continued support as



### McDonald's workers' horror story: 25-hour shifts and bunking in their boss's basement!

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Guestworker Alliance – the non-union labor group behind guest worker strikes in the Hershey's and Wal-Mart supply chains – the McDonald's strikers picketed McDonald's stores in several cities, rallied outside the McDonald's CEO's office and home in Chicago, and then mounted a June "Global Day of Action" after returning to their home countries. McDonald's' only public concessions came early in the campaign: Minutes after a March 14 protest at a Times Square store, the corporation announced that Cheung had "agreed to leave the McDonald's system." The corporation did not accede to NGA's other demands, including new organizing protections, disclosures about its use of guest workers, and full-time work for U.S. workers whose conditions the J-1 students argued they were being used to drive down. But Soni argued that Cheung's settlement with the Labor Department vindicated the workers' courage: "If the workers didn't go on strike, I don't think any of this would have come out."

Soni called it "a shame that workers have to go that far just to be paid the meager salary that they earned, but that was stolen from them," and warned that by failing to establish stronger labor standards for the franchisees who own and run its stores, the fast food corporation was setting the stage for future scandal: "McDonald's will continue to have its reputation ... dragged through the mud every time the NGA finds workers like these."

Noting that the DOL settlement



would bring back pay to Cheung's U.S. citizen employees as well as J-1 student workers, Soni touted it as an example that "workers who are at the bottom ... are the most vulnerable, but they can also be ones who move to action and raise the floor for everyone else."

Like other NGA campaigns, the McDonald's effort has used a strike by a minority of the workforce as the anchor for a media and protest campaign targeting both corporations and policymakers. While the State Department is charged with overseeing the J-1 program, Rios charged that his pre-strike attempt to get help from the agency only made the situation worse: The government alerted GeoVisions, the group that sponsored the trip, which then sent a representative along with Cheung to visit Rios in the basement where he was staying. Rios said Cheung yelled at him while the GeoVisions representative deferred to Cheung like the franchisee was his boss. (GeoVisions' CEO told me last year that Cheung had "a very good record in terms of hosting students in the past" and "we do try to resolve problems by bringing parties together"; a State Department spokesperson emailed that the J-1 visa

was "NOT a work program" and noted reforms in 2012 had "enhanced oversight and vetting of sponsors and third parties...")

Workers and organizers have also framed the alleged abuses at Andy Cheung's McDonald's locations as evidence of the need for broader guest worker reforms. Soni contended that pro-labor reforms in the Power Act – legislation included in the immigration reform bill passed by the Senate, but not the House, last summer – would reduce the risk that guest workers like the McDonald's strikers would face deportation for exposing abuse. But he offered a more mixed assessment of the bill's overall guest worker language, arguing that while it created a "sliver" of less-exploitative visas under a new, more pro-labor guest worker program, employers could still "opt out of that and choose a more exploitable worker" under the existing guest worker programs that the bill would expand. Given the choice between the new, more progressive program and the old and expanded ones, Soni told Salon, "I don't know why any employer would choose to have a worker in the former category."

While welcoming recent renewed national attention to the minimum wage – an issue pushed onto the agenda in part by fast food strikes – Soni suggested that the McDonald's strikers offered a cautionary tale. "It's not useful to raise the minimum wage if the guest worker program allows employers to opt out of the minimum wage entirely," said Soni. "And this shows just how that works."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

May 1, 2014

Dear Editor,

On April 24th at approximately 4:30 p.m., as a result of a blackout, I was involved in an accident just east of the Flagpole on Front Street.

While lying in the street in a semi-conscious condition, I was vaguely aware of the first responders to the unfortunate accident, and thank God, that no one was injured.

I therefore take this opportunity to thank everyone that came to my assistance, with special acknowledgement to Mr. Dale Fox, who later came to the hospital to check on me.

I further extend my thanks to the nurse, and the two police officers that took control of

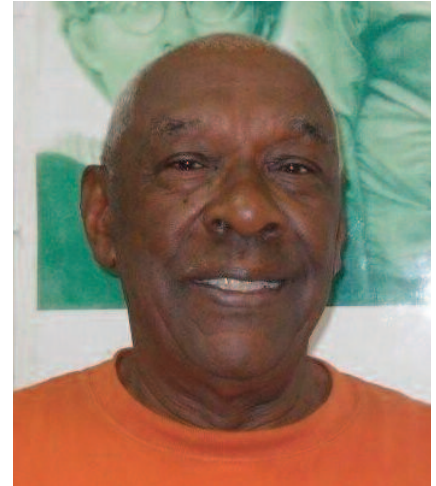
my predicament until the ambulance arrived.

To the owner of the car that I hit, thank you for your patience and understanding, for which I'm grateful.

Last, but not least, I must convey my sincere gratitude and thanks to the entire staff of the KEMH, and all of my family and friends, particularly the SDA church family for your daily visits and prayers, and may God continue to bless you.

Now to the medical and support staff of the emergency and Curtis Ward, let me be the first to admit that by having me as a patient for five days, equates to you all being grossly underpaid.

In closing, I am the old gentleman who could not find my shades (sunglasses) after the



above-mentioned event. To the person who has my shades, can you contact me at 238-2029 or 505-2465 or e-mail me at [hsaltus@logic.bm](mailto:hsaltus@logic.bm) because I know that you want to do the right and return them.

Once again, thank you all, and may you continue to walk in the sunshine of God's love.

Fraternally,  
Howard Saltus



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# How Does Jesus Command His Assembly to Worship in the New Covenant?

**Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 8:6-13**

Jesus said "God is spirit and those that worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."  
(John 4:24) "and upon the **first day of the week**, when the disciples came together to break bread," (Acts 20:7). The disciples broke bread weekly (first day) not on the seventh day, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him" II Corinthians 9:7. The Lord's body raises money through its members "FREE will giving". Jesus does not command his saints to "**tithe**" (ten percent on one's income). No required amount or **percentage** is specified in the New Testament! Jesus does not command his disciples to have:- bake sales, rummage sales, bingo games, raffles, lotteries, carnivals and such like to raise money! Christ never commanded his believers to **solicit money, food or clothes** from the general public (World)!!!

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing, making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19)

Jesus does not command his disciples to perform **animal sacrifices** and **play musical instruments** in worship! Every scripture in the New Testament dealing with music in worship specified "**singing**" not **playing** (instruments)! Carefully study the following scriptures: Acts 16:25, 1 Corinthians 14:15, Colossians 3:16, James 5:13. Jesus never commanded his disciples to have a **choir**! Every member is to join his voice with every other member singing God's praises! For several centuries after Jesus establish his assembly (Acts Chapter 2), there were no musical instruments used in New Testament worship! All recognized historians tell us that instruments were not used in worship until the fifth or sixth century!

## **The New Testament Worship consist of:-**

1. Acappella
2. Giving – Acts 4:32-37, Acts 11:27-30
3. Prayers – Acts 2:42, 1 Timothy 2:1-8
4. Lord's Supper consists of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine – Matthew 26:26-29
5. Teaching the word of God – Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 2:42, 2 Timothy 2:15

Therefore if your worship consists of any of the following:- musical instruments, choirs, handclapping, dancing and tithing, it's **vain** worship.

"But in vain do they worship me, teaching the commandments of men." Matthew 15:9  
Please ask your questions. We will give you Book, Chapter and Verse!

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