

CONTENDING FOR DOMINICA

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Mr. Nicholas George,
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Dear Mr. George,

It is with grace that I submit this letter to decree my resignation as a member of the United Workers Party. (the Party).

On November 26, 2013 I officially became a member of the United Workers Party, two years after being admitted to the Bar, and less than a year after opening my private law practice. I was also married with two minor children aged four (4) and two (2) years old.

I joined the said Party committed to helping make Dominica a better place for job opportunities, youth empowerment, environmental protection, family happiness, small business growth, sports and agricultural modernization, health protection, opportunity and prosperity for all, public services improvements, attacking inequalities, national wellness, and sustainable economic development amongst others.

I had also hoped to contribute in the reconstruction of the Party so that it could expand its appeal to younger voters, attract more women, and to embrace and reflect the multiplicity of the communities we sought to represent.

In the 2014, election I/we tasted immediate success, creating shock waves when I upended and retired the then deputy leader of the incumbent Dominica Labour Party. I was promoted by popular support to the position of deputy leader of the United Workers Party.

Then in 2016, my life became embroiled in an evil loop and the Party wrongfully sought my political destruction. At a special delegate conference on Sunday April 24, 2016 at the Mahaut Community Center, I was embarrassingly booted out as deputy leader of the Party.

Nonetheless I persevered with the Party, was reinstated as Deputy Leader, and in 2019 I unsuccessfully contested the Roseau South constituency. My political defeat resulted not only by my personal blunders, the machinations of the Dominica Labour Party,

but manifested problems and errors within the United Workers Party, some of which are yet to be adequately addressed.

The public disclosure of utterances made in a private conversation, gone viral led the Party's General Council to suspend me for six months in the first instance-from November 8, 2021. The Party met several months thereafter to decide on my membership. My understanding is that all the delegates less three (3) Senior Members of the Party voted in favour of lifting my suspension. In view of the circumstances, by operation of law, I ought to have been served with a notice informing that the said suspension was dissolved, but several months since then I have not been reinstated.

Clearly certain senior Members of the Party do not want me as a Member of the Party, consistent with several efforts to expel me from what is now perceived by many as "their Party".

In most recent times after hearing about the manner in which the Party handled its nomination for the delegate conference of 2022, and the confusing messaging in respect to the impending December 6, 2022 general election, I felt that this was the final straw.

The Party's posture and direction have become increasingly difficult to accommodate me, consequently after much deliberations, meditation and reflection, I have concluded that the Party does not reflect my values, ideologies, visions and beliefs, qualities which resonate with thousands of Dominicans both here and abroad.

The United Workers Party has distance itself from its very own foundational principles and appears stubborn in resisting reformation, hence causing us to go in opposite direction. I am particularly saddened even whilst constructing this letter, for the supporters of the Party who have been investing in a losing culture, and being marginalized for so long, it is time they taste victory and relief!

I am therefore left without a choice, but to sever all relationships with the United Workers Party. It is therefore with immediate effect that I am no longer an agent and/or Member of the United Workers Party.

I would like to thank all those who have embraced me and worked alongside with me within the United Workers Party, constituencies and Dominica by extension, I am grateful!

I sincerely wish the Party well, hoping that the Party can work constructively in adding value to the life of its Members and Dominica on a whole, for our country merits better.

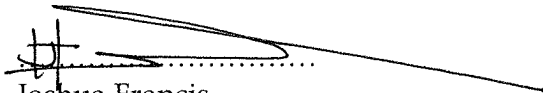
I firmly believe that Dominica urgently requires a new direction, a modern political engineering and improved socio-economic paths. In light of the aforesaid, I hastily take my Almighty God given talents most likely into a new and fresh entity to further my contribution to Dominica and our people. I envision a new and refreshed Dominica grounded on a broad perspective of purpose.

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May the Almighty God bless you, and the people of Dominica.

Yours sincerely,



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