

AN ENDURING LEGACY

Bishop Donald Ethwall

Bernard

1935 - 2010



HONOURING THE LIFE OF

Bishop Donald Ethwall

Bernard

Visionary • Pioneer • Father • Pastor • Friend



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Thanksgiving Service

*Monday 6th December 2010
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.*

Home Going Service

*Tuesday 7th December 2010
10.30AM – 1PM*

*New Testament Assembly
7 Beechcroft Road
Tooting, London SW17 7BU*

INTERMENT

*Streatham Cemetery
Garratt Lane, London SW17 OLT*

Order of Service

Monday 6th December 2010

Officiating

The Rt. Revd D W Greaves

NATIONAL PRESIDING BISHOP – ENGLAND

Prelude

Opening Remarks

Praise & Worship Medley

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading

Chorale Tribute

The Rt. Revd D W Greaves

*The New Testament Assembly
Praise Chorale*

The Rt. Revd Mark Nicholson

The Revd Kathy Johnson

*The New Testament Assembly
Mass Choir*

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Acknowledgements

Tributes

The Revd Esme Beswick MBE

The Revd Dr A Afflick

The Rt. Revd Pearl L Jones

The Revd Thomas Guanapragasam

Congregational Song

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

EDWARD PERRONET, 1726-1792

Tributes

Revd Madge Joshnson
The Revd Carlton S Smith
The Revd Earl L Sterling
The Revd Calvin A Burke

Presentation:

An Enduring Legacy
Revd Nezlin Sterling
(With video excerpt)

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Congregational Song

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

CHORUS:

We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.

It will surely hold in the Straits of Fear
When the breakers have told that the reef is near;
Though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,
Not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

It will firmly hold in the Floods of Death
When the waters cold chill our latest breath,
On the rising tide it can never fail,
While our hopes abide within the Veil.

When our eyes behold through the gath'ring night
The city of gold, our harbor bright,
We shall anchor fast by the heav'nly shore,
With the storms all past forevermore.

Sermon

The Revd Canon Dr
Joel Edwards

Prayer of Dedication

& Comfort

Vote of Thanks

Benediction

Recessional

Rt Revd Trevor Baxter
Rt Revd David Greaves
Rev Cornelius Blake MA

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MOUNT CALVARY HOLY CHURCH OF AMERICA, INC.

Bishop Alfred A. Owens, Jr.
International Presiding Prelate

Bishop Hansel H. Henry
Executive Vice Bishop

Bishop Harold Ivory Williams
Presiding Bishop Emeritus

November 29, 2010

To the Family, Friends and Church Associates of the Late and Most Honorable, Bishop Donald E. Bernard:

Greetings in the sweet name, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

On behalf of Mount Calvary Holy Church of America, Inc., worldwide, and the Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, Washington, DC, United States of America, in particular, sincere condolences are sent your way as we express our love and admiration for our most dearly beloved, Bishop Bernard.

Bishop Bernard is the vessel God used over 25 years ago to bridge the gap between our churches and our sister churches in the United Kingdom. He will always be remembered as an ambassador of goodwill and fellowship. Our prayers are with you as you mourn his passing and celebrate his home going.

Sincerely,

Bishop Alfred A. Owens, Jr., D. Min.
Presiding Prelate, Mt. Calvary Holy Church of America, Inc.
Senior Pastor, Greater Mt. Holy Church, Washington, DC

Pastor Susie C. Owens
International First Lady, Mt. Calvary Holy Church of America, Inc.
Co-Pastor, Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church, Washington, DC

Order of Service

Tuesday 7th December

Officiating

The Rt Revd Hugh Thomas

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDING BISHOP - NTA

Worship Prelude

*New Testament Assembly
Praise Choral*

Processional

Opening Remarks

Prayer of Invocation

Rt Revd Hugh Thomas

The Revd Vashti Ledford Jobson

Acknowledgements

Congregational Song

O LORD MY GOD! WHEN I IN AWESOME WONDER

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur;
And hear the brooks, and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die I scarce could take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

OT Scripture Reading

NT Scripture Reading

Chorale Tribute

Special Tributes

The Revd Devon Burke

Mrs Paulette Hairston

*The New Testament Assembly
Mass Choir*

The Revd Amy R Powell

The Revd Headley Cockburn

The Revd Adasa Smith

The Revd Frederick Brown

Congregational Song

I have heard of a land on the far away strand,
'Tis a beautiful home of the soul;
Built by Jesus on high, where we never shall die,
'Tis a land where we never grow old.

