

**Souvenir Program  
&  
Pre-Conference Journal**

*In observance of the*

**37th Annual Assembly & 38th Anniversary Celebration**

**Of The  
Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship (CUMYAF)  
LAC/UMC**

**Held with the  
Kakata Farmington River District Young Adult Fellowship  
Kakata District Conference**

**From  
Wednesday – Sunday  
January 11 – 15, 2023**

**Theme Song:  
When We Walk With the Lord**

**Theme:  
Trash Your Net Follow the Call**

**Text:  
Matthew 4:18-22**

**At the  
I.J. Williams Memorial United Methodist Church  
In  
Smell-No-Taste, Unification City, Margibi County,**

Sis. Oretha Bundo-She  
Assembly Committee Chair

Bro. Eltrick T. Jackson  
Host District President

Fth. Wilfred Gray-Johnson  
Director Y/YAF Department

Mth. Theresa Davies  
Acting Conference Lay Leader

Bro. Kupee S. Washington, Jr.  
Program Committee Chair

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye  
19<sup>th</sup> National President

Rev. Dr. Sampson Nyanti  
Chair, Council on Y/YAF Min

Rev. Paul K. Garter  
Host District Superintend

Bishop Samuel J. Quire, Jr.  
Resident Bishop, LAC/UMC

**Growing In Christ**

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## Official Invitation

The Conference President, Her Royal Highness, the Executive Committee, Cabinet, the Program Committee, appointed officers, the Director of the Department of Young People's Ministries, the Conference Lay Leader, and the Resident Bishop of the Liberia Annual Conference invite your presence and participation in the activities marking her 37th Annual Assembly and 38th Anniversary Celebrations held under the theme, Trash Your Net, Follow the Call with text taken from Matthew 4:18-22 with the Kakata Farmington River District Young Adult Fellowship at the I. J. Williams Memorial United Methodist Church in Unification City, Lower Margibi County, Republic of Liberia.

## Important Information #1

**Our Moto:** *Growing in Christ*

**Moto Explained Text:** *Instead, we speak on a spirit of love; we must grow in every way to Christ who is the head.*

**Our Purpose:** The purpose of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship shall be to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through witnessing, worshipping, studying, fellowshiping, and serving mankind and the Church.

## Conference Schedule

**Day 1:** Arrival & Lodging ..... Wednesday, January 11, 2023

**Day 2:** 3rd EXCO Meeting ..... Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, 8 am - 11 am

Official Opening ..... Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, 12 pm - 3 pm

Opening Speaker ..... Bishop Samuel J. Quire, Jr.

Commencement of Business:

(Adoption of Journal and Reports) ..... Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, 3 pm - 5 pm

Site Seeing ..... Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, 5 pm - 7 pm

Memorial Night ..... Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, 8 pm

**Day 3:** Business & Intermittent Training Sections: ..... Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, 9 am.- 5:30 pm

Special Young Women Night ..... Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, 7 pm

**Day 4:** Business & Intermittent Training Sections: ..... Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, 9 am - 1 pm

Sports Activities ..... Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, 3 pm - 6 pm

Night Activities ..... Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, 8:15 pm

### {Award and Dinner Night}

**Day 5:** Closing Service ..... Sunday, Jan 15, 2023, 10 am

### Queen Contest

Fund Drive for CUMYAF on Wheel

Unfinished Business

## Roll of Elected Officers & Conference Celebrants

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye ..... Conference President/Chief Presiding Officer

