

Official Program of Symposium

On

“Promoting Civil Liberties, Collective Security, and Development in Post-Conflict Liberia”

Jointly Sponsored By

North Carolina A&T State University & the Liberian History, Education Development, Inc. (LIHEDE),
in collaboration with Bennett College of Greensboro, North Carolina



Date & Time

October 29, 2004 from 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

October 30, 2004 from 9:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

Moderator

Mr. Marvin Dickerson
Chairman, Liberian History, Education and Development, NC

Keynote Speaker

Father, Dr. Robert G. Tikpor of the Catholic Diocese, Liberia

Theme:

Mapping Out Appropriate Strategies for the Redevelopment of Liberia

Day I (Friday, October 29, 2004)

Part I
(Breakfast)

7:00 - 7:45 — Student Union Break Room

Part II
(Registration and Official Opening in Union Exhibit Hall)

7: 45 -8:00 — Registration of Participants and Guests

8:05 —Official Opening of Symposium—Mr. Marvin Dickerson, Chairman of the Board, LIHEDE, Inc. & Masters of Ceremony

8:06-8:10 —Invocation—Rev. Wheigar J. Bright, Jr.
Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

8:12:8:36—Welcome Remarks

- 1) 8:12 — Dr. James Carmichael Renick, Chancellor, NC A&T State University
- 2) 8:24— Mayor Keith Holiday, Mayor of the City of Greensboro, NC
- 3) 8:36—Dr. Claudette Williams, Vice President for Administration, Bennett College

8: 40: —Special Remarks

Hon. Charles Minor, Liberian Ambassador, Washington, DC

8:48—Introduction & Overview of Symposium---Nat Galarea Gbessagee, Secretary General, LIHEDE, Inc.

8:58— Introduction of Keynote Speaker ----- Lafayette Diggs, Former Deputy Minister of Affairs, Former Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria

9:00— Keynote Address — “The Role of Religion in Post-Civil War Liberia.”

Father, Dr. Robert G. Tikpor of the Catholic Diocese of Monrovia, Liberia

9:47— Brief Overview of Goals of LIHEDE & Recognition of Symposium Participants—Dr. Syrulwa Somah, Executive Director, LIHEDE, Inc.

10:05— Vote of Thanks/Announcement

Marvin Dickerson, Symposium Moderator and Chairman, LIHEDE, Inc.

10:12-10:42 —Photo-shoots for Documentary

Part III

(Presentation & Discussion of Symposium Topics -- Presenters, Moderator & Audience)

10:45 -12:21— Discussion Theme: Cultural Diversity and National Unity

10:45 —**Presenter 1:** Rev. J. Emmanuel Z. Bowier, Former Minister of Information, Culture & Tourism, Liberia

Topic: Liberian Socio-Cultural Realities & the Challenge for Nation Building

11:17—**Presenter 2:** Dr. Mariah Seton, Education Consultant

Topic: Ethnic Diversity and Socio-Economic Development in the New Liberia

11:49—**Presenter 3:** Mr. Bai M. Gbala, Former Presidential Political Advisor, Liberia

Topic: Decentralization in the New Liberia: Pros and Cons

12:21—**Discussion/Question & Answer Period— Facilitator:** Rev. Joseph M.N. Gbadyu, Former Superintendent of Grand Bassa County, Liberia, Mr. E. Sumo Jones, Former Superintendent of Lofa County & Mr. James Hunder, Southern Regional V.P, ULAA; **Mr. Rich Urey, Program Director, BLOJU Democratic Forum**

1:05—**Lunch Break** (William's Cafeteria and Exhibit Hall)

2:10-5:00 —Discussion Theme: Local and Foreign Policy

2:10—**Presenter 1:** Dr. Abraham L. James, Former Assistant to President W.V.S. Tubman; Adjunct Professor of History at The Comey Institute, Saint Joseph's University, Pennsylvania

Topic: Redefining Liberian-American Relations in the New Liberia

2:42—**Presenter 2:** Cyril E. Broderick, Sr. (Ph.D.), Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Delaware State University

Topic: Food, Agriculture and Peace in Liberia

3:14—**Presenter 3:** Dr. C. William Allen, Minister of Information, Culture & Tourism, Republic of Liberia

Topic: Government Policies and Update on Current Developments in Liberia

3:46— **Presenter 4:** Mrs. Mia Quipu Yuan, Former President, UNICCO, Agronomist

Topic: Women and Small Business Development in Post-Conflict Liberia

4:18—**Discussion/Question & Answer Period—Dennis B. Garsinii Facilitator; Panelists:** Mr. Anthony V. Kesselly, Chairman of the Board, ULAA, Francis Duwana, Chairman of the Board, AJLA

5:00—End of Day 1

Day II (Saturday October 30, 2004)

Part I

(Breakfast)

7:00 - 7:45 — Student Union Break Room

Part II

(Registration and Official Opening in Union Exhibit Hall)

7:45 - 8:00 — Registration of Participants and Guests

Part III

(Presentation & Discussion of Symposium Topics -- Presenters, Moderator & Audience)

8:00—Overview of Symposium Theme and Rules-- Marvin Dickerson, Symposium Moderator and Chairman, LIHEDE, Inc.