*Never grow old, never grow old,
In a land where we'll never grow old;
Never grow old, never grow old,
In a land where we'll never grow old.*

In that beautiful home where we'll never more roam,
We shall be in the sweet by and by;
Happy praise to the King through eternity sing,
'Tis a land where we never shall die.

When our work here is done and the life crown is won,
And our troubles and trials are o'er;
All our sorrow will end, and our voices will blend,
With the loved ones who've gone on before.

Tribute

Musical Tribute

Family Tributes

Eulogy

Pictorial Tribute

Musical Tribute

Sermon

Prayer of Comfort

Vote of Thanks

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

The Revd Paul Shepherd

The Revd Dorothy Guy-Sturridge

The Revd Heather Dixon

The Doyley Family

Mr Herbert Selburn Bernard

Mrs Andrea Copeland,

Mrs Marcia Jefferson

& Ms Andrea Beckford

*The New Testament Assembly
Mass Choir*

The Rt. Revd Ermine Stewart

The Rt Revd Pearl Jones

Mr Selburn Bernard

The Rt Revd Danny Bennett

An Enduring Legacy

THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF *Bishop Donald Ethwall Bernard 1935 -2010*

The esteemed Bishop Donald Bernard was born on the 28th June 1935 to Robert and Zetilda Bernard in the Parish of Portland in the Island of Jamaica. His parents died before his third birthday and his Aunt Helen, Uncle Jim and cousin Lola became his new family.

He spent his formative years attending the Roman Catholic Church, where his parents were members. As a child he was confirmed and formally joined the Roman Catholic Church where he was known as master of catechism. It was during his teenage years whilst living in Millbank, Portland with his cousins the Orlebars, where he was introduced to the Church of God and in the late 1940s he accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour and was baptised by immersion. Around the same time he was accepted to a very good catholic school but decided not to attend. This created much tension with his guardians but who later recognised God's call on Donald's life .



Credit is due here to the late Deacon Frederick Dixon and Bro Vincent Blake who nurtured him in the faith. His commitment to studying the Bible and regular attendance to prayer meetings created a zeal that in the years following provided the impetus for him to excel in ministry. Brother Donald was very active

in the church and became not only a Sunday School teacher but went on to starting the Mill Bank Basic School which today still plays an integral role in setting the educational foundation for many persons growing up in that community.

Brother Donald joined the New Testament Assembly soon after its inception in 1954 and immediately caught the attention of its Founder the late Vincent C Peart. He served the churches in Mill Bank, Reach, Hartford and later became a member of the Port Antonio Assembly where he toiled assiduously to ensure the growth and development of the early church. At age 19 Brother Bernard became a licenced minister and four years later was installed as Pastor of the Mill Bank New Testament Assembly. It was around this time that his path crossed with the late Bishop Melvin L Powell and the two became inseparably joined in ministry.

Pastor Bernard migrated to England in 1961 and like so many West Indian immigrants arriving in the 'motherland', he was not exempted from the prejudices and discrimination that prevailed at that time. Impervious to these challenges, Pastor Bernard stayed focussed on what he knew was his divine assignment in him coming to England. Within months of their arrival Pastor Bernard and Pastor Powell were reunited and along with the late Revd. Doyley and his family, in August 1961 they planted the New Testament Assembly – England, in Balham, South London.

Pastor Bernard was an avid reader and his love for books led to a career in the Library Services. As was the case for most of the members of the fledgling church, they held jobs doing mainly manual work while at the same time devoting themselves to prayer, bible study and establishing churches. The economic and social climate at that time meant the sharing of homes and other resources, and Sunday meal times provided the opportunity for fellowship. When the young couples began having children, Pastor Bernard (who never married) became 'Godfather' and 'Uncle Bernard' and an integral part of several families like; the Cockburns, Smiths, Powells, Doyleys, Julius', Degannes, Gordons, Clarkes, Burkes, Blacks, Frasers among others. We make special mention here of Brother and Sister Forrester who lived with and cared for Pastor Bernard in his later years.

