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PAWI WELCOMES ITS NEW PRESIDING BISHOP

Pastor, Educator, Counsellor, Motivational Speaker... are just a few of the titles that are ascribed to the newly appointed General Bishop of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies (PAWI), **Bishop Sonny Williams**.

A man of noticeably calm demeanour, and a national of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Bishop Williams is an Ordained Minister and the Pastor of the Glad Tidings Tabernacle, in Gomea, SVG, where he has served for the past nineteen (19) years.

Having been given the mandate by the PAWI General Conference to lead this indigenous regional organization, Bishop Williams assumed his new role in September 2018, following an official hand-over ceremony involving his predecessor Rev. Dr. Pat Glasgow.

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◀ **Presiding General Bishop Rev. Sonny Williams**
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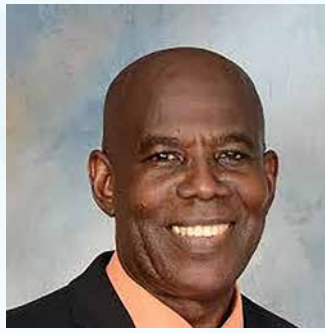
Bishop Williams' election to this position has shattered a long-standing record, in that, he is the first non-Trinidadian to be elected to the position of General Bishop in the history of the organization. As the Presiding District Bishop of PAWI's St. Vincent and the Grenadines District, Bishop Williams has served on PAWI's General Executive for the past 16 years. As such, he brings to the office, a vast amount of leadership experiences and successes and long-standing working relationship with the executive team.

A shepherd and an educator at heart, Bishop Williams taught for more than thirty years. He worked as a primary school teacher as well as a lecturer at two theological institutions. He continues to be a regular speaker at school and corporate functions on the Island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and indeed a true son of the soil. Some of his qualifications include: A Master's Degree in Counselling, a Bachelor's Degree in bible and Theology, a Caribbean Regional Certificate in Addiction Studies and a Certificate in Educational Management and Supervision.

Notwithstanding his many accomplishments on and off the pulpit, his greatest treasure is his family; his wife of thirty-six (36) years Mrs. Morine Williams who serves alongside him in ministry, their two daughters and three grand-children.

Bishop Williams' dedication to Christ and to the organization which he now leads is unquestionable. His passion for; church planting, church growth and church health is unconcealed.

The PAWI family enthusiastically welcomes and embraces our new General Bishop, Bishop Sonny Williams and stands ready to give you all the support needed towards realization of God's vision for the fellowship.



From the **Desk** of the **General Bishop**

“I have received ‘a delightful inheritance’ from my predecessors who have paid a high price for it.”

It is with a profound sense of humility and joy that I greet all constituents and friends of PAWI. Immediately after my election to head this great fellowship the following passage was powerfully impressed on my heart:

“Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup.

You have made my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places.

Surely I have a delightful inheritance.” (Ps. 16:5-6)

This passage reflects my genuine feelings about the inheritance (The Fellowship) that I have been given by my predecessors and especially my immediate predecessor, Bishop Dr. Pat Glasgow. Sincere appreciation for all those who have served before me.

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My task with the General Executive is to both receive and honour what was passed on from the previous generation and then to pay our own price to make this inheritance grow so that the next generation can start ahead.

In a nutshell we will endeavor to add value to this “delightful inheritance”.

Over this conference period we have adopted the following focus:

“Teaming Up for:

- Church Health • Church Growth
- Church Planting

This approach hangs on the premise that what is alive grows. The nature of the Church is to grow. Christian Schwarz supports this claim by challenging us not to attempt to manufacture church growth, but to release the biotic potential which God has put into every church.

Our task therefore is to minimize the obstacles to growth. Genuine quality will ultimately and positively impact quantitative growth.

A fact of life is that a healthy organism will bring forth other organisms of its kind. When a local church is healthy it will eventually reproduce. The true fruit of a local church is another church. We have witnessed the planting of many churches simply of the grounds that the brethren could not get along. The great Commission is a call for ongoing multiplication. Multiplication growth must be planned for the right reason, rather than as a product of unresolved relational or moral issues in the church.

I therefore call all to come team up with us in adding value to this “delightful inheritance” through Church Health; Church Growth; and Church Planting. I want the next generation to say as I have said, “I have a delightful inheritance”.

