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GREETINGS:

Great is God Faithfulness unto us oh Lord:

Rev. Dr. John G. Innis, Presiding Bishop of the Liberia area, LAC/UMC, Father Rudolph Merab, Conference Lay Leader, my colleagues in the household of faith, Christian Brothers and Sisters: I greet you in the name of God the Father, son, and Holy Spirit. I bring you greetings from the Officers and Members of the Grand Bassa District Conference LAC/UMC, from my children and in my own name. To God be the Glory.

We started the incubator system listening, learning and leading which leads to congregational transformation, for the second coming of Jesus Christ, by recovering our Mission's mandate and helping to make disciples for Jesus Christ. By doing so, we have moved some of our congregations from bad to good and from good to best. Examples: Mount Zion, Nahn Town, First Church, Bethany, and J. C. Bernard UMCs are growing not only in finances but also in their membership and attendance to Church activities like Bible study, Sunday school, Prayer sections, regular services, etc.

As a mandate from Bishop to have workshops and teach the United Methodist discipline and the scriptures more often to all United Methodists, we without hesitation went about doing so; we have done it and joined the St. John River District and held a workshop with the Operation Classroom in addition to the specific points stated, Alcohol abuse, HIV/AIDS among other things were discussed. It was very educational and the pastors were all accompanied by their wives at the workshop.

ADMINISTRATION:

This year we had a successful District Conference. Bishop John G. Innis one of the Grand Bassa District older Elder opened the 171st Annual Session and the 178th Anniversary held with the Bethany UMC, Korkorwein in Buchanan. It was rewarding to listen to the beautiful message he preached taken from the book of Lamentation 3:22 – 27 under the theme "Great is God Faithfulness unto us Oh Lord". We also had Rev. Momoh S. Kpaan who served as the noon day speaker. These two speakers helped to calm the situation that was on the district and Bishop Innis through his leadership handled the matter beautifully during the Bishop's Hour.

During the period under review, there were two workshops held for Clergy and laity respectively to improve the District members' knowledge on Methodism. Each workshop discussed the Discipline and the function of the United Methodist Church. Participants of the workshop were encouraged to return to their local Churches and teach others what they have learned that by enlightening more Methodist of the role of the Church and our individual responsibilities.

All reports from the various Churches were made at the charge Conference, Communion was served at the shoes of each charge Conference we have baptized 25 converts during charge Conferences every first Sunday in all local churches on the district. From what we gather from reports made the inactive members were more than active member but through the workshops, prayer meetings, bible studies, etc. we can boast that 2/3 of the inactive member have returned.

EDUCATION:

We are proud to inform you that educational level of members of the Grand Bassa District is improving. Out of first five students sent to the United Methodist University in Monrovia one graduated in person of Bro. Paye Denia from Mt. Zion UMC. He got a B Sc. Degree in General Science in August of 2011. The other person is Bro. Clarence L. Benson from the Thomas J. King who graduated from the African University in Zimbabwe with his degree in Theology last June. While schooling in foreign land, Bro. Clarence Benson performed excellently and was elected and installed president of the Student Council of the African University (AU).

Based on that, he was granted a scholarship to go to Norway to pursue further studies. We would like to as a Conference congratulate these individuals on their achievements. Further appreciation was given to Bro. Paye Denia by the District. He insisted on having the presence of the District at his graduation. The District went to the extent of transporting the District Superintendent to and from Monrovia to attend this occasion.

At the W. P. L. Brumskine School, the District has ten (10) students from first (1st) to twelve (12th) grades on the District Superintendent's scholarship. Whatever is raised during the District Superintendent's appreciation goes towards the Superintendent's scholarship program. This has established two schools in the No. 2 areas namely: Palapolue and Nahn's Town UMC.

Presently, at the United Methodist University, additional five (5) students have been sent for studies in various disciplines.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

For the past three (3) years, we have not heard from our foreign partners overseas. This year, the Ann Arbor District of the IGRC has changed representative assigned to our District and the new person is Rev. Edith Wiarda. This woman has arrived and visits Grand Bassa District.

PROJECTS:

We have earmarked a District Headquarters to be built since we came on board. This year we have started the headquarters with the help of Bro. Charles Johnstone who donated two (2) lots of land to the District, surveyed and deeded and we have the deed in our possession.

The clinic of Palapolue is almost completed and with the help of the Education Department, we will soon have a professional nurse – Bro. Mulbah Kermo to operate the clinic. Bro. Jonathan Kaipay, the Director of CODEVPRO has guaranteed the District that this year the clinic will be completed and opened. The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare has caught the vision and is working along with CODEVPRO to assign a doctor there.

RECONSTRUCTION:

It is regrettable that our buildings in Harrisville, Fortsville and Mt. Zion UMC will be taken down for the extension of the highway leading to Buchanan.

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the District is six thousand one hundred (6,100) persons. Below is a breakdown:

• Women	1,800
• Men	1,500
• Young Adult	1,000
• Youth	800
• Children	1,000
TOTAL	6,100

CONCLUSION:

Hats off to you Bishop, for the able manner you settled the problems that the Grand Bassa District had. My heartfelt appreciation goes to Rev. Barcon Borbor, Rev. Fredrick Simbo, Rev. Lattie V. Mah, Rev. Julia Garber for the level of support they rendered the District this Conference year.

My thanks and appreciation also goes ^{to} the office secretary and my children.

To God be the glory great things He has done.

Respectfully Submitted



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