

*Remarks for the  
Greater Mount Calvary Community Development Corporation  
July 25, 2002*

Reverend Cameron, it is an honor to be here with you this morning to celebrate the grand opening of the Greater Mount Calvary Community Development Corporation.

Yesterday at the Capitol, we presented the first annual Governor's Communities of Excellence Awards. As you would expect, it was a celebration of what communities are all about – the partnership, the friendship and the commitment to building a better life for ourselves and for others.

It's been said that "without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community." Since its beginning in a store on Lynch Street 86 years ago, Greater Mount Calvary has cared for the community around it as well as its own community of faith.

This Community Development Corporation we celebrate today continues the tradition begun in that storefront long ago. With your dedication to the rebirth of the west Jackson area, I'm confident we will see a strong resurgence in business, housing, and education.

Because of the leadership you have shown over the years, in your church and your community, we are seeing a new beginning here today. The great baseball player Satchel Paige once said that “you shouldn’t pray when it rains if you don’t pray when the sun shines.”

You’ve been praying in the sunshine for nearly 90 years, and this community is the better for it. Reverend Cameron, I appreciate what you and the rest of these good people are doing. Your sense of caring is building a sense of community in west Jackson. Thank you.