

YMCA d'Haïti January 12, 2011

This report is dedicated to all the YMCAs and persons who helped us survive all these horrible tragedies in 2010.

Gwénaël Apollon



Gallery of guests



Commemorative Plate

On this day YMCA d'Haïti commemorates the anniversary of the January 12th, 2010 earthquake by dedicating a plate in memory of the deceased and by honoring the first recipient of YMCA d'Haïti peace medal recipient, Professor Rodelin Charles.



Certificat & Médaille



Members of our committees national and regional, Kalisma Alayon from New York YMCA, staff and YMCA members were with us on this special morning where we all pray, sing, read appropriate texts and messages and give a certificate and a peace medallion to Professor

Rodelin Charles, a 72-year Community organizer who has been very helpful to the YMCA and his community.

It was a moving ceremony where Haiti national anthem and YMCA d'Haiti theme song were interpreted by the Y teen choral. The reflex ions were around John Vers.23 « That we all may be one». Three speeches from our board chair, the General Secretary and our Peace medallion recipient complete the ceremony.



Professor Rodelin Charles is 72 years old and he continues to teach at the very school he began teaching at 19 years old while he completed University. At an age where everyone is enjoying a retirement, he is serving others. He was chosen by our committee because of his devoted passion to help others in these many national and international communities where he leaved for the last 53 years. He has been and still is a strong human right advocate, that passion for justice and truth pushed him towards the jails of Dictator Francois Duvalier in 1968 and a 22 year-exile in Kinshasa and Congo where he continued to teach until his return in Haiti in 1998.

Professor Charles said he refused to retire, because he felt he did not give enough back to Haiti and Haitians from what he received from the country He never hesitates to help YMCA d'Haiti with his very precious advices, his time, his knowledge and wisdom whenever it is necessary and especially when the Y first started to offer community services in 2000. For all these reasons, since yesterday, Professor Charles is part of our Peace medallion selection committee to help choose the 2011 candidates.

YMCA d'Haiti thinks sincerely Zane Kory, Moncton YMCA ,Director, Rick Mc Daniel, Fredericton YMCA Program Manager and Social Development and Peace medallion Concept or and designer, Silke Brabander, Fredericton YMCA Director, employment Central and Bennie Hodkin



from Quebec YMCAs for the help giving in the process.

YMCA d'Haiti Youth Choral