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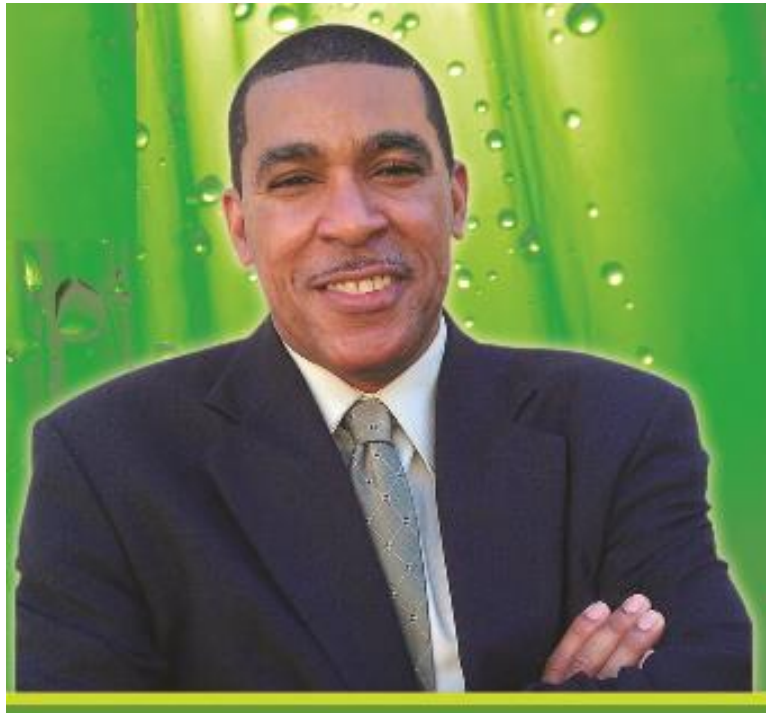
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A Prudent Message



Therold Prudent - Political Leader
Lucian People's Movement

Fellow Saint Lucians,

You have entrusted past political leadership and governance of St. Lucia to the major political parties because you believed that based on their promises and development models for our country, they were best suited to enhance our national agenda. My fellow citizens, I applaud you.

The 21st century however, has brought new and major changes to the global economy that your once trusted leadership did not have the capacity to comprehensively examine and effectively manage. Since 1995, when the World Trade Organization changed many of its trade rules your then leader knew that our country was about to lose tremendous government revenue from the sale of its bananas and other related agricultural commodities under the preferential treatment we once enjoyed from our European partners. The two primary political parties have promised to fix this problem and yet our country's revenue from bananas has dwindled from 10.7% of GDP in 1996 to 5% in 2010. The attraction to cheap labour has led many businesses within our industrial sector to move to other countries to seek higher profits. Revenue generated from our industrial sector has dropped by more than 50%, from 32.3% to 15% for the same period. A major reason for this significant drop is the emergence of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) that caused the relocation of light manufacturers to other countries that provide cheaper labour.



My fellow citizens, the St. Lucia Labour Party and United Workers Party kept their focus on trying to get the World Trade Organization to compensate us for such major economic disruption to our economy but they fail to immediately begin to apply the type of labour and capital productivity restructuring needed to attract the transfer of technology in sectors where we have global competitive advantage. Instead of taking these initial fundamental steps to achieve economic recovery and sustainable growth, they have resorted to pointing fingers, highlighting the personal affairs of their political rivals, and providing misleading information regarding the growth of our economy. Fellow Saint Lucians, we are at the edge of an economic cliff and if Saint Lucia does get its act together and quickly restructure its government to conform to policies implemented at global negotiating platforms in a timely manner we will lose even more privileges.

