

**St. Kitts AYP A Island Council**  
**President's Report**  
**Convention 2009**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Members of the Clergy, A.Y.P.A. Branches and Fellow A.Y.P.A. Members, good day, it is with a feeling of satisfaction and fulfilment that I bring you warm and sincere greetings from the AYP A Island Council Executive and present this report to you.

**MEETINGS:**

Island Council General Meeting is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in every month at 1:30pm at different parish halls around the island, while executive meeting is held a week before General Meeting at a location and time decided up on by the President. At general meeting each branch pays \$5 subscription to the council.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

There are five (5) Branches presently functioning with approximate membership of 140, with two (2) junior groups based at St. Anne's and St. Paul's. We have three (3) inactive branches, St. John's, Holy Trinity and St. George's and one (1) dormant branch, Christ Church. Congratulations are extended to the St Paul's branch that has about 75 regulars and is always present at every Island Council activity in their full numbers, as well as almost all other branches. Special recommendation is being made to the incoming executive of the St. Thomas' branch to try and be present at almost all the activities of the incoming council, as they have rarely supported the council's activities over the past year.

**FUNDRAISING:**

Fundraising is mainly done at the branch level and efforts ranged from variety concert to cake sales and sometimes dinners. At the Island Council level, fundraisers included Bake Sale and A.Y.P.A Day tag Sales. Thus far St. Kitts A.Y.P.A Island Council has had two (2) bake sales, so we have not been able to raise many funds for the year.

**PAST ACTIVITIES:**

**Convention 2008**

The St. Kitts AYP A Island Council held its annual convention on the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> July 2008. During the convention several activities were held which were the annual speech competition which was won by Che-raina Warner of St. Anne's and second was Ciara Phillip of St. Peter's. Another activity was the Quiz which won by St. Thomas' for the third consecutive time and placing second was St. Anne's. The final activity for the weekend was our annual Elections and the results are as follows:

- ❖ President - Mr. Gavin Williams
- ❖ V. President - Mr. Aceem Greene
- ❖ Secretary - Ms. Nikkiesha Wilson
- ❖ Treasurer - Mr. Jermaine Stevens

The new executive later met and appointed Mr. Duran Merchant, Mr. Travis Gibson and Mr. Steven Duggins as Asst. Secretary/Treasurer, P.R.O. and Advisor respectively.

**Corporate Worship**

On 12<sup>th</sup> October 2008 the new Executive held their first Corporate Worship at St. Mary's Anglican Church, where the newly elected executive was installed. On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009 at our Corporate Worship held at St Peter's Anglican Church the appointed executives were then installed. Another Corporate Worship was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, to climax the activities of Weekend Camp 2009 which was also the start of Diocesan Youth Week.

**Island Council Social**

The Island Council Christmas Social was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at St Paul’s playing field. It was to be done in the form of a barbeque and games night but only the barbeque came off. The members socialized and fellowshiped with one another.

**A.Y.P.A Day**

A.Y. P. A Day was downscaled this year as only one parish sold tags, but was once again celebrated on the first Friday in February 2009.

**Weekend Camp**

The Annual Week-end Camp was held at the Challengers Community Centre from April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 under the theme, “Embracing our Youths, Enriching our Fellowship, Through Spiritual Commitment.” There were 38 campers this year. Campers benefitted from sessions such as “Time Management”, “AY.P.A Basics”, “Group Dynamics” and “Getting to Know One Self.” They also learned skills like Dancing, Cooking and Dramatizing. The principles of the organisation were incorporated into three days of learning and fun.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

**Convention 2009**

Convention 2009 is slated for the 10<sup>th</sup> – 12 July which will consist of a speech competition on the 10<sup>th</sup>, quiz competition on the 11<sup>th</sup> and corporate worship and island council elections on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**CLOSING:**

In Conclusion on behalf of the Executive members of the St. Kitts AYP A Island Council we would like to thank the various branches for their support and words of wisdom over the past year and is looking forward to your continued support as we continue to embrace our youths through spiritual commitment.

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Gavin Williams-President