Pastor Bernard was the sixth of seven children and although they grew up with different family members, he was especially close to his senior brother Selburn who migrated to England in 1956 and shortly after was married to Valarie. Pastor Bernard was much endeared by the Millbank church in Jamaica and so it took great effort on Selburn's part to persuade his younger brother to join him in England. It was not an easy decision to make, but Pastor Bernard felt the peace to travel when Selburn told him of the evangelistic and ministry opportunities that existed in London. This reunion brought much happiness to Selburn with whom Pastor Bernard lived during the early years in Clapton, East London along with his beloved Beulah Goodings affectionately known as Auntie Pat. Pastor Bernard embraced his brother's family as his own and became a second dad to Paulette, Sonia, and later to Marcia and Andrea. He was their babysitter, nappy changer, bedtime storyteller, scolding them when necessary and advising and counselling them as they grew. It was a proud moment for Uncle Donald when he stood-in as give-away father at Paulette's wedding, was Master of Ceremony at Sonia's wedding and when he performed Marcia and Andrea's marriage ceremony. He also stayed very close with his relatives back home, visiting them regularly and he even took Paulette with him on one of his trips to Jamaica. His brother Selburn observed that besides his interest in his family, Pastor Bernard had little time for much else except the work of the Lord.

As it was said of King David, 'With skilful hands and integrity of heart', Pastor Bernard and the late Bishop Powell with the help of others faithfully planted and watered the seed of NTA and God gave increase. Today, that small acorn under their astute leadership and united efforts

has become a great oak tree, an impressive organisation with eighteen churches within the United Kingdom and as well as having churches in Jamaica, Ghana, South Africa, the United States of America, Canada, India, Malaysia and Singapore. It is said that an organisation is as good as its leaders.

Pastor Bernard went on to serve as National Presiding Bishop of the New Testament Assembly from 1994 to 1999. His extensive travelling earned him the title of NTA 'Foreign Secretary'. He was NTA Evangelism Ambassador to Ghana, Canada and the USA where he conducted evangelistic campaigns, 'broke ground', opened churches and raised up leaders. At home, he was also known as the 'Chancellor of the Exchequer', where he carried a special anointing for raising finances usually towards the acquisition and purchase of buildings, transportation and missions home and abroad. In recognition for his long service to the church and community, in 2003 the University of Wales Lampeter conferred a Bene Merenti upon Bishop Bernard.

Unselfishly, Bishop Bernard gave liberally of his ministry gifts in building other organisation. He was a sought after preacher, mentor and has served as a trusted advisor to many leaders across London and beyond. Bishop Bernard demonstrated soundness of character, integrity, compassion and dedication. He was a great communicator, good humoured, a lover of people and a great ambassador and servant of the Gospel. He demonstrated the true spirit of understanding and the Fruit of the Spirit exemplifies his daily walk. He had a Pastor's heart and all those who know him, young and old, affectionately refer to him as 'Pastor B'. This in itself speaks volumes about a man who was not aloof from his people but one who was held near and dear.



Gooding, Agnes, Alma, Calvin Bernard, and Lola Miller. In addition there are several grand nieces and nephews.

The members of the Body of Christ salute you, Bishop Bernard, for all that you have imparted into our lives that will live on into the future.



Family Gallery



AUNT LOLA
WITH PAULETTE



PATRICIA & FAMILY



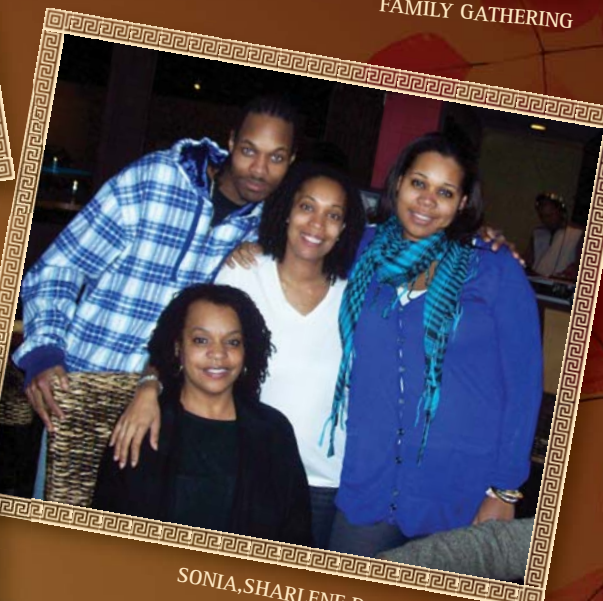
FAMILY GATHERING



PAULETTE'S WEDDING



FAMILY GATHERING

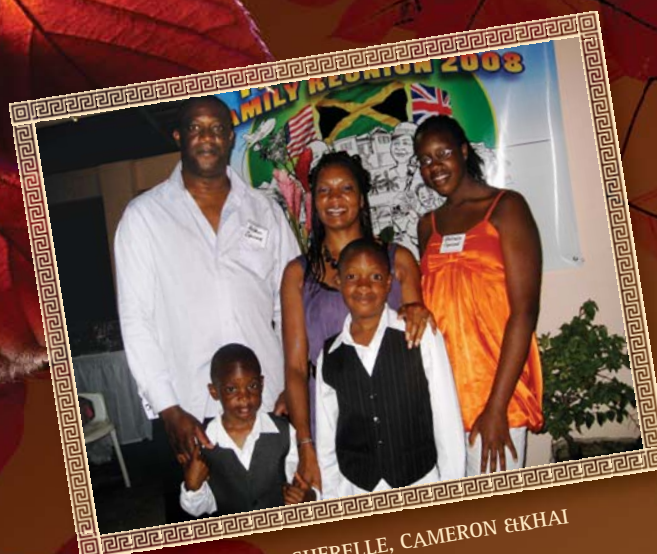


SONIA, SHARLENE, DANIEL & CORRINE



KENNETH ANDREW BERNARD,
CLAUDINE BERNARD, & ANNELESE BERNARD

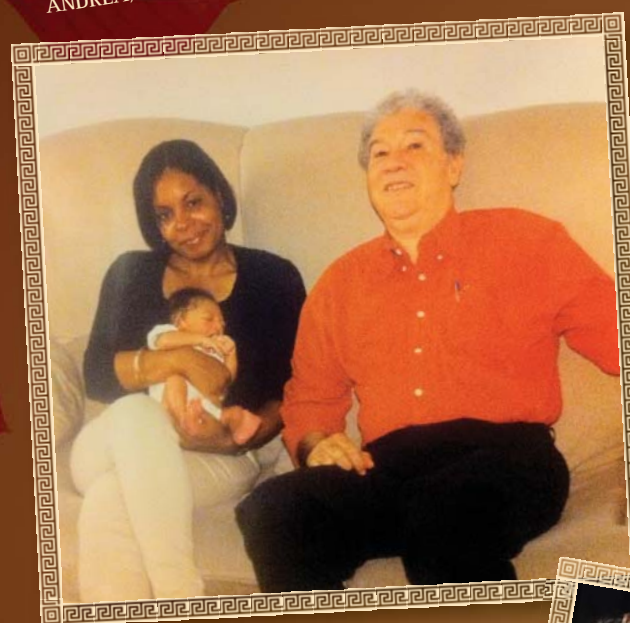
Family Gallery



ANDREA, RALSTON, SHERELLE, CAMERON & KHAI



MARCIA'S WEDDING



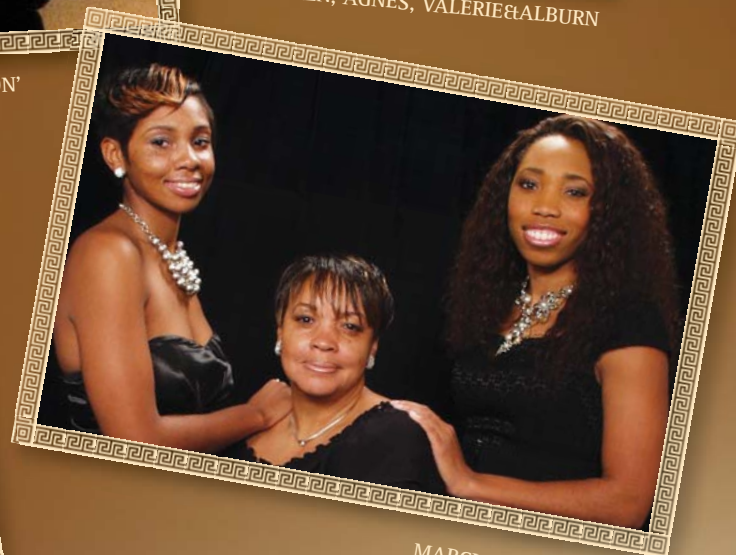
UNCLE DONALD WITH PAULETTE & CAMERON



KEN, AGNES, VALERIE & ALBURN



WITH LOLA & AGNES



MARCIA, DEANNA & SADE

Tributes

IT IS WITH GREAT HONOUR THAT I MAKE THIS TRIBUTE OF MY BISHOP AND DEAR FRIEND, DONALD E. BERNARD, AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS PASTOR B.

Our journey began way back in 1954, in Port Antonio, Jamaica. From that time Bishop Bernard has been closely affiliated to our family, attending all important events including my own baptism and the wedding between myself and his closest friend, the late Bishop Melvin Powell.

After a brief separation we were re-united as a family in London, in the early 1960s. Although Melvin and Donald were the chief pioneers of the New Testament Assembly UK, I was the "third leg" working diligently alongside them, learning and growing from my mentors.

Bishop Bernard and I were great friends, and he played the role as uncle to my children. My children often reflect on how excited they became when Bishop Bernard jingled his keys on entering the home and made his distinct call "oo'hoo" to let us know he was here.

His contribution in assisting the family was felt on many levels. He would collect the children from school whilst Bishop Powell's and my own work schedules were difficult. Bishop Bernard was a frequent diner at our table, preferring his tea with Carnation Milk and Rich Tea biscuits. The laughter and fellowship he brought to our home, was an antidote to the hardships and the struggles of the 60s and 70s. I fondly reflect on the post Sunday service ritual, where the Bishops and I would converse over the day's events over cups of hot chocolate; these memories are priceless.

I had the fortunate experience of travelling with Bishop Bernard on the mission to Canada, USA and Jamaica. He was the life and soul of the group, being attentive and concerned about our welfare. As much as his stories and life tales were often humorous he gave very firm and sound advice to us, as less experienced travellers.

During our life journey I can say of Bishop Bernard, that he was indeed a man of integrity. He was a great administrator. His negotiating skills were integral in the purchasing of the church properties over the years and many other business ventures. He was dynamic and charismatic; his personality traits won the hearts of the masses - especially the young people. One could always hear him as an Evangelist who was never afraid to seize the opportunity to minister and lay hands. Both Bishop Powell and I found it a privilege to minister side by side, hand in hand with Bishop Bernard. It's hard to measure the extent of his ministry being such a humble man. Yet the outpouring of love from people whose lives he has touched stretches across oceans.

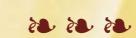
Bishop Bernard was always available to rescue and assist those he served in times of need or crisis. He was a generous man. How could I fail to mention the benefit the young people received when traveling home from churches across London. Bishop Bernard's passengers would always be treated to a stop at the "Kentucky" shop. This is reflective of the heart of a Shepherd dedicated and committed to taking care of his flock.

Bishop Bernard never reneged on his friendship and concern for the Powell family. He admitted one of the hardest moments of his life was to witness the burial of his comrade Bishop Powell. He was truly heart- broken. The love he shared for his friend was apparent. Bishop Bernard relentlessly prayed and tarried with Bishop Powell during his ailing moments. He was indeed an immense support to the family even when his own strength was weakening.

Bishop Bernard went to be with the Lord exact ly a year after his trusted friend and colleague Bishop Powell. The loss is overwhelming but God is assuring us that this is a part of His divine will. It was said at the Memorial of the late Bishop Powell, even after death "He still speaks". The same can be said of Bishop Bernard. His exemplary life, still speaks to us reminding us to be devoted, to be great leaders, to be uncompromising yet compassionate, to be faithful and to have unwavering faith in God. We salute you Bishop Bernard. You were chosen as one of God's Generals, you have served well, fought victoriously, and died a hero.

The Powell's family, express sincere their heartfelt condolences to Bishop Bernard's family and those closely associated with him. Take comfort, his soul is resting in peace.

Rev Amy Rose Powell MBE & Family



A TRIBUTE TO MY DEAR DEPARTED FRIEND BISHOP DONALD BERNARD

I remember Bishop Bernard as a dear friend. As a younger believer both he and the late Bishop Powell nurtured me in the faith. We prayed together, worshipped, preached and ate together.

I will remember this Patriarch as a man who lived with integrity, and laboured with diligence; a man who led with vision and loved with sincerity. Yes, he was a man who laughed with freedom. Life is but a flower in the field, today is, and tomorrow is not (1 Peter 1 v 24). Another of our veterans has left for home with Jesus having no regrets having fought a good fight.

Bishop T Baxter – Church of God Worldwide Fellowship



TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MENTOR

We at Acts Christian Church salute a general and pioneering father in the faith. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, friends and church of our beloved Bishop Bernard. His life has been an inspiration and beacon to us all. His firebrand messages live on as a witness and warning to all who have heard him speak. Compassion and wisdom crowned his life but it was his ability to rightly divide the Word of Truth which served as an inspiration to all preachers and teachers to stay in the Word. He walked tall and proud in who he was in God, and throughout his life he worked tirelessly with the late Bishop Powell in taking the Pentecostal church to being part of mainstream society – a legacy that is enduring.

Bishop Mark Nicholson –Acts Christian Church



DEAR BELOVED FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR BELOVED BROTHER, PASTOR BERNARD,

We shall never forget meeting two wonderful Christian Pastors when we arrived in London in 1965. Pastor Powell and Pastor Bernard welcomed us and assisted us in every way they could, which by the way, is something many will not do today!!

Pastor Bernard was a real Phil 1:20-21, Man of God, with a lifelong dedication to the ministry. Our condolences, to you, and the New Testament Church Family.

Rev Elgin Taylor, Sister Dorothy Taylor, & the CinA Missions Family



HOUSE OF COMMONS
WESTMINSTER
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"I wish to pass on my deepest sympathies following the loss of Bishop Donald Bernard.

Bishop Bernard was a strong and constant presence in Tooting throughout the last 50 years, who made a huge contribution to the local community and the New Testament Assembly. As the Member of Parliament for Tooting it was a privilege to meet Bishop Donald at your church, and other events in the community, and I was grateful for his kind words and support when we met. His leadership, locally, nationally and internationally was an inspiration all who knew him, and did great credit to Tooting and your church.

He will be deeply missed by all his friends, both in and outside of the church.

Yours faithfully,

Rt Hon Sadiq Khan MP
Member of Parliament for Tooting

OUR TRIBUTE TO PASTOR 'B', UNCLE DONALD; OUR SECOND DAD

The Cowan's relationship with Bishop Bernard spans several decades. But it was through Missionary Cowan's visits to the United Kingdom and Bishop Bernard's regular trips to Jamaica when the bond grew stronger and particularly between Bishop Bernard and the late Deacon David Cowan. Affectionately known as 'Pastor B', or 'Uncle Donald', he became an integral part of our family and was warmly welcomed into our respective homes. He sat at our table and ate with us, laughed with us, scolded us – as if he'd been a part of our family forever, and to us, he had.

We remember his calm, caring and gentle disposition and the many times he provided a listening ear and Godly guidance whenever it was needed. And especially during the 80's and 90's when several of our family members embarked on studies in the United Kingdom, Pastor 'B' readily extended his fatherly hospitality and provided a home away from home.

We were very glad to have been with him in his final days, particularly the night before he passed away, singing and praying as he listened and nodded in silence. Dahlia was the last to leave that evening. Pastor 'B's final words to her were, "Please cover me." As she did so, he smiled and waved goodbye. He will be sadly missed, though entrenched forever in our hearts and in our memories.

The Cowans Family

NEW TESTAMENT ASSEMBLY CANADA

Among the repertoire of literary and eloquently spoken sentiments with deserving accolades the Canadian constituent of the New Testament Assembly raises its voice in concert across the Atlantic to offer sincere condolences to the family, friends, and Faith community of the late Bishop Donald Ethwall Bernard, affectionately known as Pastor "B" who was called to come up to life on November 17th 2010.

We revere this fate-deposited privilege to render testimonial to such a noble son of the Faith, for whom there is no striving to orate fashionable statements of virtue and propriety; for Donald Bernard in life was the epitome of what they defined. He mastered what it truly meant to live single-minded for Christ with utmost dignity, piety and consecration in a culture of low moral standing and situational ethics.

To those of a clear and higher persuasion who march not to the drum beat echoing from the low point on the totem pole of life, the matter is settled for permanent record that Donald's life ended not on November 17th, 2010, but rather that his true life began as he vacated the old house that was in need of repair. Bishop Bernard left behind a non-erasable candle that withstood the

winds, storms, and rains during his life and kept its glow; un-assailable by death, it now burns a perpetual beacon, a home going Olympic flame glowing on the hills of hearts and lives.

Some very vivid recollections of Bishop Bernard go back to our inception when as a young Church seeking directional help, we sent out a call to London. He was then dispatched as NTA first ambassador to Canada. Armed with a pioneering spirit, a winsome smile and great wit, he was both intuitive and industrious getting the job done in fine style, as he set forth the frame of spiritual logics that would lead to our full inclusion within the Organization. During this and the many subsequent visits, we became aware that Pastor B was an infectious people person who would spend several hours in a day just trying to reach out on the phone and be in touch with people. It must be confessed with no priest behind the window, there were times of wonder if he could be serious about anything, simply because he had a daring sense of humor that could strike without a moment's notice catching you totally off-guard and leaving you flabbergasted. I recalled him saying on his first visit that he didn't know what he was coming into, and we didn't know whom we were getting; and then he paused for a moment with a huge smile and said "I think you are more surprised than me, for I don't think you were expecting to see a white man." He made a hit! The growth and success of the Canadian segment of NTA is due in part to those early foundational stones that were placed by Bishop Donald Bernard to whom much is owed and now being rewarded.