8:15-10:00—Discussion Theme: Press Freedom and Civil Liberties

8:15—**Presenter 1:** Cllr. Kabineh Ja'neh, Minister of Justice, Republic of Liberia
Topic: Justice and Civil Liberties in Post-Conflict Liberia

8:47—**Presenter 2:** Mrs. Mydea Reeves-Karpeh, Former President, Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas (ULAA)
Topic: The Role of Women in Post-Conflict Liberia

9:19—**Presenter 3:** Mr. T. Nelson Williams, Sr., Former Chairman, Department of Mass Communications, University of Liberia
Topic: Free Press & Responsibility in the New Liberia

9:21—**Discussion/Question & Answer Period—Facilitator:** Cllr. Philip A. Z. Banks
Panelists: Alvin Teague, lawyer, Hon. J. Napoleon Torque, II, National Chairman, Consolidated Registered Political Parties (CRPP) G-9, Dr. Abdoulaye W. Dukule, Media & Policy Consultant & Associate Editor, The Perspective Online Magazine, Ruth Yvonne Nelson, Student John Hopkins University, Maryland; Mr. Sam Togba Slewion, Journalist

10:05-11:50 Discussion Theme: Health Services and Rehabilitation

10:05—**Presenter 1:** Mr. Gerry Corneau & Ms. Victoria Rapozo, The ECOMPASS GROUP
Topic: The Sunday Project: A Model for Rehabilitating Children and Mentally-Challenged Adults in War-Wearied Liberia

- 10:37—**Presenter 2:** Dr. Margaret Kromah, DDS, MPH, General Dental Practice
Topic: Confronting the Spread of Hepatitis B (Yellow Jaundice) in Post-Conflict Liberia
- 11:09—**Presenter 3:** Dr. Emmanuel Dolo, Principal Investigator, Minority Mental Health Service Utilization Research Project, Lifeworks International Evaluation and Consulting, MN
Topic: Mental Health & Social Rehabilitation in Liberia
- 11:41—**Discussion/Question & Answer Period**—Nyan Flomo, ABD, RN, Public Health Nurse, Guilford County Health Department, **Facilitator; Panelists:** Ms. Henrietta White- Holder, Mental Health Residential Director, Refocus Inc, Frances Nah Katch, MD, Physician

12:20—Lunch Break (**William’s Cafeteria and Exhibit**)

1:25-3:40— Discussion Theme: National Security and Public Safety

- 1:25—**Presenter 1:** Lawrence A. Zumo, MD, Neurologist
Topic: Imperatives for Collective Security in the New Liberia
- 1:57—**Presenter 2:** Mr. Tarty Teh, Sr. Deputy Commissioner of Maritime, Republic of Liberia
Topic: Improving Airports and Highways in Liberia
- 2:29—**Presenter 3:** Lt. J. Kessel Tarley, US Military, United States Veteran Hospital, New York
Topic: Reorganization of the Liberian Military
- 3:01—Discussion/Question & Answer Period Facilitator:** Mr. Nyekeh Forkpah, Association of Liberian Journalists in the Americas (ALJA), **Panelists:** Mr. Robert A. Garguah, Sr., Former Investigator, CID, Republic of Liberia; Dr. James S. Guseh, Professor, North Carolina Central University, Former Assistant Minister of Justice, Republic of Liberia

3:41-6:00—Discussion Theme: National Development and Strategic Planning

- 3:41—**Presenter 1:** Mrs. Roberta Rashid, Former President, ULLA & Mr. Arthur Watson, Current President, ULLA
Topic: A New Partnership for Liberia’s Development
- 4:14—**Presenter 2:** Mr. Varney Yengbeh, Turfs University
Topic: Liberian Peace Processes: What Went Wrong? And The Way Forward

Part IV

For ALL LIBERIAN DIASPORA CONFERENCE Only

(Special Deliberation October 31, 2004)

