



Report of the District Superintendent
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St. Paul River District Conference
Liberia Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

To the

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Of the

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The United Methodist Church

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Kokoyah District Conference, LAC\UMC

At the

Kou Henry, UMC

GREETINGS:

Rev. Dr. John G. Innis, Resident Bishop, Liberia Area, Dean of the Bishop cabinet, Ministries Delegates, President, Officers and Members of the Board of Laity, accredited delegates, Visiting Guest, Brothers and Sisters in the household of faith. As we once again gather here on this mount, to give accurate accounts of our stewardship ascribed to us by our Master for the period under review, and as we deliberate under the text Ephesians 4:1-6, with the theme: "Maintaining the Unity of the Church" It is my hope and prayers, that God's faithfulness will continue to reign amongst us as we do His work here on earth.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Executive Council led by your humble servant during the period under review was able to convene all of his regular meetings, call sessions, as well as emergency meetings to assess and review the progress of our set goals for the year 2011\2012, that were put in place for the conference year and to also develop appropriate policy as the need may have required. The Board of Laity also met in periodic sessions to respond and to attend to matters that needed quick attention. We want to thank God thus far, and pray for a continuous working relationship.

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC OF THE DISTRICT 2010 -2011:

Clergy	72
Elders in Full Connection	15
Deacons	7
Permanent Deacons	1
Commissioners Pastors	8
Lay pastors	16
Lay speakers in Training	22
Retired Elders	3
Men	2,680
Women	3,450
Young adult	1,525
Children	4,253
Youth	3,020
Total Membership	15,072

TOTAL # OF LOCAL CHURCHES: CATEGORIES:
 A- Churches B- Churches C- Churches D- Churches
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 Total # of Churches 39 with two (2) preaching points.

QUADRENNIAL GOAL – 2012 – 2016

Bishop, it is our prayer that come 2012 – 2016, we will be able to embark on the following plans as our vision:

- That in 2012 -2016, we will carry out all the necessary arrangement that will lead us to break grounds for a construction of a district retreat center in Tallah, Grand Cape Mount County.
- That between now to 2016, we will break grounds for the constructions of our district headquarter in Brewerville.
- That beginning 2012, we will begin the construction work in Kpeneji in partnership with the Camp Chapel U M C, USA.
- That between Februarys to July 2012, we will be able to cultivate and harvest our cassava patch with other vegetables.
- That 2012\ 2014, we will embark on our district bus project.
- That 2012\ 2013, our Bishop will go to Bopolu city, Gbarpolu County to dedicate our newly constructed 1st U M C.

PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP AND FUNCTIONS:

Bishop, the Clergy continues to provide spiritual and moral guidance to their assigned Churches throughout the district.

Regular Worship Services were held, the word proclaimed and Holy Eucharist administered in most of our Churches on the first and third Sundays of each month. Also, counseling services to members have been provided by our Ministers on a "as need basis". Of course, this continues to be a strong pillow for our members and a tool to confronting challenges of our times. In our assessment, we think the Clergy has in most instances gone beyond the call of duty, and we remained ever grateful to them for the meaningful services they continue to render our district and congregations.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:

Bishop, during the period under review all of our schedule programs of our district and other organized once were executed by our various organizations in grand styled. Here are few but not limited once:

- ✓ May 29, 2011- Crowning of district Mother (Moth. Rachel Thomas)
- ✓ June 26, 2011- Crowning of district father (Fth. K. Nagbe Sampon)
- ✓ August 7, 2011- Crowning of the Family of the year,(Bishop and Mother Irene Innis)
- ✓ August 2011- Crowning the district child of the year
- ✓ August 28, 2011 – Crowning the district Youth (Bro. Isaac Addo)
- ✓ October 9, 2011- Crowing the Young Adult (Pst. L. Innis Miller)
- ✓ October 30, 2011- Crowning the district Laity of the year (Sis. Theresa Davis)
- ✓ November 30- December 4, 2011, 128th Session of the District Conference.