From Canada, we say long live your pioneering adventurous spirit in all the efforts you made for the purpose of Kingdom building. Your star will not be dimmed, nor your sun ever go down from us. In perpetuity you live! A Crown of life you have won, well done!

Bishop Hugh Thomas
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDING BISHOP

NEW TESTAMENT ASSEMBLY INC. FLORIDA USA

I write on behalf of the Pastors and Saints of the NTA in South Florida. We want to express our condolences to the bereaved family as well as the church Family, internationally, as we mourn the passing of another of God's warriors.

We cannot forget to cherish the memories of Bishop Bernard. He was more than a Pastor; he was a Father and a great mentor to all those whom he led. Bishop B lived what he preached; an exemplary life and leaves much for us to emulate. What a legacy!

Personally, I am happy to say, I am a seed of Bishop Bernard from Comfort Castle, Portland, Jamaica where he laboured prior to migrating to the United Kingdom. Had he not preached the Word at that time, I am not sure if today I would be a child of God. To God be all the glory. Bishop Bernard was a hard worker. He left his indelible footsteps that we all must follow. He ran the race well, and now he is with the Lord awaiting his glorious crown of righteousness.

It is much sadness and regret that we are not able to attend his Home Going Celebration, but we will meet soon. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words." 1Thes.4:17, 18. One of Bishop Bernard's favourite song was; "O I want to see Him." And now his cares are all past, he's home at last, ever to rejoice. Rest in Peace Bishop B.

Pastor Percival A. Holness & Dr. Rayness Holness



NEW TESTAMENT ASSEMBLY JAMAICA

If the saints who have gone home to glory were not changed from mortals to immortals, it would be safe to say that there is now a vibrant congregation of NTA members marching down the 'streets of gold' and convening some open-air services by the 'river of life'. Of course, what we would be assured of, beyond a doubt, is that this congregation would have some of the finest leaders there ever was.

Although he spent so many years serving in the United Kingdom, our latest departure to glory, the Rt. Rev Donald Bernard, started his Christian journey in Mill Bank, Portland, Jamaica. Bishop Donald Bernard dedicated his entire life to the service of the Lord. For those of us whose life he touched, he will always be remembered as a credible man of sincere qualities. We will forever cherish his legacy.

When our labour here on earth is over it is quite rewarding to know that our soul is at rest with our maker. We are confident that Bishop Bernard is at rest with the Lord. Our prayers remain with his relatives and church family, may God continue to bless you all.

Bishop Pearl L Jones

NEW TESTAMENT ASSEMBLY JAMAICA



I can say that Bishop Donald Bernard was a true inspiration and source of encouragement in my life. He participated in my Wedding Ceremony along with my father, the late Bishop T G Francis, making our day even more special. He participated in the official ceremony of my ordination into the office of a Bishop.

He was a consistent and great supporter of Ruach Ministries from very early on and we will always remember him with fondness and appreciation for the Godly impact he had on me and our church family. When I think of the late Bishop Bernard I can truly say he was the epitome of unity and servant-hood in one vessel embracing all with his warmth and bright smile.

Whenever you were in his presence, he always made you feel welcome and special. He was a bright light shining in the body of Christ and the far-reaching beam of his light will be sadly missed but fondly remembered.

*Bishop John & Co-Pastor Penny Francis,
Ruach Ministries, London*



Family Tributes

Farewell my brother Donald. We grew up close all our lives and you will be deeply missed by me, my wife Valerie and our children.



Selburn and Valerie Bernard and Family

Uncle Donald you were like a second Father to us. When we were growing up in England you visited regularly and made sure that you were part of our lives. We have fond memories of attending your Vacation Bible School during our summer holidays, and getting to know your Church family. To this day we can all recite the books of the Bible that we were taught - Thank you for introducing us to the Lord. We will miss you - Rest in Peace.