The Lucian People's Movement understands the severity of Saint Lucia's challenges and has formed this political party to respond to the need for a new and improved vision for development for our people and national business. In this Manifesto, our leadership presents for your action the policies that will form the nucleus of an LPM administrative agenda for our people and country. Our plan brings detailed solutions to achieve poverty reduction and eventual eradication, prudent government spending cuts, enhanced transparency and accountability of governments operating performance, economic and social stability, significant crime reduction and prevention, drastic increase in employment, good governance and the highest level of professional conduct by leaders in government.

The Lucian People's Movement asks for your support in making this new political transition come to fruition for the betterment of our people and country. Our Party is characterized by its emphasis on productivity and you should expect this attribute to infiltrate all sectors of an LPM government.

Make the Lucian People's Movement your Party!

Yours truly,

Therold Prudent M.A.

Mission Statement

This Manifesto sets out critical sector and country level policies that are pivotal to the growth and development of Saint Lucia to meet the global demands of the 21st century.

This critical document is a direct product designed to dissolve the political rhetoric hindering the identification and progress of the actual national mission; growth, development and better governance. To remedy the national concerns of Saint Lucians living at home and abroad, the Lucian People's Movement (LPM) provides a platform for an enhanced set of demands to achieve maximum productivity in all sectors of our economy. To effectively manage this productivity pie, prudential organization and deployment of Saint Lucia's labor and capital resources are indeed mandatory.

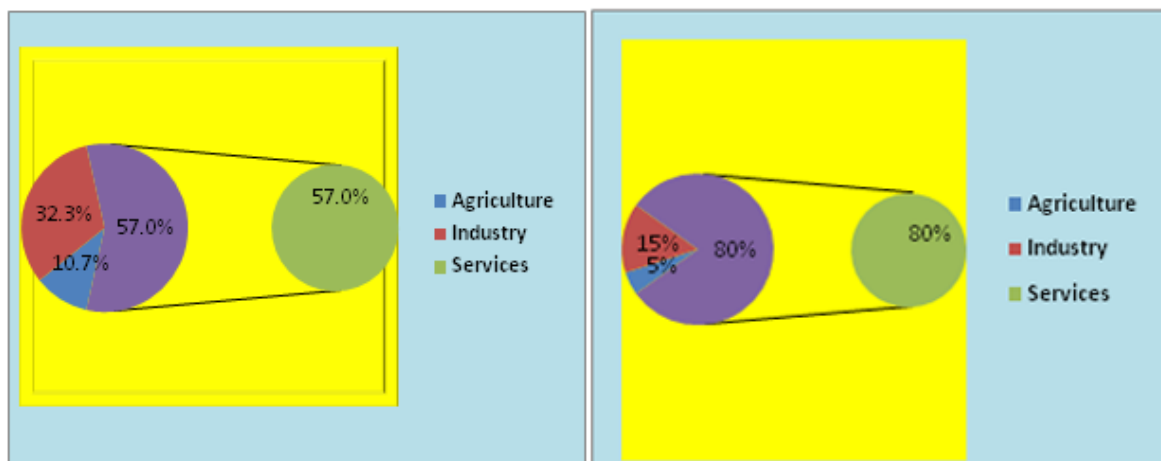
This political initiative carefully examines the national and global demands of all the LPM candidates as their reform efforts target restructuring Saint Lucia as the most favourable environment in the Caribbean for investment and growth. The Manifesto fully embraces the LPM's need to foster growth and establishment of local foundations as counterparts to numerous existing foundations around the globe. This enhanced approach to harmonize growth relationships positively reinforces our nations need to diversify away from tourism and tap into potentially viable outlets to achieve more equitable sector contribution to government revenue.

This Manifesto will reveal policy initiatives and embark on nationally recognized structural adjustment projects that will transparently pave the way for realistic solutions to job creation and training, crime reduction, financial literacy and engagement of our citizens from all walks of life on initiatives that propel greater productivity to our country's growing needs.

