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Liberian Churches Called to Be United



1Liberian Ministers at the 2014 General Assembly

Central to the last prayer of Jesus Christ before his crucifixion was his desire for oneness among his followers as he prayed to God the father: ‘that they all may be one’ (John 17:21). This oneness has been the desire of the Liberian Ministers in Pennsylvania as they work through the ecumenical collaborative body of the Liberian Ministers Association. At the Association just ended General Assembly held in East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania on December 28, 2014, ministers heading Liberian churches gathered to promote this desire for unity which was further emphasized by the Presiding Prelate of the Bethel World Outreach Church, Bishop Dr. Darlingston Johnson while serving as the Assembly speaker.

In his called to the ministers, Bishop Johnson noted that there is power in partnership and as such the Liberian ministers in Philadelphia should do all to keep this partnership alive for the furtherance of the gospel and

progress if anything is to be accomplished. Bishop Johnson further told the gathering that it is very important as ministers in this work to keep the bond of unity strong in other to achieve anything. He noted that it is difficult



Bishop Darlingston Johnson

but with one goal, effective communication and the ability to resolve conflict to the glory of God, success can be achieved. For his part, the President of the Liberian Ministers Association, Rev. Moses Suah-Dennis expressed the urgency of the moment and called on all Liberian ministers to put aside differences and embrace the Association for the good of the community.



*Rev. Moses Suah-Dennis
LMADV President*

Rev. Dennis noted that the Association is positioned suitably to continue to be the prophetic voice of the community the people can count on in challenging times. He pledged his

administration commitment to ensuring that the Association fosters effective collaboration with all churches, community and faith-based

organizations for the good of the community, and ensure legacy and structure building. The General Assembly was held at the Faith-Immanuel Lutheran Church and achieved the setting up of Women and Youth Auxiliaries which are being headed by Ambassador Marron Cassel for the women, and Rev. Nathaniel Miller for the youth. The Ministers shared success stories and challenges from their respective ministries and special prayer lifted by Bishop Darlington Johnson.

A True Soldier Gone From Labor to Reward



The Late Apostle Connery Dagadu

Once a soldier, always a soldier, and a true soldier never abandons his post. This was the case of the Liberian Ministers popularly known as “Apostle”. Apostle Connery Dagadu doing what he loves best and called to do to the glory of God, met his untimely demise while performing deliverance on Roland Johnson. According to sources, Mr. Johnson attacked and strangulated the Apostle leading to his demise on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 in Germantown, Maryland. News of his death sent sharp wave of sorrow through the Liberian Christian Community in Philadelphia, as many wondered how this could be. Apostle Dagadu who many regarded as a true Christian soldier in the execution of his charged and calling, relocated from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Germantown, Maryland continuing his ministry at the host of Ms. Precious Israel. Apostle Dagadu has been a forefront soldier in the Liberian Christian Community promoting the desire for Christian unity and collaboration. He has worked with many Liberian churches here in Philadelphia. As a deliverance ministers, the Apostle home according to sources was always opened to all who had problem and needed the intervention of God through his ministry. This was such gesture offer to Roland Zinnah, when the Apostle met his untimely demise at Roland’s hand. Roland has been charged for First Degree murder awaiting trial. Apostle

Dagadu will be laid to rest on Saturday, April 11 after funeral services at the Victory Harvest Fellowship International at 2536 South 59th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19142. He leaves to mourn his death, hundreds of spiritual sons and daughters, his wife Mot. Annie Treasure Dagadu, his brother Apostle Cristian Dagadu and a host of other relatives and friends.

Liberian Gospel Artists Set for A Big Concert

Never has it been seen in the Liberian community than that which is set for Sunday, June 14, 2015 in the 5000 beautiful seated sanctuary of the Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church at 2800 West Cheltenham, Philadelphia. The Liberian gospel artists will lead a parade of Liberian, Guinea, and Sierra Leonean gospel artists from



Ambassador Marron Cassell



Min. Evelyn Marsh

across the United States in an Ebola Healing and Benefit Concert being organized by the Coalition of West African Countries Affected by Ebola in collaboration with the offices of Philadelphia Third District Councilwoman, Honorable Jannie Blackwell. The Concert is organized to recognize and show appreciation to all local and international organizations, religious institutions, countries through their embassies, and individuals who joined in the fight to crush Ebola in the three affected countries.



Min. Steve Vizion Kelly

Performing gospel artists will include Ambassador Marron Cassell, Steve Vizion Kelly, Evelyn Marsh, Kanvee Adams, Success Zeon, Matu Saye, Bernice Blackie, Constance Orgi, Johnny Wisdom, and the Glorious Lamb international, the Liberian Community Mass Choir among others. Guest American Gospel Stars Yolanda

Adams, John P. Kee with MC Cece McGhee of 103.9 F.M. will grace the concert. What promises to be a record turnout from both the African and American community is an entrance free concert with love offering expected to be lifted for the cause of securing medical and sanitary items for shipment to health centers and supporting orphans left as a result of Ebola in the three countries. All donation in cash is received by the Mayor's Fund for Philadelphia who continues to serve as a custodian of all the Coalition funds. Visit: www.operationcrushebola.org for more detail.

Agape Youth Hosts Black History Month

The Agape International Baptist Church on 6848 Elmwood Avenue was a scene of appreciation and



Honorees at Agape Youth Black History Month

historical reflection on Sunday, February 22, 2015 when the Agape Youth Department joined millions across the United States of America in celebrating Black History Month. The celebration which was flavored with the performance of a student worship band from the University of Pennsylvania was led by Mrs. Johnetta Gbalh-Wleh. During the celebration, the department took time off to recognize individuals for outstanding achievement for excellence in education, career, and community service. Among those recognized and presented awards were the president and Secretary General of the Liberian Ministers Association, Rev. Moses Suah-Dennis and Rev. Solomon M. Muin respectively. The recognition and honor performed by the Church Pastor, Rev. John C. Gblah on behalf of the department is an annual undertaken of the youth department of the church to show case black achievement. Rev. Gblah noted that there are lots of

achievements done by the Black race that cannot be restricted to a month celebration but however challenged the youth to strive for excellence regardless of unforeseen limitation the system has place on the race. The celebration was seen as a motivator and others to join

New Hope Ordains Ministers and Deacons

The New Hope International Baptist Church located on 1416 South 52nd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Sunday, March 15, 2015 ordained deacons and minister of the Gospel. The ordination service which was held at the



Rev. Kanmoh & Asst. Philip Draper

Full Gospel Living Word Ministry International brought together family members of the candidates, a host of clergy from the Liberian Ministers Association and well-wishers. According to the church Senior Pastor, Rev. J. Hosea Kanmoh, the candidates for ordination were carefully and prayerfully chosen, set aside for approximately one and a half year, thoroughly examined and satisfactorily put forward by the church to be ordained in order to effectively facilitate the furtherance of the work of God at New Hope. Those ordained by the Ordination Council headed by Rev. Enoch D. Nyankoon included James Madison Sluwar as Gospel Minister, Augustus Sailey Tarphen, Beatrice Swen, Tammy Kanmoh, Caroline Draper, Korlu Lamin, Victoria N. Manston, and Ruth Tarphen Saydee as Deacons, and Olivia Suah, Linda Bondu, and Comfort Nyumah as Music Ministers.

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Christ Lives, We
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