

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2014

FINAL REPORT



ADULT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

According to the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2014 brochure, the Adult Education Department will recruit 20 people during year April 2014 – April 2015 for the certificate in Youth Ministry and support 100 youths in 2014 in working towards UK Youth Awards, a programme that accredits informal learning where adolescents and young adults progress through different levels and are expected to take increasing responsibility for the organization of activities in which they are involved.

However, the Adult Education Department did not receive funding until May 2015. Two million, one hundred and eighty eight

thousand, eight hundred and sixty six dollars (\$2,188,866.00) were allocated to cover the recruiting of 20 persons for the Certificate of Youth Ministry. And eight hundred and forty one thousand, eight hundred and twenty eight dollars (\$841,828.00) to support 100 youths in working towards UK Youth Awards.

CAMP KAYUKA

The plan of the Camp's committee, according to the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2014 brochure, is to develop the infrastructure of the Camp to make the site conducive for youth development. Working along with donor agencies and local sponsors the

\$3,030,694 was allocated by the Bishop's Annual Appeal in support of the Adult Education Department

A total of \$ 1,033,879 will be invested in the restoration of Camp Kayuka

committee will restore, upgrade and maintain the facility. To date thirty three thousand, eight hundred and seventy nine dollars (\$33,879.00) have been spent and one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) have been earmarked to go towards the restoration and upgrade of the facility. With support from local sponsors the works which has begun is scheduled to be completed before the July/August peak period. Youth Office will be exploring programs for youth development.

YOUTH OFFICE

1. Quarterly Youth Leaders Meeting

To meet with Youth Leaders every three months in three areas: Georgetown and the surrounding areas, the Northwest and the surrounding areas, and the Rupununi and the Pakaraimas. The main purpose of the meetings was to develop leadership skills in youth and to integrate them into the diocesan framework. The first meeting was held in Georgetown on the 19th January 2014, the topic discussed was Assertiveness Training with 40 youth leaders from the East Coast including Berbice and all pastoral parishes including the Essequibo Coast. The meeting was held at Our Lady of Fatima Presbytery by facilitators Phealan Ramdatt and Tracy Williams
Total: \$ 11,000.

2. Bible Quiz

The 10th Annual Bible Quiz commenced on January 26, 2014, the

second round on February 9, 2014 and the finals were held on March 8th 2014. The goals were to encourage the study of scripture and encourage Christian fellowship; the theme was the empowerment of women and the ministry of mercy. A total of 10 Parishes participated consisting of a 90 participants for both junior and senior categories.
Total: \$44,200.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal allocated a total of \$ 644,200 towards activities of the Diocesan Youth Office.

3. Quarterly Youth Leaders Meeting

The second Youth leaders' meeting was held in St. Ignatius Lethem on the 28th march to 1st April 2014. This workshop catered for 35 participants from eight (8) different villages with the theme of the workshop being Christian leadership which included forming and sustaining youth groups. The facilitators were Phealan Ramdatt, Tracy Williams and Susan English.
Total: \$ 167,000.

4. Math Day Camp

This endeavor started with the initiative of Sr. Mary Peter OSU, designed to target students in third and fourth forms. The content was to be based on the Ministry of Education and CSEC Syllabuses. The camp was held on Friday April 25th, 2014 and Saturday April 26th, 2014 during the day at Our Lady of Fatima Presbytery with 16 participants from various parishes.
Total: \$ 26,000.



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5. Quarterly Youth Leaders Meeting

The third youth leaders' meeting was on 18th May 2014; this leadership workshop had 20 participants from the Georgetown pastoral area. The theme of this meeting was Christian leadership and was held at Our Lady of Fatima Presbytery from 2-5 pm, facilitated by Phealan Ramdatt. Total: \$ 10,000.

6. Quarterly Youth Leaders Meeting

The next youth leaders' meeting was held in Charity on the Essequibo Coast from 15th -17th June 2014. This workshop had 14 participants from 4 villages including Suddie and Anna Regina. The theme was Christian leadership and effective communication presented by Phealan Ramdatt, Gibion Moonsammy, Giselle Lopes and Abigale Humphrey. Total: \$ 28,000.

7. Junior Camp

This year's diocesan junior camp commenced on 4th August and ended on the 9th August 2014 at Camp Kayuka. The camp catered for 40 participants of which 38 attended and offered young people between the ages of 14-18yrs a chance to participate in a UK Youth Award. Total: \$ 542,458.

8. Senior camp

This event was held Friday 29th August -1st September 2014. The themes discussed were exploring sexuality and healthy relationships. This event was also held at Camp Kuyuka and 20 persons participated from ages 20-35. Total: \$ 155,606.

9. Sports

This event was an indoor Sports event which was held from September 28, 2014 to October 26, 2014 on each of the four (4) Sunday afternoons at Brickdam and at Our Lady of Fatima Presbytery. The purpose was bringing youths together, to foster and support healthy competition and to provide them with a recreational activity. Total: \$35,600.

10. Youth Dinner

The annual Christmas Youth Dinner was held on 20th December 2014 at Our Lady of



Fatima Church. This was a social gathering that encouraged youth to meet other youth in the diocese and to thank them for their participation throughout the year. Total: \$ 94,000.

In conclusion the events and activities were found to be successful and very encouraging and we at Youth Office intend to strive to make 2015 a more productive year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all that contributed, participated, supported and encouraged us in every way possible during the year 2014; especially the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2014 and the Jesuits of Guyana.

The Diocese will allocate \$ 1,000,000 to the works at Kayuka and enter into discussions with the Youth Office after the AECYA event in July 2015 with the aim of utilizing the balance (\$1,400,357.00) in a constructive and beneficial way.

Allocation and accounting of resources

Total income for the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2014	6,647,290
Less expenditure	538,160
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Paid to Youth Office	6,109,130
	644,200
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Electrical items bought for Kayuka	5,464,930
	33,879
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Paid to Adult Education Department	5,431,051
	3,030,694
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Balance	<u>2,400,357</u> *

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