Economic Growth and Sustainable Development

The Lucian People's Movement recognizes that all political parties and independent candidates believe that they can generate growth for Saint Lucia. To date, none has realized that every St. Lucian has an integral role to play in the growth and sustainable productivity of our country. An LPM government believes that our citizens do not care about how much we know. They are thirsty to know how much we care. To meet the needs of citizens an LPM government maintains that how fast Saint Lucia grows is dependent upon the best operating performance of our industries. To justify our position further it is important that an LPM government shares with its citizens the pivotal flaws in the GDP growth that previous governments wrongfully twist to reveal positive long term outcomes

Identifying the GDP Trend (1996-2010)



As can be viewed from Chart 1 and 2, Saint Lucia's sector contribution to GDP is identified from its three main revenue generating sectors, Agriculture, Industry and Services. In 1996 our economy garnered returns of 10.7% in the agricultural sector, 32.3% in the industry sector and 57% in Service related business. However, with the new and strongly enforced trade liberalization structural design, we have seen a major drop in agricultural investment (from 10.7% - 5%), a high risky decline in the industrial sector and a marked improvement in the tourism industry. The reduction in the identified sectors is exacerbated by the enormous human resource and skill deficits challenging our goal of attaining higher productivity levels. Fellow Saint Lucians, the traditionally known political parties have failed us.

The LPM gives credence to the success of the tourism industry but it has continued to warn the United Workers Party government and those of similar political interest to divert some of the funds from tourism to other sectors of our economy. Regrettably, we have now entered a dangerous stage in our economy. An LPM government projects that in the short term our dependence on tourism and tourism related revenue will dwindle significantly because the vessel that allows for the flow of such returns is threatened by the collapse and slow recovery of the housing and labour market in the United States in particular.

LPM COMMITMENT

- New businesses that are formed or expanded in St. Lucia will receive incentives to substantially improve business operating
- Afford adequate consideration to foreign direct investment or business investments that require more labor productivity and locally produced input to attain best operating performance. This initiative will increase employment and job training opportunities for citizens while controlling inflation
- Create jobs and safeguard existing jobs with some of the freed up resources that will be generated from cutting government spending by a significant percentage of GDP
- Attain a consistent measure of gross domestic product (GDP) per capita for Saint Lucia to account for the fluctuations in both volume and price changes of our goods and services produced.
- Reduce fiscal expenditure to levels where national savings can be increasingly recognized as an upward driven government revenue vehicle for investment
- Enforce the creation of limited liability companies consisting individual ownership to foster growth and development in creative entrepreneurship, investment and business opportunities in the arts, sciences, and especially information technology (not excluding IT and business technologies)
- Enable businesses to privately generate their own electricity using wind turbines and sell any excess to operators of the national grid.

Education and Training

An LPM government believes that education is the primary engine that fosters creativity and innovation among our youth to secure a more productive future for our country as we get ready for globalization. During this period of development our party believes that in order to attain enormous focus on youthful values in the classroom, providing tests is essential but should not be the only measure of teaching excellence. Disturbing levels of relative and extreme poverty on the island is a social problem that needs to be cured before education can take full root. An LPM government has observed that human attitude and ability design has been treated within an organizational format rather than one of creativity.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Provide early childhood education in all large communities and enforce quarterly evaluations of classroom activities via video at all educational levels prior tertiary education.
- Request student feedback and questions on teacher and classroom related activities
- Extend the school-leaving age to 18 to ensure a adequate understanding of globalization and the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME)
- Mandate annual teacher performance appraisals to acknowledge and reward countrywide innovative teaching excellence
- Reallocate funds for education to achieve best results so that raising educational levels can be valued as a percentage of GDP
- Train our students to learn by thinking, teaching and solving problems, for these techniques lead to creative industry and innovation
- Replace the after school program with an Enrichment Program where individual student performances are fostered by originality and inventiveness
- Provide a Special Education program for our youth called the St. Lucia Youth Service where our young men and women between the ages of 17 and 30 are eligible
- Create a state-of-the-art Management Training and Productivity Institute (MTPI), a joint venture between private sector and government, to engage in training in all business areas considered to give Saint Lucia a competitive edge in taking up jobs at home and abroad
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- Initiate a reverse mentoring program (young individuals to adults) in the expansion and use of information technology by the older population. The addition to the computer literacy of our older population will make them readily employable and self-starters of profitable businesses

