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## HAITI 2050 : SHARING A VISION (SUMMARY)

THE HAITI WE ARE BUILDING!

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« Let us rise and build ! » Nehemiah 2 : 18

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## **1. OUR VISION- THE COUNTRY WE WANT TO BUILD**

It is our vehement desire to, by 2050, see a new Haiti where human rights are afforded to everyone towards the flourishing of life and well-being.

We have outlined recommendations to the nation, particularly to the state and civil society, so that they fully play their role and create a framework, conducive to Haiti's development, that the Church in collaboration with various other actors, is mandated to build. Our recommendations have been grouped into 13 key themes that have covered the socio-political, economic and human realities that concern every citizen. Finally, cognisant that we are also accountable for the present situation of our country, we are committed to a series of actions in relation to the 13 themes considered. It is not that we will stop praying or preaching, but our goal is to adopt a more deliberate strategy as a church towards practical actions, convinced that we should be the example of citizen engagement. We want our actions to strengthen our credibility and inspire our fellow brothers and sisters. It's only when everyone puts their hands to the plow will we be able to finally build the Haiti we dream!

Here is the vision we want to pursue for the Haiti we are building...

**The Haiti we are building is a revived country, in which, by 2050, :**

- **Both public and private leaders manifest love for Haiti and its people through embodying the values of integrity, loyalty, fairness, social justice, transparency and accountability, encouraging participation and inclusion**
- **Rule of law and justice are respected within the framework of an efficient, healthy and appropriate judicial system free from inappropriate interference**
- **Control of the territory/borders and the security of people and land/property are guaranteed throughout the nation, thus creating an environment conducive to tourism and local/foreign investment**
- **Families are stable, responsible and play their full role in the development of children and youth who are protected, fulfilled and integrated into their society. Sport is an effective tool for peace, social cohesion and development for families, especially children, adolescents and people with special needs**
- **Infrastructure for physical and mental health that is effective, modern and innovative, financially viable and universal, capable of ensuring its population a state system of health enabling it to lead a socially and economically productive life is available**
- **An inclusive, equitable and modern education system is available, guaranteeing access to quality education for all, respecting national values and culture**
- **The economy is oriented towards national production, ensures full employment, access to credit for the majority of the population at competitive rates and promotes sustainable development**

- Environmentally friendly agricultural practices and production are promoted, meeting modern standards of the industry, able to respond to the needs of the population, creating jobs and increasing exports
- Men and women practice a continuous, open and honest dialogue, face to face, which leads them to collaborate, at all levels; vulnerable people are protected and work is valued
- All inhabitants have access to basic social services within the framework of appropriate laws and standards
- The environment is healthy, life-giving, protected, and resilient to the effects of climate change and natural disasters
- Every Haitian, every family, every community is an actor in civil protection within the framework of a functional, well-managed and autonomous national disaster risk management system
- A country thriving with conscientious citizens who love and value their nation and its historical and cultural heritage through the practicing of their civic duties.

This vision is based on the following values:

- **Ethics and respect for life:** "I came so that they may have life and have it in abundance."<sup>1</sup>
- **Freedom and sovereignty:** "You have been called to freedom. Just don't make this freedom a pretext for living according to the desires of your own nature. On the contrary, let yourselves be guided by love to serve one another."<sup>2</sup>
- **Unity and solidarity:** "God has arranged the body (...) so that there is no division (...) but that the members also take care of each other. And if one limb suffers, all the limbs suffer with it; if one member is honored, all members rejoice with it."<sup>3</sup>
- **Justice:** "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne."<sup>4</sup>
- **Work:** "The farmer, too, must begin to work hard if he is to reap; it is for him, who has toiled, to enjoy the fruits of the earth first."<sup>5</sup>
- **Responsibility, transparency and accountability:** «"Now it is required that those who have received must prove faithful."<sup>6</sup>
- **Family:** "Each husband must love his wife as himself, and each wife must respect her husband. Child, (...) respect your father and your mother (...) and you, [parents], are not going to irritate your children by your attitude."<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> John 10 : 10

<sup>2</sup> Galatians 5 : 13

<sup>3</sup> 1 Corinthiens 12 : 25-26

<sup>4</sup> Psaumes 89 : 15,

<sup>5</sup> 2 Timothée 2: 6, *Parole de vie*

<sup>6</sup> 1 Corinthiens 4 : 2, *Parole de vie*

<sup>7</sup> Éphésiens 5 : 33 ; 6 : 2, 4, *La Bible en français courant*

## 2. OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

Below is a summary of our recommendations to the state:

*(For the exhaustive list of recommendations, please refer to the full document)*

### Physical and Mental Health

1. Improve the **organizational structure of the medical field and the governance of the public health system** to enable the ministry of health to better play its role of sectoral leadership and implement **government health policy**.
2. Strengthen resources, **increase financial resources and improve management of human resources** in order to build capacity to ensure adequate coverage of basic health services.
3. Expand **access, territorial coverage** and strengthen **infrastructure**, take advantage of **public-private partnerships** to ensure universality of physical and mental health care.