- ✓ Thursday, December 1, 2011, the official opening of the 128th Session of our District Conference at which point in time , the Rev. Dr. John G. Innis, Resident Bishop of the Liberia Area, Brought the Opening message, He spoke from our conference text Luke 22: 24-26 and Theme : Searching for a Servant Leaders, with emphasis on Love, Peace and Unity.
- ✓ On December 3, 2011, the district elected a new cope of official of officers for the next two years. They are as follows:
 1. Bro. Joseph Mensah District Lay leader
 2. Sis. Frances M. Porte 1st Associate Lay Leader
 3. Bro. Samuel Thompson Jr, 2nd Associate Lay Leader
 4. Rev. James A. Smallwood District Secretary
 5. Bro. Samuel Mussah Financial Secretary
 6. Sis. Emma Brown Treasurer

FINANCIAL UP DATE ON 2011

2011\2012,	:	L\$ 888, 200.00
❖ 2011, total Income		121,015.00
❖ 2011, Expenditure		36,990.00
❖ Total cash in bank		84,025.00

Note : Our apportionment to the LAC/UMC has been paid in full in the tone of LD45,000.00

OTHER CASH DONATIONS FROM PARTNERS\ FRIENDS 2011\ 2012

- ❖ Larmoine River District Conference, IGRC-USA, for the reconstruction of the Anderson Weamah School Annex, and the A. B. Anderson U M C March 2011, US \$ 21,000.00
- ❖ Camp Chapel U M C Liberia partnership, Baltimore USA for the Kpeneji Land survey, and Cassava farm project USD \$4, 905.00
- ❖ Personal contribution from Rev. Emmett Goodridge, USA, US \$ 1,000.00 Pastors Sup.
- ❖ Personal contribution from Sis. Theresa Davis, US \$ 650.00 for Land survey & District Budget support
- ❖ Personal contribution from Bro. J. Milton Weeks, US \$ 550.00, for land survey in Kpeneji
- ❖ Contribution from Bro. Abraham Newland US \$ 150.00, for Kpeneji land survey
- ❖ Contribution from Sis. Patricia Watson, L\$ 2, 000.00, for budget support

- ❖ Contribution from the A. B. Anderson UMS, L\$ 6,000.00 for budget support
- ❖ Contribution from FUMC- Monrovia, check 15,000.00 LD, for Weamah U M C dedication
- ❖ Contribution from Bro. Theolophus Snorton, L\$ 5, 000.00, for budget support

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2012-2013

Balance brought forward-----	48,000.00
Summary Income-----	959,150.00
Summary Expenditure-----	959,150.00

NECROLOGY

During the year in review our district experienced a great lost of 18 persons from our local churches. May their souls and souls of all the faithful departed rest in prefect reposed and light perpetual shine on them.

COMMENDATIONS:

Bishop, and fellow members of this Conference, I wish to in this public manner, extend my special thanks and appreciation to God first, and great persons who are my true friends and partners in Ministry. They are : Rev. P. Nicol Boyce- I, Rev. Paye Cooper Mondolo, Fth. Joseph Mensah, Sis. Frances M. Porte Sis. Theresa Davis. Fth. Rev. J. Joel Gould, Fth. Milton Weeks, Fth Theophilus Snorton, Mth. Angelique Weeks, Pastor L. Innis Miller, Sis. Emma Brown, Sis. Dehkontee Precious Tarr, Rev. Victor Russell, My hardworking Ministers and my darling wife Aquila M. Marshall and my children who were always at my side, ready to help in all times.

Let me now pause to express a very special thanks and appreciation to the Rev. Dr. John G. Innis, who is a father to all and great inspiration to my life , and that of my entire ministry. Thank you so Bishop much for allowing me to be the goal-keeper on your team.

CONCLUSION

As we conclude this report, I want you to please remember us in your prayers as the challenges are so many. Let me also encourage each of us to love God with our whole heart, as well as the Church that He has called us to serve (The United Methodist Church).

Now unto him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before His presence, to be his glory, and honor, until He come again. Amen!

Respectfully Submitted:



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