Agriculture

An LPM government understands the importance farmers to the future food safety and security of our country. It believes that it is imperative that a more competitively enhanced linkage be established among the agriculture, trade and education sectors to promote agribusiness as an attractive alternative for our youthful populace. The agribusiness approach harmonizes the pooling of farmers resources in the production, processing and distribution of our products. Most importantly, an LPM government knows that significant job creation is paramount at the processing and distribution stages. The Lucian People's Movement critically acknowledges that in any agricultural undertaking by its government, achieving best practice and maximizing productivity will ultimately reward our country with improved economies of scale. Potential yields emerging from such comprehensive initiative, will require the transfer of technology from regional partners, large scale developing countries or developed countries. An amalgamation of this critical national development agenda to agriculture will re-energize the industry under the following LPM government outlined objectives.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Improve plant breeding and farming methods at globally competitive standards to boost economic performance.
- Identify and improve productivity by classifying the industry into three effectively managed sectors or components; Crops, Ruminant (milk production) and Non-ruminants (cattle, poultry, goat and pig)
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- Rebuild and maintain feeder roads, drains and waterways to aid in all phases of agricultural production
- Establish a standard quality assurance mechanism for our produce and strengthen cooperation between agriculture, commerce and tourism to reduce Saint Lucia's untenable import bill
- Provide an unending education system for agribusiness, small business growth and sustainable farm management through the transfer of knowledge from agricultural extension services
- Seek business opportunities for our country where locally produced inputs measurably contribute to their daily operating performance
- Account for the total value of subsistence production accurately

Housing and the Environment

An LPM administration believes that a critical contributor to achieving economic and social stability is the availability of affordable homes for our low to middle income citizens. To achieve that end, housing construction should be standardized to meet the economic and social vitality of our country. It is noteworthy to examine that different construction methods coupled with the building of homes one at a time results in very low productivity of our housing sector. An LPM government believes that increases in economies of scale in housing for a country of our size will be achieved by financing large scale housing projects that are cost effective, disaster resistant, and energy efficient. Projects of that magnitude will require the transfer of technology and the training of our local contractors and consultants alike. Furthermore, the Lucian People's Movement is cognizant of the fact that too many roads in Saint Lucia lack appropriate caution signs and structural barriers to prevent road fatalities. Additionally, new housing construction is deterred due to impassable roads. An LPM government's objective for pursuing such a prudent task for its people will meet the fundamental growth and development purposefulness required to increase housing productivity.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Build standardized single family homes in economically and socially viable communities that reflect a coordinated disaster resistant design and appeal to residents and tourists
- Provide job training and employment to a large number of Saint Lucians
- Initiate tax incentives to housing developers based on the projected amount of local resources needed for the project
- Build a vibrant hotel and tourism infrastructure in the centre of Castries fashioned and geared for city life. This hotel facility will be facilitated on a Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) development model and will serve as a practical hotel management training facility for St. Lucians
- Provide ongoing training to housing contractors and consultants as technical improvements and other efficiency changes emerge
- Conduct a nationwide road structure analysis to identify and provide the road safety resources needed to protect our drivers.