Sis. Martha Dobbah ..... 1st Vice President

Bro. Charles Wilson ..... 2nd Vice President

Bro. Edwin Dormie, Jr. .... General Secretary/Chief of Secretariat

Sis. Rebecca Martor ..... Assistant Secretary General

Bro. Felix Emmanuel Yekee ..... Financial Secretary General

Sis. Felecial Dorbor ..... Treasurer

Sis. Wilma Kwiazah (MSRH) ..... Queen 2022/23

Bro. Titus K. Jlatuh ..... Dean of Cabinet

Bro. Winston S. K. Varwulu ..... Duty Dean

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Sis. Oretha Bundo-Seh ..... Assembly Committee Chair  
 Bro Kupee Sie Washington, Jr. Chair, Program Planning Implementation and Research  
 District Presidents and Appointed officers ..... Delegates/Conferees /Facilitators  
 Bishop Samuel J. Quire, Jr. .... Resident Bishop/LAC/UMC  
 Mth. Theresa Davies ..... Conference Lay Leader  
 Fth. Wilfred Gray-Johnson ..... Director, Y/YAF  
 Fth. Michael G. Wah ..... Associate Director  
 Former Presidents/Officers ..... CUMYAF Guest/Advisors  
 Former United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship: Men/Women Supporting YAF  
 Rev. Paul K. Garter ..... Host District Superintendent  
 Bro. Eltrick T. Jackson ..... Host District President  
 Rev. Pade M. Kialen ..... Host Pastor  
 The President & Suite ..... Conference United Methodist Women  
 The President & Suite ..... Conference United Methodist Men  
 The President & Suite ..... Conference United Methodist Youth

### Conference Guests

Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Quire, Jr. .... Bishop  
 Mth. Theresa M. Davies ..... Acting Conference Lay Leader  
 Fth. Allison Paygar ..... Associate Conference Lay Leader  
 Fth. Robert Johnson III ..... Presidential Guest  
 Fth. L. Olandor Boyce, I ..... 14<sup>th</sup> Conference President  
 Fth. Nicholas Bidii ..... Presidential Guest  
 Fth. Robert Johnson ..... Presidential Guest  
 Bro. Henry Lombeh ..... Presidential Guest  
 Mr. Dennis Kamba ..... Presidential Guest  
 Dr. David M. Togba ..... Elder  
 Bro. Dahnu Miayen

### Registration Fees

|                         |   |   |   |     |        |       |               |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|-----|--------|-------|---------------|
| CUMYAF Elected Officers | - | - | - | L\$ | 500.00 | ----- | Registration. |
| District Presidents     | - | - | - | L\$ | 450.00 | ----- | Registration  |
| Appointed Officers      | - | - | - | L\$ | 400.00 | ----- | Registration. |
| District Queens         | - | - | - | L\$ | 500.00 | ----- | Registration  |
| Delegates               | - | - | - | L\$ | 350.00 | ----- | Registration  |
| Observers               | - | - | - | L\$ | 250.00 | ----- | Registration  |

- 1) All Districts are to come to the Assembly with 15 delegates and at least 5 observers.**
- 2) 50% of District membership must be clear with the CUMYAF's On Wheel 5.00 USD contribution per individual.**
- 3) Ensure that you submit the name of your contestant for the National Queenship in advance.**
- 4) The conference President's Appreciation is L\$2,000.00 per District.**

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### Former & Current Presidents

| #   | Name                      | Year             | Home District           |
|-----|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.  | Bro. B. Tarleh Nyemah     | 1985 - 86        | Cape Palmas/Garraway    |
| 2.  | Bro. Francis Zayzay       | 1986 - 88        | Monrovia District       |
| 3.  | Bro. Edward Kla Brewer    | 1988 - 91        | Monrovia District       |
| 4.  | Bro. Jame K. Sulonteh     | 1991 - 93        | Monrovia District       |
| 5.  | Bro. J. Jooju Kumeh       | 1993 - 95        | Monrovia District       |
| 6.  | Bro. Ernest Giahvue       | 1995 - 97        | Monrovia District       |
| 7.  | Bro. T. Teah Swen         | 1997 - 99        | Sinoe District          |
| 8.  | Bro. Michael B. Wah       | 1999 - 01        | Monrovia District       |
| 9.  | Bro. Bill G. D. Innis     | 2001 - 03        | Monrovia District       |
| 10. | Bro. S. Barbay Gaye, Jr.  | 2003 - 05        | Monrovia District       |
| 11. | Bro. Joseph Jlopleh Swen  | 2005 - 07        | Monrovia District       |
| 12. | Bro. Darlington M. Cheeks | 2007 - 09        | St. Paul River District |
| 13. | Bro. S. N. Sunny Doe      | 2009 - 11        | Monrovia District       |
| 14. | Bro. L. Orlando Boyce, I  | 2011 - 14        | St. Paul River District |
| 15. | Bro. Frederick S. Sayeh   | 2014 - 16        | Monrovia District       |
| 16. | Bro. Abraham P. Johnson   | 2016 - 18        | St. Paul River District |
| 17. | Bro. Victor K. Howard     | 2018 - 20        | Monrovia                |
| 18. | Sis. Mai J. G. Pelay      | 2020 - 22        | Grand Bassa             |
| 19. | Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye   | 2022 - President | Gompa District          |

