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## A clarion call for 'peace'

## GRAND BAHAMA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL CALLS FOR CALM HEADS AND PEACE **DURING ELECTION SEASON**

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As the country's General Election quickly approaches, members of the Grand Bahama Christian Council (GBCC) encouraged Bahamians, regardless of their political views, to let calm heads prevail.

The clergymen called for residents, during the election season and as a Christian nation, to continue to seek God's guidance on the country's behalf throughout the electoral campaigns and be-

Rev. Peter Pinder, GBCC president revealed, "As president of the Grand Bahama Christian Council, I want to make a special appeal to our people, especially believers, to continue to pray throughout this period for God's guidance.

"I believe that this is very important, because over the years we have observed that many people get carried away and are highly influenced by their political views and biases, as opposed to looking to God for direction for our country.

"I believe that all believers, everywhere, need to really pray and be guided by the Spirit of

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God. We may think we know how to vote, but I can assure everyone of us that if our votes are guided by the Spirit of God, we will be safe," said Pinder.

"I also want to appeal for calm. I have lived long enough to know that there were times in our country when there were many elections that were filled with violence, which does not help in any positive way, rather it is destructive.

"I would hope that our people will take their various positions that they feel led to take, but at the same time respect the rights and privileges of everyone else. We are all entitled to our own opinion," he added.

Bishop Cardinal McIntosh, pastor of Grand Bahama Family Worship Center, admonished those who are registered to vote, to exercise their democratic "I would just like to encourage

all of our citizenry that this is an important time in our nation, as always, but also it affords us an opportunity to exercise a right that we have been given, we have been granted, we have been born into that a lot of the world is not privileged to and that is the right

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## PLPs paint the town gold



PAINTING THE TOWN GOLD - Droves of Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) supporters gathered at the party headquarters Monday morning for a prayer breakfast, before taking to the road for a massive motorcade into West End. See full story on Page (PHOTO: JENNEVA RUSSELL) 2 and more photos on Page 12

## COCONUT FESTIVAL DUBBED AS ECONOMIC BOOST FOR

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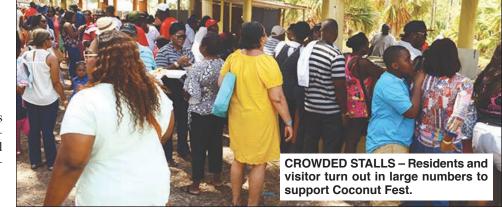
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Hundreds of tourists and residents droves miles to East Grand Bahama to enjoy the coconut themed activities at the 19th Annual Pelican Point Coconut Festival, Easter Monday (April 17) in Pelican Point.

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