### Education

1. Practically approach **education as a public service from the state to its citizens**. This will involve substantially and gradually increasing the budget allocation to public education so as to ensure equality within the system while equitably subsidizing private and not-for-profit education
2. Strengthen the **governance of the Haitian education system** by revitalizing systems of control while guaranteeing autonomy from influences detrimental to its proper functioning.
3. Improve the **quality of education** at all levels, both in the public and non-public sectors, through specific measures that target **early childhood education, vocational training and higher education**. At the level of State Universities, strengthen systems of instruction/teaching, the accreditation system and the autonomy of the state schools.
4. Develop **public-private partnerships with universities for research** in various fields.
5. Take on **illiteracy** as a problem to be solved once and for all by 2030.

### Family, children, youth and sports

1. . Establish a system to **strengthen families and protect children and young people** (especially by eradicating the system of "restavèk") to reverse the current abuses and contribute to the emergence of a new generation of citizens who love and serve their country
2. Support **sport at the national level** to provide new opportunities for children, young people and people with special needs and thus contribute to peace, social cohesion and development.

**Governance**

1. Undertake **fundamental and constitutional reforms to encourage and promote good governance**. This will include, among other things, eliminating the post of prime minister, opting for a unicameral legislative body (a single chamber) with a representative from each municipality, streamlining and making the budgeting process more transparent, towards manifesting the 'dream' of decentralization of the state, to reform administration, define a clear diplomatic perspective and organize the constitutional court.
2. **Strengthen national justice and accountability institutions** (CSPJ, MJSP, CSCCA, ULCC, UCREF, etc.) to enable them to properly play their role and thus fight against corruption.
3. Undertake and support civil society in the development of a **functional civic education program** with a view to build national consciousness and promote political representation and mediation through **structured political parties**.
4. Engage in a **process of dialogue that should lead to a national development project and promote social construction**.
5. Demonstrate **transparency** in various public processes by strengthening legislation and practices that encourage adherence to procurement standards and accountability.
6. Take realistic measures to ensure the **practical inclusion of the diaspora in the development of the country**.

**Law and Justice**

1. **Make justice operational and independent** through the adoption of a series of specific measures, among others, the rational allocation of adequate budgetary, material and human resources, the assurance of the independence of the judicial system, the fight against prolonged preventive detention, an overhaul of the state civil system, etc.
2. Contribute the **necessary reforms to the body of Haitian legal texts**, particularly on the topics of land / border, taxation, etc.

**Public Security and National Defense**

1. **Strengthen the policing structures (PNH and FAD'H)** by providing them with the legal framework and the necessary resources to accomplish their mission for the benefit of the population.
2. **Promote a safe and secure environment** by solving the problem of illegal weapons, eradicating armed groups and improving relations between the police and the judiciary systems.

**Economic and Industry**

1. **Promote national production** through the responsible and sustainable use of natural resources and manufacturing by promoting national investment while attracting foreign capital.
2. Implement a structure of **access to credit** so as to support national production and employment.

### *Agriculture and Land Resource Management*

1. Develop a **general policy for rural communities** taking into account the needs of youth in terms of employment and entrepreneurship in agriculture and other sectors
2. Take back the leadership of the agricultural sector by preparing a **strategic plan defining agricultural priorities** with practical operationalization. Among the actions of this plan, it would be necessary to develop productive sectors focused on local consumption and exports and to strengthen family farming and compliment it with agribusiness. The ultimate goal is to effectively **achieve food security for the Haitian population**.
3. **Increase the agricultural budget to 15% of the minimum national budget** [FAO recommends 20%], particularly by drawing resources from other sectors such as the mining sector for example. At the farmer level, facilitate access to various resources (credit, inputs, techniques and technologies).
4. **Focus on rural infrastructure** (hydro-agricultural / roads, machinery for processing, electricity).
5. Create an **environment conducive to private agricultural investment** and encourage **diverse public-private partnerships**.
6. Strengthen **fishing and aquaculture** and practically improve management of **livestock**.

### *Social Affaires and Human Relations*

1. **Communicate effectively** with all people and **demonstrate transparency and open collaboration** to set an example of strong human relationships.

### *Territorial planning, Infrastructure and Services*

1. Update the **land management (territorial planning) strategy document**
2. **Effectively manage and govern the building of infrastructure** in Haiti by ensuring the scrupulous application of the construction code and laws on urbanization while **rebalancing the distribution of infrastructure** throughout the territory.
3. Exercise **leadership in the public transport sector** by structuring public transport (air, land and sea) through policy measures and public investments towards guaranteeing the general safety of public transportation.
4. **Effectively manage the WASH sector** by ensuring respect to regulations of water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure.
5. Demonstrate **intelligent leadership in the energy and telecommunications** sector by transforming the available renewable natural resources into electrical energy, ration and control hydrocarbon, and strengthen the policies of the telecommunications systems and **new information and communication technologies**.

**Environment**

1. Adopt a **national reforestation policy** to increase forest and plant cover.
2. Increase the **maintenance and environmental protection structures** at the national level, develop an environmental policing system, an effective waste management policy, the management of mines and quarries, a sustainable recycling system, and outline a set of protected areas and natural parks, etc.

