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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 beyond.

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 for direction for our country."

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

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 right.

"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 to vote."

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PLPs paint the town gold



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

COCONUT FESTIVAL DUBBED AS ECONOMIC BOOST FOR PELICAN POINT

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Hundreds of tourists and residents drives 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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CROWDED STALLS – Residents and visitor turn out in large numbers to support Coconut Fest.

Editorial
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Political Debates Much Overrated

FORWARD TOGETHER BAHAMIANS
PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL PARTY **PLP**

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The popularity of mobile devices has had some unintended and sometimes deadly consequences. An alarming number of traffic accidents on Grand Bahama are linked to distracted driving, including use of mobile devices while driving, resulting in injury and loss of life.

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