Your Nieces Paulette, Sonia, Marcia, and Andrea

Uncle Donald truly was my second father. My parents sent me to Jamaica with him on a ship when I was only 8 years old and he introduced me to my Jamaican family and roots; when I got married in England at short notice and my father was overseas, he gave me away at my wedding; and even though I have lived in the U.S. for the last 25 years we remained close and he was always the first person I would visit whenever I returned. My children only met uncle Donald a few times, but they too have fond memories of the kind caring man who reminds them so much of their grandfather. We will always love you Uncle D!

Paulette Hairston and Family

Uncle Donald I loved your visits, we came to you and you were always welcoming and loving. You were there to bless all my children and called me weekly just to see how I was. When my son needed a place to call home you were there for him and I was so appreciative of that. Uncle Donald you are going to be missed but I have such fond memories of you. You will always be in my heart, love you so much.

Sonia Bernard and Family

What I remember about my great uncle Donald is his warm and loving smile, and his calm caring voice. He will be missed by me and our family and I am so upset he won't be able to see my baby when it comes, but I know he is watching over me and the family. Uncle Donald you are a great man and you touched so many people and now you are resting with the Lord... love you your grandniece

Charlene and bump

Our dearest uncle Donald, you leave with us a lifetime of beautiful memories. As a child I remember the excitement I felt when I heard Uncle Donald was coming by to visit. As a teenager I remember how proud I felt to walk into your church and hear you preaching. And as an adult I remember how honoured I felt to have you perform my marriage. Your caring nature, your loving smile and your calming voice will be greatly missed. We are so proud to be a part of your family. Our Dearest Uncle Donald, Gone But Never Forgotten.

Marcia Jefferson and Family

Uncle Donald, our advisor, our friend - always in our memories, forever in our hearts. RIP.

Andrea and Ralston Copeland and Family

Our hope for our loved ones: Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. Ps. 30:5 He shall call, and we shall answer. Job 14:13-15

Hedley and Helen Bernard and Family

It is with great grief that I am writing this letter. I am ever so sorry to know that we have lost our dear uncle. The last time I saw him was at my father's funeral. I have very clear recollections of him and I've only heard good things about him. So based on that information, I am pretty sure that a lot of people are equally grieving the loss. I'm unable to make it to the funeral, I deeply apologize. But let it be noted that I have very deep respect for my uncle and I hope everything works out well for those who have known him. I look forward to seeing him in the resurrection. Thank you.



Kenneth Andrew Bernard, Claudine Bernard, & Annelese Bernard

When Donald's mother and father died when he was only 2 1/2 years old, my parents took him into our home and raised him as their own. From then on I became his big sister. At his mother's funeral I cried and Donald looked up at me and asked me why I was crying and I just lifted him up so that he could see his

mother. Every night when I came home, Donald and his cousin Alma, who my parents also took in, would wait for me at the gate and when they saw me coming they would run into the house to my parents and say "uncle Jim aunt Helen, Lola's coming" I will miss you terribly my little brother. Love,



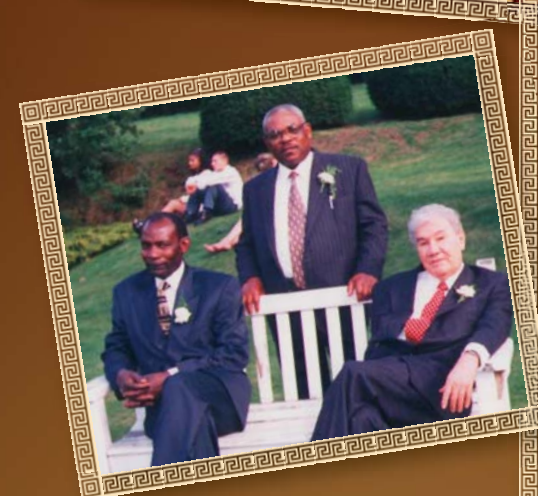
Lola and Alburn Miller and family

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Bishop Bernard is Survived By ...

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Hedley Bernard
Cynthia Jacobs

Nieces

Paulette Hairston	Cherol Bernard
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Marcia Jefferson	Patricia Bernard
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Nephews

Kenneth Andrew Bernard
William Bernard
Aubrey Jacobs.

Cousins

Beulah Gooding, Agnes, Alma,
Calvin Bernard, and Lola Miller
&
Several grand nieces and nephews

Thank You!

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A special thanks to the Tooting Neighbourhood Centre, members of the church and friends who cared for Bishop Donald Bernard during his time of illness. We are eternally grateful.



“Remember now thy Creator in
the days of thy youth, while the
evil days come not, nor the years
draw nigh, when thou shalt say,
I have no pleasure in them.”

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