



The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**METHODIST TEACHERS' CONVENTION**

*(REMARKS)*

**Message By**

**Dr the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly**

**Minister of Education**

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**PRE-RECORDED**

## **SALUTATIONS:**

- **Rev. Curt Baker**, Superintendent Minister of The South Trinidad Circuit of Methodist Churches
- **Rev. Duane Samm**, Superintendent Minister of the North Trinidad Circuit of Methodist Churches
- **Representatives of the Methodist Board of Management**
- **Mr. Dominic Dos Santos**, specially invited Guest Speaker
- **Ms. Marian Cudjoe**, Principal - Moulton Hall Methodist Primary School
- **Ms. Carla Mc Lean**, Principal - Princes Town Methodist Primary School
- **Ms. Siobhan Dowridge-Paul**, Principal - San Fernando Methodist Primary School
- **Other Specially Invited Guests**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

Good morning,

Thank you for the opportunity to join with the delegation of Methodist Teachers for your Annual Methodist Teachers' Convention 2023. I trust that this platform will be instrumental in fostering meaningful discussions and promoting collaboration among participants. I look forward to your continued engagement and contributions to the collective knowledge and growth of this community of teachers. The concepts deliberated here today also have the potential to establish a solid base for transformative progress in education throughout the region.

Your chosen theme, "Igniting Team Spirit," serves as a powerful reminder that the success of any endeavour is heavily reliant on the collaborative efforts of a team. It highlights the importance of fostering a sense of unity, camaraderie, and shared purpose among team members.

In essence, your theme emphasizes the significance of teamwork in achieving a common goal. It underscores the need for effective

communication, mutual respect, and a positive attitude towards one another. When team members are motivated, engaged, and committed to a shared vision, they can overcome any obstacle and achieve extraordinary feats.

As we move forward in 2023, let us use what you have learnt today to inspire others. Stakeholder engagement events like these breathe new life into the timeless African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." By collaborating and sharing your expertise, you can help ensure that the efforts we are taking to help our students reach their highest potential achieve their goals, and benefit the community as a whole.

Your theme is, therefore, not only relevant but also timely, given the current educational landscape. As schools continue to face unprecedented challenges, the need for strong, cohesive teams has never been more critical. By embracing your **theme**, you can inspire your **team** to work together towards a common goal, foster a sense of

belonging, and ultimately achieve success, which redounds to the benefit of our students, and our beloved Trinidad & Tobago.

I once again thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings at the launch of your conference, and on behalf of Honourable Minister Lisa Morris-Julian, the executive and staff of the Ministry of Education, and myself, our hope is for your consultations to be both riveting and purpose-driven, and so I hereby declare this meeting open.

Thank you all and God bless.