Crime and National Security

The Lucian People's Movement is cautiously disturbed by the escalating crime situation in Saint Lucia. It believes that a very complex interconnectedness among social, moral, psychological and economic problems is the result of such social instability. As a first step in the direction of solving the crime issue, the LPM was the first party to vigorously propose a National Consultation on Crime that was embraced by the then Prime Minister of Saint Lucia. Although the readily acceptance of the crime issue throughout the country is related joblessness, semi-educated, under-employed and unemployed youth in particular, an LPM government has advanced this social analysis to conclude that when crimes are investigated, a pattern must be analyzed. An LPM government will seek comprehensive analytical findings to identify the process by which the crime is committed, the decision to commit the crime or the crime itself. A subsequent trend to this immoral and unacceptable behavior must be ascertained, so that an LPM government can implement further objectives to enhance social and economic revitalization on the island. These policy objectives are executed based on three permanent pathways, prevention, prosecution and protection.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Equip police officers with the needed resources to eradicate criminal activity on the island
- Ensure the highest level of professional conduct by police officers and improve investigation and reporting standards
- Implement sustainable socially mobilizing programs for residence where incidences of crime are more prevalent
- To ease the transition of criminal deportees and previously incarcerated individuals back into the community, an LPM government will for an entire year mandate that changes of residence of these individuals be reported to the nearest police station without delay. Immigration reforms will be amended to enforce that failure to submit correct information will constitute an offence.
- An LPM government will employ a Jail Release Consultant to implement a Re-entry program initiative where non-violent offenders are pre-screened before they leave prison to determine their eligibility to receive support services to help them find gainful employment. Some of the support services will include; resume writing, job search techniques and teaching valued work skills that demands higher pay. Effective 30, 60 and 90 day on the job monitoring will be conducted to ensure consistency in ex-offenders commitment to the programme
- Provide incentives to business and public transportation vehicle owners to install surveillance cameras
- With the above policies put in place an LPM government will monitor and measure the efficiency of community specific-programs with complex crime analysis logistics.

Justice System

An LPM government realizes that the quick pace at which global partners are ratifying agreements on international platforms to foster global civil, political, cultural, economic and social stability is alarming while our justice system in particular is lagging behind in ratifying critical human rights agreements. This slowdown hinders our chances of receiving technical and financial resources to spur growth and capacity building to our legal system. An LPM government is ready to examine and take action to avoid delay in the implementation of these crucial global policies. An LPM government is aware that some global partners have agreed to provide the assistance we need to move forward with this agenda but the current administration has not implemented the start-up requirements within our legal structure to quickly clinch these currently scarce opportunities. Furthermore, the high crime rate on the island positively corresponds to the ineffectiveness of our penal system.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Enhance the justice system's technical capacity to ensure that national, regional and global interest is successfully served at negotiating stages coupled with developing an administrative arm to support its implementation in an accurate and timely manner
- Implement a socially enhanced program designed to facilitate public knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of our citizens coupled with the commitment of their elected government to them
- An LPM government will ensure that the improved performance of our justice system will be devoid of political manipulation
- Meticulously provide the needed resources to our citizens for their pursuit of timely legal assistance

Strengthening transparency and Accountability in Saint Lucia

It is commonplace in Saint Lucia that government officials find it difficult to cut government spending because growing public demands increase the need for more resources. The LPM is of a different view. As the public exercises its right to assess the checks and balances of its government, it is the macro-prudential responsibility of an LPM government to reallocate resources where optimally valued public expectation and resulting productive returns prevail to improve our international competitive position. An LPM government firmly believes that it is accountable to the people it governs and has to present transparent and accurate information to its citizens if any signs of public trust and national productivity are to emerge.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Downsize our government to an adequate percentage of GDP that does not hinder growth and competence
- Promote human health and well-being by increasing taxes on heavily consumed commodities that pose severe health risk to citizens
- Recognize exceptional government worker productivity
- Form an alliance of stakeholders to include, private sector, civil society, professional individuals and transparent and accountable institutions to spearhead and engage in dialogue the transparency and accountability mission of government.
- Establish a Remittances Reform Program (RRP) to treat remittances as a vital source of local savings for investment
- Fund all government projects with a clear and concise operational framework. The projects timeline will serve as a comprehensive guide to action and will not increase in value as the project moves from one stage to the next
- A minimum of 50% of all cash flows received by ministers of an LPM government from foreign counterparts, as a result of the professional portfolio they hold will be initially invested in the constituency they represent. A Constituency Development Board will be elected and charged with the responsibility of managing the fund with the goal of meeting the needs of the constituents.
- Create an instrument of cooperation between the government, private sector, civil society and related organizations for the betterment of national interest

