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TCC, JPC Expand Partnership into Leeward Counties

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The Carter Center (TCC) and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission (JPC) have concluded discussions on plans to expand their partnership into three

offices is a 30-minute walk.

"Some clients travel great distances to reach the JPC office or visit the JPC, while traveling to the provincial capital for one reason or another, but the vast majority of clients live in the provincial



(L-R) Cllr. Reeves, Toe and Tom Crick

leeward counties, namely, Bong, Nimba and Lofa.

At a joint press conference yesterday at TCC head offices at Mamba Point in Monrovia, JPC Executive Director Cllr. Augustine Toe and TCC Associate Director for Conflict Resolution, Thomas K. Crick, explained, among other things, that under the new expanded program, two JPC monitors assigned to each of the three counties would be given basic legal knowledge.

The legal knowledge, according to Cllr. Toe, will empower the monitors to serve as community legal advisors.

Also, Cllr. Toe said the Southeast, which is under the JPC's Cape Palmas Diocese office, was considering the introduction of mobile legal clinics, wherein JPC monitors would travel from village to village at a time to hear cases there and offer advise where necessary.

According to the JPC Boss, the JPC case records show that the median distance of a client's home from the JPC nearby

capital alongside the JPC office. This illustration of the narrow scope of our outreach demonstrates the value in traveling to outlying areas with mobile teams," Cllr. Toe stated.

Meanwhile, Cllr. Toe has expressed JPC's gratitude to TCC, through its project manager, John Hummel, for the confidence in the ability and integrity of the JPC for 'this high level of partnership'.

"We also want to extend our thanks and appreciation to our regional coordinator in the Southeast, Thomas B. Mawolo, and his staff for the sacrifice made over the years to bring hope to the people's rights that were violated in the Southeast. We know and understand that Mr. Mawolo and his staff are working under difficult conditions. However, they are manifesting the hope of the Catholic Church of Liberia in bringing hope to the hopeless, joy to the downhearted and above all, peace to the children of God," Cllr. concluded to a round of applause.

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