

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL HAITIAN CONVENTION 2024

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It was with a heartfelt joy, an enthusiastic spirit, and a desire to be renewed and inspired that Haitian Nazarenes from all walks of life gathered at Seaford Church of the Nazarene in Seaford, Delaware, the host church for our National Haitian Convention for 2024. Around six hundred Haitians from various backgrounds, several states of the United States, and other countries came together with joyful hearts in a cheerful atmosphere to proclaim Jesus, the Savior for all!

What an uplifting and refreshing four days we had. During these, we were empowered with meaningful, relevant workshops and seminars held by well-trained leaders in their respective fields—leaders like Dr. Dumerzier Charles, who clarified the identity and essentials of our denomination, the Church of the Nazarene, to various new and longtime Nazarenes.



Other relevant topics to start a conversation on how to pass the leadership baton in the local church were well presented by a panel of leaders with various leadership experiences from the District Superintendent, local church pastors, and layperson with legal leadership experience; people like Dr. David Nixon, Rev. Yves Latouche, Rev. Joelle Constant, Ms. Jadinah Gustave, who led us in an essential conversation of leadership change.



The evening services were not just electrifying and inspiring, but they also left a profound impact on us.



Those services were led by various gifted and graceful song leaders, the services were a powerful reminder of what it is to declare Jesus for all in an exuberant atmosphere. We felt in awe in the presence of God as we had experienced God through preaching by four different anointed servant-leaders. Each speaker challenged us to live for Jesus and make Christ-like disciples in our home, our community, and abroad while we wholeheartedly rely on the power of the Holy Spirit. The overwhelming response from the

attendees was one of inspiration, information, and a strong sense of the Spirit's guidance. Many described the conference as greatly needed for our community. It was a testament to the success of the event to see various leaders from Haiti and other countries in attendance.

Dr. David Nixon, District Superintendent Emeritus of Southern Florida, describes the convention as follows:

“While evil tried to rain down on our nation during the Convention, the Spirit of God rained down inside the walls of the Seaford Haitian Nazarene Church with an anointing beyond anything I have experienced in a very long time. I had prayed, “Lord, take over... allow truth to flow in



me and through me,” and we experienced the Scriptures we considered. “The place where we had gathered was shaken” (Acts 4:31), which turned into a prayer meeting in our morning gathering. And that night, the Holy Spirit unleashed the supernatural as we proclaimed Zechariah’s truth, “It’s not by might nor by my Spirit says the Lord” (4:6). I will not soon forget the incredible anointing as the presence and power of God shook the place Haitian Nazarenes had gathered from Haiti and farthest from Africa.

It was indeed a much-needed goal-oriented convention for all of us. The mid-Atlantic District church members were excellent hosts. I sincerely thank all those skillful leaders, presenters, preachers, media personnel, and all daily workers who have provided countless hours to plan and deliver purposeful presentations and spirit-filled services for our constituencies.

Thank you to the Global Church and the Multicultural Department Personnel, Dr. Roberto Hodgson and staff to provide us a platform and necessary means to hold this type of conference, and all generous pastors who teach their congregation what it means to be part of something bigger than the

local church and encourage their congregation to actively participate with their presence and their finances in the annual convention.



We cannot conclude without noting these three outstanding pastors with their respective churches who lead the way with their people. Pastors like Past. Yves Latouche brought a busload of choir members who came to proclaim **Jesus for all**. Pastor Ernst Simeus, who brought a busload of his people from Lake Worth Beach, Florida, with all sorts of skills to provide much-needed help in various areas, and Rev. Willeme Thomas, the host pastor, who mobilized his entire church members to go beyond the call of duty to go the extra mile to serve more than five hundred people daily.

I praise God for the significant number of other professionals in various fields who come to share their talents and learn from others, with the purpose of declaring **Jesus for all** and making Christ-like disciples in the nations.



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