



MESSAGE

**HIS EXCELLENCY
THE MOST HON. SIR PATRICK ALLEN ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J
GOVERNOR-GENERAL**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY MONTH CHURCH SERVICE
SATURDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER 2022
KENCOT SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
OSBORNE ROAD, KINGSTON**

SALUTATION

- Honourable Desmond McKenzie Minister of Local
Government and Rural
Development
- Mrs Natalie Neita Garvey Representing the Leader of
the Opposition
- Your Excellencies of the Diplomatic Corps
- Your Worship Senator Councillor
Delroy Williams
Mayor of Kingston and St
Andrew
- Other Mayors

- Staff of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development and Representatives of Agencies & Departments of the Ministry
- Pastor Brian Shaw, Host Pastor
- Other Members of the Clergy
- Ladies and Gentlemen
- Brothers and Sisters

Good morning.

His Excellency The Governor-General regrets he is unable to be present at this Service. The privilege is mine to represent him and deliver his Message.

Local Government plays an integral role in the life and experience of all Jamaicans because it operates at a level that touches people's lives daily.

The Municipalities provide the physical infrastructure that promotes social cohesion, local identity, health and well-being in the Parishes. These vital services include but are not limited to housing, access to healthcare facilities, the establishment and beautification of green spaces, social services including care for the elderly, homeless, and indigent, programmes for employment and productivity, waste management, firefighting services, road maintenance, and the implementation of rural water supply systems.

Despite the various challenges in Local Government with some communities experiencing a disproportionate level of service compared to their urban counterparts, there are many areas of achievement of the Ministry as it continues its drive to improve the lives of Jamaicans and support the sustainable development of communities islandwide.

Much of the work that the Churches do is aligned with the objectives of Local Government, so both can work cooperatively to ensure that the needs in the communities are met.

I encourage the Staff of the Ministry as well as all Jamaicans to make this arm of Government fully optimal as we continue our efforts of *“Reigniting the Nation for Greatness Through Local Government”*.

Congratulations on the celebration of another Local Government and Community Month.

Thank you for your service and God bless you.