### YAF OATH

We, The Young Adult Fellowship of the United Methodist Church believe in God, the eternal Spirit, the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and our Father and His deeds.

We testify that he calls us unto His Church, to the joy and love of discipleship to His servants in the service of man; to proclaim the Gospel to all the world and resist the power of evil.

To share Christ's baptism and love Him in His passion and victory, to fight and hear the World; to toil and not seek rest.

He promises to all who trust Him, the forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace.

Courage in struggle, in trial, and rejoicing in eternal life, and His Kingdom has no end.

| District                 | Annual Assessment | President              |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| <b><u>Region I</u></b>   |                   |                        |
| Monrovia District        | L\$5,000.00       | Bro. Titus K. Jlatuh   |
| St. Paul River District  | L\$5,000.00       | Bro. Alfred K. Mensah  |
| Grand Bassa              | L\$5,000.00       | Bro. Elijah Kparwore   |
| St. John River District  | L\$5,000.00       | Bro. Nyondyu R. Gassua |
| Kakata Farm. River Dist. | L\$4,000.00       | Bro. Eldrick Jackson   |
| River Cess District      | L\$2,500.00       | Bro. Areba Zammie      |
| Moweh District           | L\$2,500.00       | Bro. Sundaygar Jackson |

|                         |             |                            |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| <b><u>Region II</u></b> |             |                            |
| Gompa District          | L\$3,500.00 | Bro. Elvis N. Guandoseh    |
| Gbarnga District        | L\$3,500.00 | Bro. Winston S. K. Varwulu |
| Jorquelleh District     | L\$3,500.00 | Bro. Peter G. Sapolucia    |
| Kokoya District         | L\$3,500.00 | Bro. Samuel Kpoe           |

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|                |             |                   |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Weala District | L\$3,500.00 | Bro. John Yekeh   |
| Lofa District  | L\$2,500.00 | Bro. Moses Kpanai |

**Region III**

|                      |             |                               |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Sinoe District       | L\$3,500.00 | Bro. Thomas Karpeh            |
| Gee River District   | L\$3,500.00 | Bro. Abednego Tartay          |
| Cape Palmas District | L\$3,500.00 | Sis. Agnes Nimely             |
| Garraway District    | L\$2,500.00 | Bro. Solomon Nyemah           |
| Kru Coast District   | L\$2,500.00 | Bro. Darick D. Doe            |
| Nana Kru             | L\$2,500.00 | Bro. Austine Kumeh            |
| Tapita District      | L\$2,500.00 | Sis. Grace Fahnbulleh, Acting |
| Barrobo Circuit      | L\$2,500.00 | Bro. Fredrick Weah            |
| Guinea Circuit       | L\$2,500.00 | Bro. Joseph Frank             |

**Fellowship Song**

Learning on the Everlasting Arm

1. What a fellowship, what a love divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arm  
What a blessedness, what a peace of mind  
Leaning on the Everlasting arm

**Corus:**

Leaning, Leaning (Females)  
Leaning on Jesus my savior (Jesus)  
Safe and Secure from all harm (ALL)  
Leaning on the everlasting arm

2. Oh! How sweet to walk in the pilgrim’s pride.  
Leaning on the everlasting arm  
Oh! How bright the path grows from path to path.  
Leaning on the everlasting arm

3. What have I to fear, what have I to die  
Leaning on the everlasting arm  
I have blessed peace with my Lord to hear.  
Leaning on the everlasting arm.

