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Minister Cox meets with members of the Christian Council of Trinidad and Tobago

Port of Spain - Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox, received a courtesy call from representatives of the Christian Council of Trinidad and Tobago (CCTT) and the Christian Council of San Fernando (CCSF) on Tuesday November 12, 2024 at the Ministry's Head Office on St. Vincent Street, Port of Spain. The visit sought to explore potential collaborative efforts between the Ministry and Faith Based Organisations, to share information as well as to identify issues and challenges faced.

During the meeting, Minister Cox emphasized the Ministry's commitment to providing social support services to help and empower vulnerable persons and families throughout Trinidad and Tobago. She stated that the church plays an integral role in the provision of guidance to the community and it should work with the Ministry to ensure that the necessary help is delivered.

Minister Cox noted that the Ministry does much more than providing grants to the poor and vulnerable, as she shared a number of the Ministry's programmes, including the parenting and grand parenting programmes, as well as counselling and social service support provided to families in need.

For their part, CCTT member Apostle Terrence Honore stated that the churches need to be empowered through capacity building in order to provide the necessary support to the Ministry. He stated that the church has evolved to see its mission go beyond the walls of buildings. He further stated that the church can use the services provided by the Ministry to reach the people where they are.

Both parties expressed their eagerness to collaborate in ways that will assist this critical vulnerable group to be assisted, transformed and empowered.

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***Caption:** Minister Cox listens intently as Apostle Terrence Honore of the Christian Council of Trinidad and Tobago (r) speaks on the ways the church can help in addressing the social issues faced by this country*



***Caption:** Minister Cox and members of the Christian Council of Trinidad and Tobago pray for the country.*