



Christmas Greetings
from the Desk of the
General Bishop
Rev Dr Pat Glasgow



Dear Fellow Servants of Christ,

The year 2015 will soon be history and for some, the page on the calendar may be turned without deep reflection on the months that have just gone by. Many others will remember the year for the pain and grief that was felt from the loss of loved ones, the battle with an illness and possible defeats in some form or the other. But, we all must thank God that the New Year brings a spark of life and renewed hope, as does the birth of a child, a wedding ceremony, or the growth and development of a church or ministry. Whatever the state of mind and body, we should at this juncture, as the Scripture states, give thanks and unreservedly shout **THANK YOU LORD FOR ALL YOUR BENEFITS TO US**. God is certainly at work!

The work in Brazil under the direction of Missionary Martin Mc Dowell is seeing great progress. We are eternally grateful to God and the missionary for the work that is being accomplished. On Saturday 14th November, nine Pastors, representing fourteen churches came together under the umbrella of, what they call "PAWI Brazil", to celebrate their first convention. I was honoured to present them with their PAWI credentials at that service.

Even closer at home, I also salute you for your overwhelming support as you rallied around the Dominican brethren to meet their needs, after those devastating floods of August 2015. I reiterate that God is certainly at work, for as we look back over the past year, we can see how He has helped our Bible School, the West Indies School of Theology (WIST) through another successful accreditation site visit, with the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT). To God Be The Glory!

As I reflect on this past year, I think of the continuing horrific acts of the Islamic State (IS), the relentless push of the sexual revolution and the avalanche of natural disasters; I can almost see the agnostics, sceptics and atheists attempting to rationalize the logistics of their way forward. I am however reminded that God is fully aware of what is happening in His world and will in His timeline fulfil His purpose. On an encouraging note 2 Chronicles 16:9 reminds us that "the eyes of the Lord **run to and fro throughout the whole earth**, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." God is on our side and He will take care of us in the midst of what may be a very confusing and challenging world. He is also taking note of the wickedness being perpetrated; Amos 9:8 states that "the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom."

The Apostle reminded Timothy that in the last days "perilous times will come." The Church's purpose is not shifted or curtailed when it appears that things are perilous; it is in times like these that the church needs to present itself as a tower of strength and support to the bruised, blind, poor and captive. The present radicalism that is championing its cause should motivate us, to more strongly, embrace the "Cause" we have been given by Jesus. Every believer, church and District should intensify its prayer vigils and strategically evangelize the lost, not lessening its efforts to edify and strengthen the believers. The times call for believers to be clothed in the full armour of God and do the work of ministry.

Our General Conference is carded for the 24th - 27th May 2016 in the PAWI District of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique. We encourage much prayer for this coming together, that the Will of the Lord be realized in every session; so that there would be revival, refocusing and empowerment, as we move ahead in His will, to do His bidding in the various communities.

Although, the year 2016 holds no promises or guarantees of a smoother ride, we will continue to trust our Heavenly Father, His Son Jesus the Christ and the Blessed Holy Spirit to lead us in the fight.

On behalf of my family and the staff at the International Office, I thank you for your continued cooperation and support during 2015 and pray you experience every success in Christ in the year 2016.

PAWI is Alive and Well!