Poverty

The most important social problem facing Saint Lucia is poverty. Poverty stricken individuals and families find it very difficult to absorb relevant knowledge in the classroom and related learning environments that is essential to their growth. An LPM government is adamant in its mission to eradicate poverty in Saint Lucia so that our citizens' self-esteem and increase awareness of all other human rights instruments can be achieved. An LPM administration is highly confident that relative and extremely poor citizens have immense productive capabilities that are untapped and will ensure that these hidden abilities are fully explored.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Acknowledge and reward private businesses, civil society and faith based organizations for sponsoring poverty reduction programmes designed to tackle poverty at its core.
- Encourage infrastructure development to house low to middle income citizens based on their earnings potential.
- Approve and finance through existing poverty reduction agencies, workshops that give citizens the opportunity to showcase their innate abilities and promote their efforts through enhanced vocational training.
- Enact empowerment policies that will foster collaboration among the poor and other groups in society where increase participation in the political process and decision making improve national governance.
- Temporarily finance the basic needs of our poor citizens with the confidence and expectation that poverty will be eradicated in the short to medium term. These needs will be ascertained through the formulation of a cooperative alliance involving faith-based organizations, farmers and fishing cooperatives, civil society and other related entities deem necessary to profoundly meet the goal.

Tourism

Our tourism industry has been the most important revenue generation sector for our country. The Lucian People's Movement contends that while this sector has done very well overall, it is too volatile an industry to be so heavily relied upon for national stability. The current global crisis and slow recovery is testimony to the reduced number of tourist arrivals to our island. An LPM government is determined to enhance the operating performance of other sectors and facilitate growth in other avenues within the services industry to cultivate a more equitable distribution of government returns.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Using ICT- facilitated resources increase focus on other areas of productivity in the service sector such as offshore education and health services
- Engage the public and private sector to invest in hotel education and training
- Provide policy incentives to facilitate the increase flow of remittances to be used for investment and research
- Establish a Tourism Development Council (TDC) that will work closely with the police commissioner and justice system to fundamentally handle tourism related complaints and offences, and propose policy recommendations for a safer environment for our citizens and visitors.

Our Youth

Our nation is unanimously defined by the valuable contribution of our young diplomats – our youth. A youthful nation defines Saint Lucia's prosperous future and it is imperative in an LPM government to expect policy initiatives that will enhance youth participation in every sector of our economy.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Establish a youth arm comprising 17 to 30 years of age for National Guard. These youth will receive a stipend while engaging in military, social and academic training with established local, regional and global institutions
- Provide saturated vocational training in specialized areas including, electrical engineering, plumbing, masonry, animal husbandry, horticulture, apparel assembly, cooking, landscaping, interior decorating, drafting, agriculture, computer design, carpentry, bartending and office administration to promote youth creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship
- Promote increase private and public sector initiatives geared towards achieving a healthy family life. An initiative to encourage the consumption of locally produced goods will be included
- Create a credit union equipped with financial literacy services so that our youth can deposit and monitor the growth of their savings while understanding its importance to the social, economic and financial sustainability of Saint Lucia
- Boost the understanding of cultural values so that our youth can appreciate historic cultural accounts of our ancestors to increasingly value our current and future accomplishments
- Increase youth participation in agri-business, a vital practice that will potentially improve the agriculture sector's contribution to GDP

