

Good Evening

It is an honour and privilege to have his excellency  
H. E. Damian Roderic Tood.....

It is with great pleasure that I stand here this evening and welcome you as new president of the Providenciales Chamber of Commerce.

In thinking of what I wanted to convey to you tonight, my thoughts kept coming back to one word...Hope.

I have so much hope for our beloved Turks & Caicos Islands. I hope that we have the ability as a country to move ourselves out of these tough economic times. I hold out hope that we as chamber will bring

together all the elements necessary to bring us back to the levels of prosperity we strive to achieve.

We have hope here in the TCI because we have so much to offer. While we maybe at the crossroads of our future, we now have to decide which road to take. Do we take the road less traveled or forge a new pathway to prosperity?

My hope is for prosperity.

We have to get back to the basics; honesty, integrity, accountability and just good common sense.

My hope is that we find them.

There is a saying here in our Islands that “leave it to God, he will provide.”

I am saying that he has provided.

He has provided us with our minds, healthy bodies and core Christian values. My hope is that we put them to use.

Our organization is only as strong as our members and it is heartening to see all of you here tonight. I look forward to an exciting year ahead where we can strengthen the base that has been laid as the business organization of the Turks & Caicos Islands.

Plans are underway to start new initiatives and partnerships to bring real value to you as a member.

We will be a proactive and open chamber as befits us as the “mouthpiece” of the business community.

It is my hope that you join us in these pursuits.

Thank you and enjoy the evening.