



PROGRESSIVE LABOUR PARTY

Marc Bean ~ Remarks ~ March 1, 2012

Madam Premier, Parliamentary colleagues, Party members, and members of the media, good afternoon.

I would like to give thanks and praise to the Almighty God, for giving me the strength, fortitude, and self-discipline, to pursue one aspect of my life's purpose, and for His constant reminder that as a human being, I am merely an instrument in his hands, to do his will.

I would also like to express my profound gratitude to Madam Premier, and the PLP candidate selection committee, for giving me the opportunity to stand as a candidate for the up-coming election, in Warwick South Central, Constituency 26.

Last but certainly not least, I will like to thank the residents and voters of Constituency 26 for their unwavering support of me, as their current Parliamentary Representative. Make no mistake, the support, love, and respect that my constituents offer to me is mutual and reciprocal, and it is a relationship that I will never take for granted.

Today, as I stand before you, I am convinced that the Progressive Labor Party is the best Party to govern Bermuda, is the Party that represents the interest of all the people, and is the Party that can secure Bermuda's future.

In this regard, let me make it clear, that in order for us to attain these objectives, it will require a new and evolved Party. While I am eternally grateful for the blood, sweat, and tears of our elders and fore-parents in the struggle for equality and justice, what is required today, in order to secure our collective future, is not the PLP of 1963. Today, the condition that Bermuda finds itself in requires us to think and act differently from the past. We must avoid becoming stuck within stereotypes. Times have changed, and we, naturally, must change also.

As the youngest elected Government Member of Parliament, I consider this to be one of my primary responsibilities, and I am thankful that our Premier has given me the freedom to bring this into effect.

Over the past 13 years, it is clear that we have made some mistakes. I will be the first to admit this fact, and I am also willing bear the burden of these experiences. Yet at the same time, we can be rightly proud of our accomplishments. The key is to learn from these experiences, repeating what has proven to be good, and rejecting those actions that were negative.

Can we improve our performance? Yes, we can. Will we continue to improve? Certainly, we must do so, and not just for the sake of winning the next election, but for the sake of doing right by our people, with an eye to ensuring that we create a legacy that is worthy to be inherited by our children's children.

I am proud to be part of the PLP team, and it is an honor and privilege to represent the beautiful and cultured people of Warwick South Central. Rest assured that my focus remains on helping Bermuda and its people navigate through these rough times, and I thank the voters of constituency 26 for giving me the opportunity to do so.

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