Unemployment

The second largest social problem facing our nation is high unemployment. At the end of the most recent St. Lucia Labour Party government the unemployment rate was 20%. At the end of another UWP administration our unemployment rate is still at a high of 20%. An LPM government is cautiously aware that the failure to increase employment is two-fold. The first is that there is a lack of innovative vision of prior administrations in not adequately diversifying away from the tourism sector without jeopardizing its valuable appeal to foreigners. Secondly, our informal job market is a large component that denies our citizens of career opportunities and appropriate income that will lead to an increase in government's resource base and improvements to its macroeconomic position in a more liberalized world.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Pursue external business opportunities that require increased labour resources to maximize productivity for successful operation
- Gradually enact formalization policies that are coordinated across sectors to maximize their impact and potential for national growth
- Harmonize support to formal employment by enhancing incentives for workers and employers
- Promote a greater degree of diverse occupations to allow for increased entrepreneurship practices
- Encourage the reallocation of jobs toward formal employment growth and enact the necessary programmes to strengthen linkages with rural communities.
- Where necessary seek job contracts for our citizens within the wider region and with global partners to avoid social issues associated with long periods of unemployment. Remittances will increase in the process

Trade and Financial Prudence

Saint Lucia's current financial position shows that we have been living beyond our means and if this trend does not cease you the people will be forced to foot the bill through increase taxes and other austere policies that are usually enforced by international institutions we are already indebted to. Furthermore, this financial hardship is exacerbated by stringent lending conditions associated with the inflow of foreign direct investments from financial markets. Before we get to that crisis prone point in our country's financial agenda an LPM administration will enforce some measures that will restore confidence to our financial accounts.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Refrain from borrowing funds for the next five years as we expect to make productive use of the ensuing tax receipts from the Value Added Tax (VAT) and measurable cuts in government spending
- In keeping with the need for greater accountability, the budget process will be boosted by the observance of a necessary annual debate on the "Estimates of Government Revenue and Expenditure." As is the norm in mature Commonwealth states, this will precede the annual budget presentation in order to give greater accountability for tracing and tracking previous financial allocations and new intentions to spend taxpayers' money
- Strengthen the authority of the Audit department within the national budget office to achieve considerable diminution of government spending to levels that does not jeopardize productivity and growth
- Employ a methodology to measure productivity that reveals the true value (current value GDP) of Saint Lucia's GDP growth that is consistent to achieving business opportunities and transparently revealing the areas that need improvement in our country's business and economic performance.
- Promote a balancing of government budget by cutting the tax loopholes between our formal and informal economy. This remarkable step will serve as public assurance that our country is serious about controlling its debt while negotiations will ensue in an effort to have interest on our existing loans reduced
- Initiate trading agreements that will foster strong linkages between our country and region where necessary with large emerging markets

Sports

Sports entail the exertion of physical and mental energy needed for competition. To our citizens, it promotes discipline, amazing health and wellness and compliments the type of creativity and innovation that we strive for in and out of the classroom. An LPM government will encourage the promotion of sports at all educational levels as well as among adults in communities. At the youthful stage, an LPM government will encourage the teaching of sports as a discipline to encourage internationally ranked level of competition that will reward our athletes and country financially as well as improve our national recognition. At the community level, an LPM administration believes that alternative forms of sporting development that promote socially acceptable standards of behavior and action will be fully supported. History as shown the amazing talent that our young men and women have portrayed locally, regionally and internationally but an LPM government is not satisfied with the level of recognition these persons receive for the most part. It believes that all national team players should be rewarded in a manner that emphasizes respect for hard work, sacrifice and contribution to the enhanced reputation of our country.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Hire a professional staff to establish a National Players Accreditation Fund (NPAF). This employee will promote the sporting excellence of our national players by seeking benefits for them through private sector agreements. An initial plan will be to provide them with discount cards or coupons to purchase local produce and gain privileges to attend certain paid functions free of charge.
- Attain corporate support and collaboration to increase the fund's resources to finance needed agendas of our national players and associations.
- Construct best practice sporting facilities in each constituency where communities can promote diverse sports in marriage with discipline and generate increased credibility through hosting various tournaments on a rotational basis.
- Enforce that as long as an athlete currently represents our country in competition he or she should not be out of work
- Facilitate a recruitment support programme where our talented youth can attain information on potential universities abroad where their academic pursuits can be financed partially or fully through their athletic prowess.
- Promote youth and adult sports clinics as well as coaching clinics

