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**MINISTRY OF TOURISM PROUDLY SUPPORTS TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOSPEL
MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023**

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts (MTCA) is a proud supporter of Trinidad and Tobago's Gospel Music Industry, having given over \$100,000 in sponsorships to Celian Group in support of this year's Trinidad and Tobago Gospel Music Festival. Ministry representatives were pleased to join in celebrating the official opening of the festival earlier today (April 27, 2023) at the Government Plaza, Port of Spain.

In her remarks, Ms Kendy Jean, Senior Legal Officer of the MTCA, spoke to Trinidad and Tobago's desire to position itself as the cultural capital of the region. She reiterated the Ministry's commitment to championing this thrust. Ms Jean told the audience that, "We at the Ministry are pleased to support this International Gospel Festival. We hope that the upcoming events will place Trinidad and Tobago as a forerunner in embracing Gospel Festivals, and will open up opportunities for our gospel artistes to present their music to local, regional and international audiences."

The Gospel Festival takes place from April 27 – 30, 2023 and has attracted regional and international visitors from St. Vincent, Guyana and North America. The four-day festival kicked off with a Music Business Summit and continues with Exalt - The Worship Experience; iRep Christ Concert; and the Gospel Music Awards of Trinidad and Tobago (GMATT).

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts continues to invest in the development of event tourism in Trinidad and Tobago, and the export of the works of our local artistes to global audiences. We congratulate Celian Group on hosting the weekend of festivities and invite the nation to participate in this celebration of music, culture and the positive contributions made by our nation's youth through gospel music.

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