

Steelband in the Presbyterian Church

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THE Susamachar Presbyterian Church in San Fernando now has a resident steelband.

It was launched yesterday by Rev Joy Abdul, minister of the church.

Following the launching and dedication of the 12-member band headed by Wayne Polliah, the Susamachar Presbyterian Church Steel Orchestra (SPCSO) played "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" which was loudly applauded by the congregation.

Rev Abdul told the congregation: "To have a resident band in the church was one of my dreams. At one time I thought the local board would throw me out if I introduced steelband music, but the introduction of the national instrument is now welcome by all members of the church."

Also attending the service were members of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation of Pleasantville, led by its founder Dr Harry Collymore.

The foundation is now celebrating its 32nd year in Trinidad.