Gender

Gender discrimination of any form and acts of violence against persons because of their gender is a clear violation of fundamental human rights. In addition an LPM government recognizes that gender equality has a significant position to the sustainable social and economic development of our nation. It is imperative to an LPM government to embark on initiatives that promote gender equality among our youth in developed cities as well as disadvantaged communities to achieve significantly lower levels of corruption.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Promote adequate representation of women in politics and economic leadership
- Create gender equality youth workshops and focus on situations of violence, conflict and exclusion affecting young people. Facilitate these seminars with local associations and youth policies
- Create social development plans that address anger and stress management
- Provide ongoing public education opportunities that address gender inequality and violence, and engage participants in proper conduct using work related scenarios as primary illustration
- Enforce professional conduct of policing activity in dealing with domestic violence issues
- Effectively initiate administrative projects in a timely manner to avoid further delay in ratifying pending global human rights agreements

Foreign Policy

The Lucian People's Movement will focus heavily on using its foreign policy measures responsibly to correct the social and economic ills of our nation and region. An LPM government believes that the increasing demands from globalization warrants and increase need for transparency and accountability of the contribution of all our diplomats serving the interest of our country abroad. The LPM's equally driven focus is to expand its outlook for more productive niches with regional and global partners so that consistent investment opportunities avail themselves even during slow recovery periods.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Increase the functions and responsibilities of international legislators such as St. Lucia's Ambassador to the United Nations, to improve productive business and marketing opportunities for Saint Lucia. The identified group will also be required to report to St. Lucians on a quarterly or semi-annual basis, the results of their work as tax revenues continue to fully fund their professional functions
- Foster diplomatic relations with countries that aim to accept diplomatic relations based on mutually agreed national development models
- Strengthen further integrated efforts with regional partners (OECS & CARICOM) to take full advantage of the shared resource base needed to achieve meaningful negotiating power and opportunities for the region
- Foster full participation in OECS and CARICOM programmes to decisively strengthen regional cooperation that are paramount to smooth the operating process of quickly emerging global policies
- Promote foreign policy with countries near and afar with the aim of attaining socially enhanced capacity building assistance, trade and investment support that target the enhancement of the social and economic well-being of our country

Health

The Lucian People's Movement knows that the health status of our citizens needs to be a top priority of its administration. To achieve the appropriate productivity levels in this industry policy measures are expected to promote and improve the quality, sustainability, equity and efficiency in the delivery of health care services to both urban and rural population. The failure in our health care system results from the inability to encourage competition among health care providers because we have not been able to accurately evaluate their quality of service. A vital initial indicator that leads us closer to pursuing these types of quality analysis is the length of time a patient stays at a hospital. The shorter the stay over period and the full recovery of the patient says a lot about the credibility of the service provider.

LPM COMMITMENT

- Provide incentives for a public/private cooperation to promote healthy a healthy livelihood for citizens
- Equip our hospitals with state-of-the art technology that will allow for early detection of the most prevalent illnesses that lead to mortality among our people
- Enforce the construction of roads in habitable areas island wide and provide the required emergence medical resources to facilitate quick access to our populace when called upon
- Promote health care performance standards for our service providers to readily close productivity gaps
- Create bicycle lanes in cities and along our beaches to encourage an exercise regimen for our citizens
- Support a more diverse group of well trained professionals to diversify health care service delivery
- Create an offshore education program to attract foreigners seeking specialized certification and training in the medical field



A New Vision for St Lucia Is Within Reach

After considering too many political inadequacies from a two party system the Lucian People's Movement have come to your rescue. As we make a resounding initial entry into Saint Lucia's politics, we bring an innovative and enhanced national sentiment of opportunity, trust, accountability, transparency, good governance and prosperity to you the people we aim to serve.

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