5:25 - 7:85 — Smith Hall Room 2014

5:30—**Presenters 3:** Prof. D. Elwood Dunn, Professor of Political Science; University of the South, Sewanee; Dr. James Tarpeh, Former Ambassador to Nigeria; Dr. James S. Guseh
Topic: Proposal for an All-Liberian Diaspora Conference
Facilitator: Mr. Bodioh Siapoe, National Chairman, Coalition of Progressive Liberians in the Americas (COPLA), **Panelists:** Mr. Elijah J. Tarpeh, Network Planning & Diamler Chrysler Corporation, MI; Isaac S. Zawolo, Regional Vice President/Eastern Region, ULLA; Mr. Miamen Z.Z. Woepa, President United Nimba Citizens' Council

9:00—End of Day 2

Part V

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5:30-7:45 2285 Rothwood Acres Drive (take Lee Street toward I-40/I-85 and pass the under pass going away from the City (2-3 minutes) Rothwood Acres Road or Drive is on the left. The resident is the second to the last on the right. Tel. 336-697-57-93 or 336-456-8075

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IDENTIFY GOALS AND OUTCOMES

Goal 1:	Expected Outcome
Goal 2:	Expected Outcome
Goal 3	Expected Outcome
Goal 4:	Expected Outcome
Goal 5:	Expected Outcome

RESPONSIBILITY SHARING

- Responsibility (Who will do what and When)
- National Chair in the (Liberia/USA)
- Local Organizing Chair (Liberia)

- Recruitment Chairperson (trip to Liberia)
- Chairman for All Liberian Diasporan Program (Liberia & USA)
- Chairman for travel arrangement
- Date of Conference in the USA
- Date of Conference in Liberia
- List of activities while in Liberia
- Logistics needed and how to get them

TIMELINE FOR PROPOSAL IMPLEMENTATION

- Two months from now
- Four months from now
- Six months from now
- Eight months from
- Twelve months from now

List of Guest and Participating Institutions

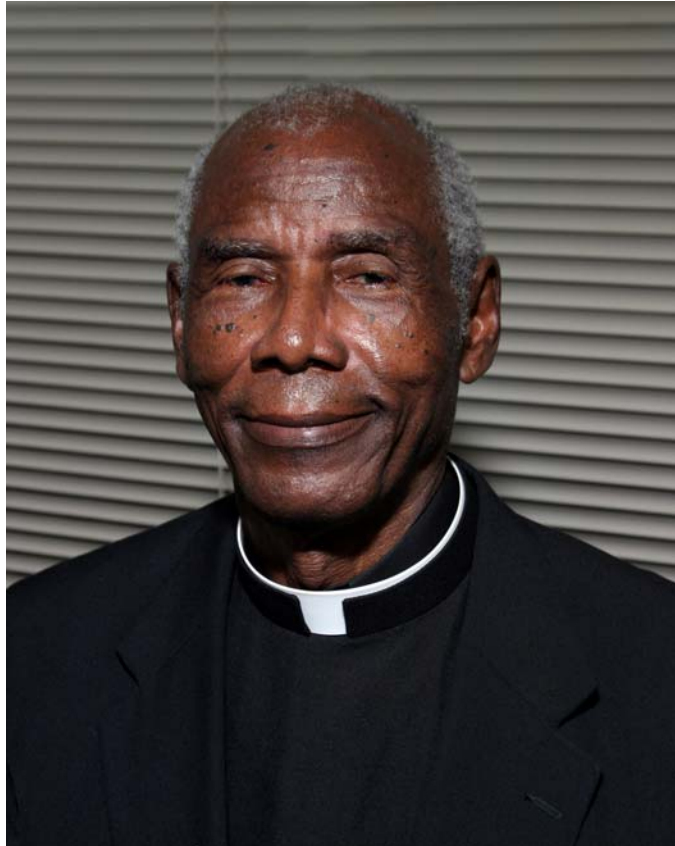
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| 1. AIMCOMA (The African Immigrant Community of America, Inc) | 12. Sinoe County Association |
| 2. Faculty and Student, NC A&T State University | 13. Grand Gedeh County Association |
| 3. Faculty and Students, Bennett College | 14. United Nimba Citizens' Council, UNICCO |
| 4. Liberian Association of Charlotte | 15. United Bong County Association in the America |
| 5. Liberian Association of Durham | 16. Maryland County Association of USA |
| 6. Liberian Association of Greensboro | 17. NC A&T OSH Student Club |
| 7. Liberian Association of Winston-Salem | 18. NCA&T History Dept. |
| 8. Liberian First Soccer Club of Durham/Raleigh NC | 19. NCA&T Political Science Department |
| 9. Liberian Institute for Peace, Democracy and Good Governance (Liberian Institute) | 20. NCA&T School of Technology |
| 10. Metropolitan Council of Negro Women | 21. UNIBOA (United Bassa Association of America) |
| 11. The EMCOMPASS GROUP | 22. WNNA 90.1 FM |

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