Meet the **new members** of the *Executive*



BISHOP DR. RAYMOND BOCA
ASSISTANT GENERAL BISHOP

Guided by his ministry philosophy to: heal the hurting, win the lost, love the body of Christ, build His Kingdom together, prepare for His coming and have a joyous life while doing all of that, **Rev. Dr. Raymond Boca**, is an effective communicator of God's word and a dynamic preacher and teacher. Over the years, he has also functioned as; a Conference Speaker, Family life Educator, Marriage Officer and Counsellor, Evangelist and Missionary.

An ordained minister, dedicated servant and Pastor of the Arouca Revival Tabernacle, Dr. Boca is no stranger to PAWI's leadership, as he has led and continues to provide leadership to the PAWI North East Trinidad District as Presiding Bishop and has done so for 10 years. Dr. Boca has indeed given leadership at all levels of the organization; the church level, the district level, the national level and the general executive level.

Dr. Boca is a graduate of the Oxford Graduate School, Dayton Tennessee, where he earned a Doctor of Philosophy in 2005; he is also a holder of a Diploma in Medical Science, A Diploma in Theology, a BA in General Bible Studies and a master's degree in Organizational Leadership.

Together with his wife of forty-three years, Jennifer Marilyn Boca, this courageous servant/leader, remains relentless in his passion with a mindset that his ministry will be consistently rational and relevant. The honour is ours, to introduce to you Rev. Dr Raymond Boca, our new Assistant General Bishop, a faithful servant who operates from a finished work mindset - believing that The Lord has accomplished the victory for him.



BISHOP RICARDO JOSEPH
GENERAL DIRECTOR, MISSIONS

Rev. Ricardo Joseph holds both a Diploma and a Bachelors Degree in Theology from the West Indies School of Theology. Rev. Joseph currently Pastors the First Priority Faith Ministries La Brea, Trinidad, along with his wife Rosemary Joseph.

A missionary at heart, Rev Joseph's Ministry Philosophy can be surmised as; Feed, Lead, Release. He has been very active in the South Trinidad District in raising and encouraging missionary support for Pastors and their families on the Mission field. In addition to his pastoral and missionary involvement, Rev Joseph also lectures at the West Indies School of Theology Extension School in South Trinidad.

An ordained minister and a man of great passion and determination, Rev Joseph has held the positions of; Church Ministry Director and Assistant Bishop of the PAWI South Trinidad District and Member at-large on the National Council. As he avails himself to work and ministry, he takes delight in witnessing the growth and development of people into disciplined followers of Jesus Christ.

The PAWI family warmly welcomes Rev. Ricardo Joseph as the new General Director of Missions.

DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE

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The dates for General Conference will be determined after the Venue is decided. That we consider having General Conference in Miami as a first option and St. Lucia as a second option. The General Administrator would be given one month to communicate information re a resort and a venue to host the conference. Bishop Eristhee is to do the same in the same time frame.

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That Districts will forward their concerns regarding the inconsistencies in the Constitution and By-laws to the Administrator. A response from the constitution committee will be given at the next meeting.

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Bishops are to ensure that all churches in their district are compliant with the PAWI branding policy. (including the proper use of the Logo on their church signs, etc). The branding policy can be viewed and downloaded from the PAWI website.

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Strategic plans for all churches are required and that churches ministry be assessed using the approved and submitted strategic plan. These strategic plans must be related to the local district and Fellowship's strategic plans.

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February be declared PAWI Month throughout PAWI Districts. Some suggestions for the month will be to ; Design Bumper Stickers, host Quizzes, Give Gifts, Give Incentives, etc. A PAWI day offering is to be taken and forwarded through the districts to the International Office. WIST Day will be placed in the PAWI Month and be used to promote the institution, an offering will also be collected for the school.

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PAWIMA gave approval to Antigua District to utilize the 100 % undesignated missions remittances to support St.Maarten and Guadeloupe Missions Initiatives. A report of all funds expended is to be sent to PAWIMA monthly

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In relation to the issuing of Credential for the Fivefold gifts: Bishops are to disseminate the document that was developed and passed by the General Executive in 2012. The matter shall be fully ventilated and discussed at the districts and a program of education regarding same be developed, promoted and initiated. The District Executives must designate (recommend) to the General Executive what is to be conferred on each applicant.

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That a committee be formed to assist PAWI in generating alternative revenue streams beside "Tithes". Persons on the Committee: Raymond Boca, Andy Downes, Nigel Henry and Lurtan Patterson.

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That we extract from the "Roberts Rules" of order relevant areas to formulate Rules and Orders that will govern our PAWI Conference business.

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A committee was formed, including: Bishops: Boca, Arthur, Bishop Eristhee and Mrs. Lawson, to come up with a framework to look at ethical issue that are unclear in the scripture and for which the constitution and Bylaws are silent.