

# **Sharlene Warner Samuel**



*Independent Candidate  
for the  
St. Peter's Constituency  
2004 General Elections*

*We're not trying to run a country  
We're just taking back our constituency.  
So be Informed and Educated  
Through these manifestations of the Dedicated.*



**VOTE  
For**

**SHARLENE WARNER SAMUEL**

## Preamble

"Today we stand on the threshold of a new era in our political, social and economic life." (ALP Manifesto 1965)

How fitting these words are for the constituency of St. Peter today. For the first time in St. Peter's, history will reveal and the record will show that four (4) candidates have shown interest in becoming its Parliamentary Representative. However, I would like to open your eyes to my findings when one of the candidates wins the seat in this constituency.

Name of Candidate	From St. Peter	Living in St. Peter	Registered in St. Peter	1st Middle Eastern Descendent	1st Female	I" Independent	lit UPP Candidate
Massiah					X		X
Michael				X			
Warner Samuel	X	X	X		X	X	
Weston	X	X	X			X	

History will be created by the candidate who polls the most votes. The choice is yours! I have, however, the confidence - by your free choice and willing vote - that you will vote for the grass-root candidate who has rubbed shoulders with you in the class room, at juvenile meetings, on the playing field, in community affairs, and also at church.

*Your vote should be for:*

## WARNER SAMUEL, SHARLENE

*A person you know very well.*

I have helped to educate some of you and your children by teaching in day school and church school, as well as training you to play and march to the sound of drums - an inheritance I acquired from my mother who taught you many skills, skits and songs.

You the constituents can achieve a great deal with an independent candidate as your representative! The structure that I am proposing places power directly into the hands of the people who will ultimately become the conscience of the Parliamentary Representative.

The older folks will remember that when unions held regular section-meetings the people had the power to choose their representative and they were free to let him know whether or not they were satisfied with his performance. The people then gave authority - not power - to the representative because power belonged to the people. They gave authority!

Things have since changed and the power now rests in the hands of the Parliamentarians who appear to be more committed to their Parliamentary position than to their Representative mission.

My people, never forget that, "Power arises when authority breaks down." We cannot turn back the hands of time, but we can put structures in place to ensure that no one person dominates. We must never forget that the organisation is bigger than anyone person and that loyalty to an organisation is not the same as loyalty to the organiser. As human beings we need to be kept 'in-check' because it is our nature to forget that we are not God.

So, it is time for us, the people of St. Peter, to take back our constituency, to refuse to be torn apart by those who like to play politics. It is time to do what is best for our children and our children's children. As the saying goes, "we do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children". In other words we are expected to hold the land in I trust for our children.

## Proposal

We cannot go back to what was, but we can modify what we have to make it applicable for today. This is my proposed structure for the constituency of St. Peter:

1. The St. Peter's Constituency Development Council (CDC) be formed.
2. The areas comprising the constituency be sectionised or zoned.
  3. Each section/zone be represented on the council according to its population – proportionate representation.

There are areas or zones where community groups have already been formed - e.g. Parham, Vernon's Development, Fitches Creek, Paynters. These groups will play a vital role in the formation of the council. However, where no community groups exist, provision will be made to institute such so that the St. Peter's CDC can effectively cater to the needs of the entire constituency.

Therefore, in reality, a vote for Sharlene Warner Samuel is a vote for our constituency. Remember, we're not trying to run a country, we're just taking back our constituency.

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I do not purport to have all the answers for the upliftment and advancement of the St. Peter's Constituency. However, through the St. Peter's CDC, the knowledge, skills, experience, and expertise of the constituents combined will improve our present state and make it a place of which we can be justly proud.

Some areas of concern which the CDC will be faced with are:

1. Community Development: Day Care, Preschool, Senior Citizens Home/Day Care Centre, Street lights, Roads.
2. **Education & Culture:** Training for specific jobs, career guidance, dramatic and choral presentations, adult education
3. **Agriculture & Fisheries:** (a) Sort and cultivate crops suitable to St. Peter's soil and climate. (b) Encourage the rearing of livestock as a business. (c) Market the products and by-products of the sea.
4. **Tourism:** Seek out historical places in the constituency - e.g., estates, landmarks, churches, theatres, etc. - and upgrade them to major tourist attractions.
5. **Human Resource:** Developing healthful and productive activities for our youth. Teach parents that 'prevention is better than cure' by introducing parenting skills as a preventative rather than rehabilitative method of child nurturing.
6. **Religion:** Uniformed bodies/Organisations such as Boys' & Girls' Brigade, Pathfinders, Mothers' Union, Choirs, etc. will be encouraged to expand their activities.

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Some women from St. Peter who have made history through the ages:

- **Mary Allen & Bessie:** Slave women who kept the doors of the Methodist Church open for years without an ordained minister. They lived at the Gilberts Estate, 1760 - 1782.
- **Senator Hilda Huggins:** The 1st Antiguan Woman to be nominated to the West Indies Federation Parliament, 1959 - 1962.
- **Senator Mildred Browne Bailey:** The 1st Antiguan woman to be nominated to the Antigua Senate after Independence in 1981.

There are other women who have worked hard but have never received a title - such as the late Vera Benjamin. It is my intention, if elected, to make sure that women are recognised for their exceptional contributions.

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**Symbol**

*A double cross on an anchor.*

The double cross represents my two-fold mission to:

- (1) My God, and
- (2) My people.

The anchor represents stability, strength, and steadfastness.

The colours:

Black: Represents our Black Race.

Brown: Represents the different skin complexions of our people.

Grey: Reminds us of those who led the way and have now gone beyond the grave

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“ May God guide & protect us as we endeavour to take  
back our constituency”