**Brief History of the Young Adult Fellowship**

The Young Adult Fellowship was established in 1985, following the separation of the youths from the young adults by the Liberia Annual Conference in 1984. The separation was effected at the 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the Liberia Annual Conference held in Yekepa, Nimba County from February 6 – 12, 1984.

Bishop Arthur F. Kulah appointed Rev. Anthony O. Diah to chair the separation. The meeting for the formal organization of the Young Adult Fellowship was convened at the S. T. Nagbe Retreat Center in White Plains at which time the draft constitution of the fellowship was presented by a committee chaired by Zacharia Major, thus giving birth to the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship (CUMYAF).

Subsequently, the first National President of the CUMYAF was Bro. Tarley Nyema of Cape Palmas District while others were elected presidents of various districts existing at the time such as Monrovia, St. Paul, Gompa, Gbarnga, Cape Palmas, Sinoe, Grand Gedeh, and Grand Bassa. The YAF was established and is maintained perpetually for Young



United Methodists between the ages of 25 to 35 years irrespective of sex, race, or social or economic status.

### **Purpose, Colors, and Emblem**

The purpose of the Fellowship is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ through **WITNESSING, WORSHIPING, STUDYING, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVING MANKIND AND THE CHURCH**. The YAF emblem contains a circle that is symbolic of the UMC's connectional nature. The pointed star depicts the five fruits of the spirit, The radian (ray) reflection (star) seen by the wise men at Christ's birth, and the fire cross signifies the presence and burning of the Holy Spirit in us. The approved colors of the YAF are, **GOLD** which stands for the period of transition to maturity; White which stands for purity, love and peace; Blue which stands for smartness or alertness; and **RED** which stands for the blood of Christ.

### **Tribute to the Dead**

On this occasion of our 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our hearts are left empty, and our memories are saddened by the void created as a result of the loss of our friends, brothers, and sisters who now rest in the heavenly bosom of Abraham. The grief and the pain of knowing that you are no longer with us are unbearable; our tears are like a river and our sorrow knows no end. But the memories we share and the thoughts that we will someday meet on that great wake-up morning will help assuage our pains. We look to God because he's the only one who can comfort us. Though you are dead and gone, we who are privileged to still be living owe it to you to live fulfilling lives. May your death be eternal glory and your life a beautiful memory. Rest on brothers and sisters in the Lord.

### **Prayer for Young People**

Dear Lord, we have gathered again after another year with humble hearts and minds to say thank you for your unwarranted grace and mercy upon our lives as young people. We thank you because even though we fall short of your glory, you remain faithful and just through your protection and guidance during these difficult and trying times. Thank you, gracious Lord for the strength of your spirit and the courage to remain steadfast to your love as we journey through the challenges that lie ahead of us. With the heart of contrition, we ask that you forgive our iniquities and pour on us your blessings and abundant love so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may experience your bounteous gifts of faith, hope, and love. For this and many more, we pray through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **THE THEME SONG: WHEN WE WALK WITH THE LORD**

When we walk with the Lord in the light of this world; what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still; And with all who will trust and obey.  
Trust and obey, there's no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.  
Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, but his smile quickly drives it away:  
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sign nor a fear, can abide while we trust and obey.  
Not a burden we bear nor a sorrow we share but our toil he doth richly repay:  
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but it blest if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delight of his love, until all on the alter we altar we lay,  
For the favor, he shows and the joy he bestows. Are for those who will trust and obey.  
Then in fellowship sweet, we shall sit at his feet, or we will walk by his side in the way.  
What he says we will do, where he sends, we will go, never fear only trust and obey.

### **Host President Greetings**

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Bro. Emmanuel Kpon-Saye, 19th national president CUMYAF, all elected and appointed officers, Fth. Wilfred Gray-Johnson, director of Youth and Young Adults Ministries, our royal highness, all delegates and observers to our 37th annual session; On behalf of the officers and members of the KFRDYAF, I bring you Christian's greetings in the matchlessness of our soon-coming savior. As we (CUMYAF) have gathered on this mount to meditate on our assembly's team and text, I pray that as we trash our nets, we will also follow the call as we all pray for the best.  
Happy new year!!!!

