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## Jerome Gayman

President, Grand Bassa County Association Grand Bassa County Association 2555 Creekside Drive · Fort Pierce, Florida 35981 USA

Dear Mr. Gaymen:

Please permit us to extend to you sincere greetings and best wishes. LIHEDE is an organization based both in the United States and Liberia with nonprofit status, comprising Liberians and friends of Liberia dedicated to promoting education and development initiatives in Liberia.

LIHEDE is celebrating its 5th Jubilee, scheduled to be held in Greensboro, North Carolina on August 15-17, 2009, under the theme: "Understanding Ourselves and Our History: A Call to Unity & Collective Development in Liberia," and it will look at the history, migration patterns, interethnic cooperation, linguistic tongues, and social, political, and legal institutions of the various ethnic groups of Liberia. LIHEDE believes that by institutionalizing our collective history, Liberians will well be on their way to creating the environment that will help Liberians learn more about themselves and cultivate a new sense of nationalism and environmental protection that would propel national developments in Liberia and the world.

It is in honor of our history that we beseech the support of your Association in supporting the "Understanding Ourselves and Our History: A Call to Unity & Collective Development in Liberia by designating a permanent member to attend the weekly planning teleconference on Saturday at 8:00, eastern standard time by calling 1906\_481-2100 and dialing access codes 971607.

We therefore hope that our initiatives will deserve your organization involvement and attention because our nation has entered a new era, a new political horizon, where success and progress will begin with the collective showcasing of our talents and the finding of practical solutions to the many misinpretation of our history facing us today. Together we can create a great legacy of immeasurable treasure of knowledge for Liberian history and the next generation of Liberians by written a collective and inclusive history of our people.

In order to host a successful conference we are also soliciting donations from organizations and friends of LIHEDE to help us underwrite the cost of this three-day Conference which we anticipate to be attended by over 500 persons. Please send all donations to LIHEDE above address.

Respectfully yours,

Syrulwa Somah Syrulwa Somah, PhD Executive Director, LIHEDE

Joseph Ghaba Dr. Joseph Gbaba, Sr. 2009 LIHEDE 5<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Conference Chairman