**Disaster Risk Reduction**

1. Create the legal framework to **regularize the SNGRD (National Risk and Disaster Management System)** and ensure, among other things, the structures and resources that will make it functional through the involvement of local authorities as well as training, awareness raising and citizen participation.

**Culture ad Civism**

1. Value both **local and intangible Haitian resources** towards sustainable development.

### **3. OUR COMMITMENT – PRACTICAL ACTIONS THAT THE CHURCH WILL IMPLEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS DREAM**

Below is a summary of the commitments taken by the church in Haiti:

*(For the exhaustive list of commitments, please refer to the full document)*

**General Commitments**

1. Use the convening power of our churches, their training structures, preaching, their theological seminars and their community media networks to **promote positive values** and formation in relation to the 13 themes considered and to influence members to be **responsible citizens**.
2. Use the local, regional and national structures of churches to conduct **consistent advocacy** activities towards the Haitian government on the specific recommendations related to the 13 themes considered.
3. Promote **social solidarity initiatives** (mutual insurance, assistance fund) in order to strengthen the financial autonomy of families.

**Health**

1. **Extend and improve the quality of our (church based health institutions) health coverage** by aligning and complying our interventions and practices with the policies of the Ministry of Health.

**Education**

1. Ensure **literacy in congregations** nationwide by 2030.
2. Work to improve the **quality of education offered by Protestant schools** from the point of view of physical infrastructure, training/formation of teachers and staff and development of pedagogical material, **promoting professional formation** within our churches, missions and organizations.

**Family, children, youth and sports**

1. Develop, strengthen and promote a **“family ministry”** within our congregations to help families play their role and ensure the protection and development of children and youth.

**Governance**

1. Develop a culture of **good governance** within our congregations to set an example to follow, as our leaders embody positive values and encourage participation and inclusion.

**Law and Justice**

1. Provide assistance at the **civil state level** by ensuring that all our children within the congregations have their birth certificate and, upon reaching adulthood, their identification documents.
2. Within our congregations, **strengthen and support the ministry to prisoners through increased/improved visits and assistance.**

**Public Security and National Defense**

1. Within church communities, **facilitate a community dialogue** towards strengthening social cohesion and preventing community violence.
2. Provide **spiritual and psychosocial support** to national policing agents in our congregations (PNH and FAD'H)

**Economy and Industry**

1. **Set an example of accountability and transparency** by cleaning up the finances of our churches and reporting regularly to our congregations.

**Agriculture and Land Resource Management**

1. Promote **school gardens and church gardens** in our christian institutions.



**Social Affairs and Human Relations**

1. Show the **example of unity in diversity**, by strengthening collaboration between the different structures of the Church at national, regional and local levels.
2. Strengthen the structures and internal processes that **promote teamwork, solidarity and social education** like board committees, womens' groups, men's groups, youth groups, choirs, etc.
3. Focus preaching on **strengthening human relationships** and **social justice** as an integral part of Christian ethics and doctrine.
4. **Promote within the churches a culture of protection and safeguarding** for vulnerable people and adapt the infrastructure of our churches to ensure accessibility for physically vulnerable people.

**Territorial planning, Infrastructure and Services**

1. Promote within our churches, associations and families the **adherence to standards and norms of earthquake-resistant and hurricane-resistant construction**.
2. **Adapt church infrastructure** to respond to the needs of physically vulnerable people and to have these institutions serve as disaster response support systems in communities (shelters, etc)

**Environment**

1. Be the **example of good environmental stewardship** in church institutions and in the communities where it is present through actions aimed at promoting cleanliness and safeguarding the environment.

**Disaster Risk Reduction**

1. Promote within the churches, a **culture of disaster risk management**.
2. Support and equip church institutions to **prepare and respond to disasters** in communities **in a coordinated manner**.

**Culture and Civism**

1. **Support and coach young artists** in our congregations in all aspects of art.

#### **4. CONCLUSION – COMMITMENT TO REPENTANCE, PRAYER AND ACTION**

We dream of a country different from the one we have today. We dream of a country where the fundamental rights of citizens are respected, where everyone has a job or a profession to which they devote themselves diligently, where families are not broken by emigration, where children go to school, where everyone has enough to eat, where children and young people are safe and where love, justice and tolerance are accepted. We want to appeal to everyone's conscience today. Now is the time for awareness, both individually and collectively. "Let's be the change we want for the country! "Now is the time for action, we can no longer suffer from standing idly by. Pay our taxes, refuse to throw our garbage in the streets, vote with our heads, respect our leaders, be positive in our words, stop cursing our country by saying that it is lost, use courtesy to others, say thank you every day to the Lord for this beautiful piece of land that He gifted to us. Let's be that change at home, in our neighborhoods and churches, in our workplaces and everywhere. It is then that we will rebuild the Haiti that we claim and to which we are entitled!

We submit these recommendations to make this dream a reality and we take the engagements to begin to build this Haiti we dream of!

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