

**REPORT OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
NANA KRU DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

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Greetings:

The Rev. Dr. John G. Innis, Resident Bishop of the Liberia Area, The United Methodist Church, Conference Lay Leader, Director on Connectional Ministries and other official of the Liberia Annual Conference, my colleague District Superintendents, our Guest Speaker and Members of our international guests, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

May I greet you on behalf of my wife Mary and children and also the entire membership of the Nana Kru District in the gracious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Introduction:

Bishop and members of the Conference, I am always grateful to God whenever, I stand in the midst of this great multitude to give an account of my stewardship during the period under review. And we appreciate God for this opportunity.

Administration:

There is a cordial working environment between the members and the District Superintendent throughout the length and breadth of the District. All of our Charge Conferences, District meetings, at which time major decisions are taken for the District, were held successfully.

Besides, these Charge Conferences and meetings, our District Conference which is a major event that brings people from the broader spectrum of the District even beyond its borders was well attended. We were also honored by the present of Sis. Ida A. Reeves and Bro. Yeanah who represented their respective department of the Liberia Annual Conference. The Human Rights Monitor and the Department of Health. We would like to thank Bro. Jefferson Knight and Sis. Victoria Tomah for their moral and spiritual support to the District.

Membership

The membership of the district has grown from three thousand two hundred sixteen (3,216) to four thousand six hundred and eighty (4,680). This has been the result of our vigorous evangelistic campaign and tireless visitation made by your humble servant to every community where our local Churches are located.

God's Power Week Workshop

We are pleased to report to this Conference that for the first time in the history of Nana Kru, the LAC God's Power Week celebration was held with Sinoe and Nana Kru Districts. However, Nana Kru District was selected as the venue for the activities. At that workshop a film show of Jesus Christ speaking in the Kru vernacular was displayed. As a result, many persons came forward and received the Lord as their personal Savior.

One hundred and ten (110) persons, including children and adults were baptized,. We commended Rev. Isaac C. Padmore, Conference Secretary and members of his team, including Rev. Hinosea Hinneh, Rev. Dorothy McCauley, Pastor Princess Knuckles, Bro. Alex Commonbine, and Bro. Eric Gray for making a difference.

Besides, the God's Power Week activities, 62 converts were received into The United Methodist Church; while 33 persons were confirmed as members of the UMC; bringing the total number of person received during the reporting period to 255.

Sister Districts Relationship

Despite the retirement of Rev. Peggy Paige of the Blue Water district of the Detroit Annual Conference and Rev. Dr. J. Keith Zimmerman of the Vermilion River district, Illinois Great River Conference, the chain of leadership from the two newly appointed District Superintendent remains active.

Rev. Joanna Bartelt of the Blue Water District and Rev. Leah Pogemiller of the Vermilion River District are still in touch with us. As a result of this partnership good things are always taking place in the Nana Kru District.

Conference Board of Pension

During the period under review, Mr. Paul Dirdah from the Global Ministries and Rev. Dr. G. Solomon Gueh visited Sinoe and Nana Kru Districts in order to regularize the status of our retire pastors and widows in these two districts. However, the team was very pleased with the level of progress made by the two district superintendents when Mr. Dirdah and Rev. Dr. Gueh interacted with the retirees at the meeting.

In addition, the Conference board of Pension office has paid out the four quarters to our retired pastors and widows in 2011.

Gift for Pastors

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Bishop on behalf of the pastors for the amount of eight hundred and ten United States Dollars (US\$810.00) from our sister district, of the IGRC through his office. This amount was received between February to December of the period under review. And it has already been disbursed among the pastors.

Scholarship:

Bishop and members of the Conference, though we received one hundred and sixteen United States dollars (US\$116.00) for scholarship from our sister district during the period under review, but we are grateful to them, including other personalities and institutions for their continuous support to the education for our future generation.

These individuals are Sis. Helen Roberts-Evans who is always supporting one of our medical students at Cuttington even if there is no scholarship funds from our sister district, she provides. And also the J.J. Roberts Education Foundation, headed by Sis. Diana Draper Allen and members of her team provided scholarship to five (5) students of the Mary Allen UM School in the Nana Kru District. We wholeheartedly appreciate their humanitarian gesture in this endeavor.

Projects:

We are very much delighted to inform the Conference that seven (7) hand pumps were constructed in the District with funds provided by the Vermilion River District under the dynamic leadership of the Rev. Dr. J. Keith Zimmerman, outgoing District Superintendent. Two (2) hand pumps were also provided by the department of the UMC- Human Rights Monitor, during this period under review. Twenty thousand United States (US\$20,000.00) was sent for the construction of an elementary school in the Bokonjedia area. This has been a long time dream of the Rev. Dr. John G. Innis, resident Bishop of the Liberia Area. Again we are grateful to Rev. Dr. Zimmerman under whose farsighted leadership these funds were made available to the LAC. And our major challenge is to make the Bishop's dream a reality.

The following Local Churches have transformed their mix-shift structures to modern standard during the period under review. However, there are some works still needs to be done in order to bring them to appreciable level.

Martha Nah UMC
R.G. Togba UMC
Robert Chea UMC
Dugbe Tanneh UMC
Tanneh Jlateh UMC
Frances Asbury UMC
J.S. Nagbe UMC

Our Financial Obligation to the LAC/UMC

During the period under review, the District has made the following financial commitment to the LAC/UMC. Seventeen Thousand Liberian dollars (LD\$17,000.0) as District contribution to LUMEF, fourteen thousand Liberia dollars (LD\$14,000.00) as the District support to LAC 179th Session, sixteen thousand Liberian dollars (LD\$16,000.00) as District Apportionment to LAC, three thousand four hundred thirty Liberian dollars (LD\$3,430.00) to the Board of Laity.

Commendation:

We received one cartoon of T-shirts that contains 55 pieces from the office of the Council on Connectional Ministries and assorted stationeries for Mary Allen UM School from the Operation classroom. We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to this institution.

Necrology:

During the period under review, we regret to announce the death of fine (5) committed lay people who served the District. May their souls and other faithful departed rest in perfect peace.

Acknowledgement/Conclusion

As we conclude this report, we express our gratitude to the Blue Water and Vermilion River Districts for their moral, financial and spiritual support to our Conference. Equally so, our gratefulness to Bishop Innis, members of the Bishop's Cabinet , the Conference Lay Leader, as well as other Laity and Clergy of our Conference, and on behave of my wife, Mary and children, we appreciate your moral, financial and spiritual support to our ministry over the years.

May God shower His bountiful blessing upon us all.

Faithfully submitted,



Rev. Morrison M. Wleh, Sr.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT