

## Clifton Council Reflection

**11/20/15**

**Attendance:** Pastor Manoj Jacob, Mr. Alain Tamelessio, Mr. Zeth Bell, Mrs. Kyoko Andersson, Dr. Robert Beebe, Rev. Kathaleen Sato, and Mrs. Tamayo Oppenheimer **Excused:** Mrs. Misayo Bien, Mr. Terry McMahan,.

- The meeting began at 7:30 pm.
- The opening prayer was given by Tamayo Oppenheimer.
- The CIG Motto was read.

### Agenda:

- After dinner, the council members gathered for reflection.

#### **A. Dr. Robert Beebe**

- Felt honored. Dr. Beebe believed the council has come a long way and has dealt with many issues. He is glad to have the committed individuals to help shoulder the burden alongside the pastor. Dr. Beebe advised the next council to think clearly about the areas and concerns needing to be address and to be more proactive and progressive in taking action. He wanted to make sure the role of council is to support and provide advice to the pastor is remembered.

#### **B. Mr. Alain Tamelessio**

- Felt grateful. Mr. Tamelessio believes that God has a plan, and advised the next council to be conscious of their responsibility and the people we support. He encourages council to understand that that responsibility is also a privilege. Mr. Tamelessio also encouraged the next council to be proactive and organize an administrative system to prevent weaknesses that could lead to disaster. Mr. Tamelessio advises the council to encourage and guide the youth to rise up in the heavenly mission with clarity for courses of action. He recommends that council train for success and foster resilience in the youth. Mr. Tamelessio believes that the council has been a blessing and wishes that the next council members be wise, honest, learn from the past, and grow himself or herself especially when needed. He encouraged the council to pass the torch well.

#### **C. Mr. Zeth Bell**

- Felt somber. Mr. Bell wished he could have accomplished more for the youth in the congregation. He advises the next council to appreciate those long term members along with the new member. Mr. Bell emphasized the need to set up community care ministries to help members resolve issues before they become irreparable. He encourages to council to take care of the needs of the munity and do right by the community. Mr. Bell wishes to reconnect, appreciate, and guide to community to grow into the greatness that God envisions.

#### **D. Mrs. Kyoko Andersson**

- Felt inspired. Mrs. Andersson reflected that often followers do not lead or think to lead, and some members may need help actualizing their faith. She advised council to set up systems to better organize workers, to assist those workers in working productively, and

to ensure enough staff are available to complete jobs efficient. Mrs. Andersson encouraged the next council to be honest and clear.

**E. Mrs. Tamayo Oppenheimer**

- Felt amazed. Mrs. Oppenheimer reflected on her willingness to help when asked but her reluctance to outright volunteer. She truly wished to improve things and involve the youth in the community. Mrs. Oppenheimer encouraged the next council to actively involve the youth in the community. She expressed gratitude that there are more youth in the next council.

**F. Pastor Manoj Jacob**

- Felt thankful. Pastor Manoj thanked the council and expressed his gratitude for the advice and backstage efforts of the council; he looks for to working with the next council.

**G. Rev. Kathaleen Sato**

- Felt grateful. Rev. Sato was glad that the council kept working through things until they were resolved; she looks forward to working with the next council.

The meeting was closed with pictures and group prayer.

**Secretary,**

**-Zeth Bell**