

Prime Minister Addresses Vincentians in London – SVG Independence

26 October 2012

London, ENGLAND: The High Commission for St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) to the United Kingdom hosted an evening reception to commemorate SVG's 33rd Year of Independence, preceded by an Evensong service at Westminster Abbey, where Prime Minister Dr Ralph Gonsalves, delivered the second reading during the service.



L-R: Dr Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of SVG and High Commissioner for SVG, H.E. Cenio Lewis



R-L: Prime Minister of SVG - Dr Ralph Gonsalves, Marsena Ballantyne, Soleil Gonsalves, Eloise Gonsalves, Ursula Harris, Storm Gonsalves

The events were attended by Prime Minister Gonsalves, Eloise Gonsalves, Ursula Harris, Soleil Gonsalves, Storm Gonsalves, staff of the SVG High Commission, Vincentian Diaspora, Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for SVG to Northern Ireland, respective Chairs of the various SVG National Associations in the UK and friends of SVG.

High Commissioner H.E. Cenio Lewis provided the welcome, followed by a prayer by Mikhail Charles and the SVG National Anthem. The Prime Minister then provided the Independence address, updating all Vincentians on SVG's foreign policy, Argyle International Airport, education and wellness revolution, and exercising SVG's full independence and sovereignty to the interests and benefits of the entire nation. He concluded by extending warm wishes to all Vincentians on this 33rd Year of our Independence.

To honour the 10 individuals in the Vincentian Diaspora that have made remarkable contributions to the community, the Prime Minister distributed award certificates hand signed by himself.

The evening concluded with a banquet of food, refreshments and networking.

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