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Manu'a Islands 120th Cession Day Church Service

The Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa (CCCAS) Ta'u "Malamalama O le Lalolagi" was packed for the service commemorating the 120th Cession Day celebrations of the Manu'a Islands. Among the dignitaries in attendance were Honorable Governor Lemanu Peleti Mauga, Lt. Governor La'apui E. V. Ale, Cabinet Members, Vice Speaker of the Fono Fetui Fetu Jr., Members of the Fono, and Samoa Consular General Fata Brian Kaio. This memorable occasion brought together the communities of Ta'u, Ofu, and Olosega to mark 120 years since the signing of the Deed of Cession with the United States.

The church service was led by Reverend Elder Iosefa Autele, with hymns sung by CCCAS choirs from Fitiuta, Faleasao, Ta'u, and Ofu. Reverend Elder Ierome Taii delivered the sermon, emphasizing how God's blessings are evident in our lives as families, communities, and as a unified whole. "We see God's hand in our unity and may He bless the Manu'a Islands' 120th Cession celebrations," concluded Reverend Taii.

In his remarks, Reverend Elder Autele added, "A community that works together hand in hand will prosper." He emphasized that with God at the forefront, every community striving together can achieve their goals and receive blessings. Reverend Autele also extended his wishes for a joyful 120th Cession Anniversary to Manu'a.

As a highlight and to end the church service, youth groups were given the opportunity to perform gospel dances to show their appreciation to our Heavenly Father for Manu'a 120 years since signing the Deed of Cession and to assist in celebrating Manu'a Flag Day. A total of five church groups performed from Faleasao Youth, Fitiuta Youth, AOG Fitiuta Youth, Ofu Youth and Ta'u Youth.

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