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## **Asili and Afao CCCAS Chapel Dedication Ceremony**

The Asili and Afao Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa (CCCAS) Fetu o le Ola celebrated the completion of their new church which was attended by the Honorable Governor Lemanu P.S. Mauga, Speaker of the House, Honorable Savali Talavou Ale, ASG Directors, church leaders, choirs and congregation members. The program began with the Director of Public Works Faleosina Voigt presenting the "Certificate of Occupancy" to Reverend Lisi Thompson of Asili CCCAS indicating the completion of the premises. This was followed by the handing over of the church keys by Lumana'i Builders (who were the contractors) to Reverend Thompson. The doors were opened for the first time and the esteemed CCCAS and government leaders had the opportunity to enter and view the CCCAS Fetu o le Ola Church before the dedication service commenced.

During the service a report on the construction was given by the church committee where they stated that construction began in April 2023 and concluded in December the same year. The committee expressed their gratitude to their Spiritual Father, Reverend Thompson who was at the forefront of initiating various fundraisers each month and gave a special thank you to all the individuals and families that contributed to their cause.

Honorable Governor Lemanu spoke on behalf of the American Samoa Government to convey his appreciation to Fetu o le Ola CCCAS for inviting him to this memorable occasion. Governor Lemanu in his remarks thanked the church for their dedication to complete the work although it was tough, they persevered to get the job done. "May this be a challenge to all the congregations, to build churches and develop communities" Governor Lemanu was speaking regarding his appreciation of villages being able to build churches and develop communities for a brighter future for American Samoa.

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