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### **Pilgrims of Christ Church (PCM) to Hosts Fundraising Rally for National History Project 2010 in MN**

**(Greensboro, April 6, 2010):** The Liberian History, Education, and Development, Inc. (LIHEDE) and the Pilgrims of Christ Church (PCM) through the Church's Community Outreach Program, will host a rally in Oakdale, MN on May 9, as part of a continuing efforts between LIHEDE and PCM to advocate for ways to solve our national identity crisis by getting everyone involved in the process of historical reformation or revision.

Since 2004, LIHEDE has been engaged with the Liberian government through the offices of former Transitional Government leader, Mr. Gyude Bryant, former education minister, Dr. Evelyn Kandakai, and current education Minister Dr. Joseph Korto, along with the heads of Liberian colleges/universities for the establishment of a Liberian studies program in Liberian grade schools and colleges. By 2006 LIHEDE and the A.M.E University and A.M.E Zion University in Monrovia, Liberia signed a MOU, each to promote the teaching of Liberian culture and traditions at the college level through the offering of a bachelor's degree program in Liberian Studies. The good news that never existed in the curriculum of higher education is that during the 2008-2009 academic year, Cuttington University launched a new Africa-centered program—the Africana & Liberian Studies Program which is headed by former LIHEDE's Director of Education and Culture/Liberian Studies Project, Dr. Adetokunbo Borishade.

It can be recalled that when LIHEDE convened its 2009 5<sup>th</sup> Jubilee program on August 21-22 in Greensboro, NC, it explored the ethnic diversities as Liberians and how best Liberians and friends of Liberia can work together to rebuild our shattered homeland. The jubilee, which was a grand success, was held under the theme, "Understanding Ourselves and Our History: A Call to Unity & Collective Development in Liberia." One of the highlights of the 2009 5<sup>th</sup> Jubilee was a resolution calling on all Liberians, institutions, and government to revise our history.

The National History Project 2010 is seen as an imperative for any development, peace, unity, patriotism in the reconstruction effort of Liberia because it seeks to tie collective and inclusion history of the Liberian people to national development schemes. The National History Project 2010 not only uses rally as a vehicle for creating a collective and inclusive history book for Liberia, but also challenges all Liberians to research and their history and revise it for self-preservation and self-empowerment.

It is in this regard that PCM Pilgrim of Christ Ministries (PCM) has agreed in nationhood to hold an important rally on May 9, 2010 at 12:45 P.M at 6477 10th St N. Oakdale, MN to kick-off the rally for Liberia National History Project 2010. LIHEDE, Daughters of LIHEDE, friends of LIHEDE, and the general public will be officially represented at the program in Oakdale, MN. The Senator Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and other Liberian officials of government are expected to be at the Fundraising Rally in Oakdale to kickoff the occasion.

LIHEDE Executive Director, Dr. Syrulwa Somah therefore wishes to appeal to all Liberians that National History Project 2010 is at our waiting feet for all Liberians to get involve because our nation must begin a new historical horizon, where success and progress will begin with finding solution to our historical bitter root, which continues to suffocate our people and development imperatives of our nation.

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