GROWING IN CHRIST,

Eldrick Jackson

**Bro. Eldrick Jackson**  
**District President**  
**Kakata Farmington River District Young Adult Fellowship**

### **Host District Superintend Greetings**

**The President, Officers and Members, Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship LAC/UMC**

**Dear Saints of God,**

I am delighted to greet all of you with the love of God wishing all of you many blessings.

As you come together to review the works of your hands and plan for the future under the theme: Trash your nets, follow the call using as text: Matthew. 4:18-22 it is my prayer that you have a successful goal setting and deliberations.

Your conference theme sets that agenda for every believer or Christian group who have the desire to be successful in their walk with Jesus.

On behalf of my family, the district lay leader, as well as the clergy and lay members of the Kakata/Farmington River District Conference, I welcome all of you, expressing our joy to have you with us. We hope that you will enjoy your conferencing in this location of our Annual Conference. May the grace of our lord and savior be with you all.

God bless you.

Yours in Christ's service,

**Rev. P. Karyidia Gartor**  
**District Superintendent**  
**Kakata/Farmington River District**

### **Director's Greetings**

Bro. President and officers of the Conference Young Adults Fellowship,

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It is with great joy that I greet you on behalf of the Youth/Young Adults Department of the LAC/UMC and to be a participant at your Annual Assembly.

Let me encourage you during these deliberations to hold fast to the wonderful gifts, talents, and graces that the Almighty has given to each of us by using them to elevate him and fulfill his mission here on earth. This must be our cherished mandate, especially so as we meet under the theme "Trash your Nets, Follow the Call" with text from Matthew 4:18-22

For you the current generation to Trash your Nets and follow the call, you must first start with yourselves, which means trashing the nets from too many confrontations, envy, and undermining. You must respect Authorities and be circumspect in your dealings as you trash your nets. The fishermen respected Jesus Christ and that respect made them follow his call.

The days are evil and it will take commitment, dedication, and love to be able to trash our nets, which will then allow us to follow the call- a call of commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ, maintain a dedication to our Country, the World, and our family.

I encourage you to return from these few days with unparalleled energy to do God's work as we all thrive to Trash our nets and follow the call.

God bless you all  
Michael B. Wah, Jr.  
Associate Director

### **Episcopal Greetings**

#### **BISHOP'S GREETINGS TO THE 37<sup>TH</sup> Annual Assembly & 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONFERENCE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE- LAC/UMC- JANUARY 11-15, 2023, AT THE ISRAEL JAKPAH WILLIAMS MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- UNIFICATION TOWN, MARGIBI COUNTY**

#### **The President, Officers & Members Conference Young Adult Fellowship Monrovia, Liberia**

Brethren in the Faith:

Seasons' greetings to you on behalf of Mother Quire, our children, the Acting Conference Lay Leader, as well as all the People called United Methodists in the name of our Lord and Newly born King, Jesus, Christ. Let me also take this time to congratulate you on the occasion marking the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship.

Your Conference theme, "Trash Your Nets, Follow the Call", with text drawn from St. Matthew 4:18-22 is unique and timely, especially at a time when our nation is going through some very serious challenges; challenges even in our church with the issue of human sexuality, which has the propensity to divide the church. In this passage, Master Jesus urges Simon Peter and his brother Andrew to drop their nets and follow him, as well as James and John, Sons of Zebedee, who also did likewise.

We as Children of God must trash our nets, which include, but are not limited to lies, falsehood, cheap gossip, envy, petite jealousy, undermining, disrespect, and greed. Remember, we are children of light and not darkness.

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It is therefore my hope and prayers that your deliberations will be permeated with mutual respect and genuine Christian love for all as you meet on Mount Williams U. M.C.. Congratulations!

*Bishop Samuel j. Quire, Jr.*

**Bishop Samuel J. Quire, Jr.**  
**Liberia Episcopal Area**  
**LAC/UMC**

### **Conference Lay Leader's Greetings**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye, conference president; the vice presidents and executive committee members, district presidents, accredited delegates and observers, my gallant and illustrious young people, brothers and sisters of the faith;

With your permission, I graciously extend greetings on behalf of my family and the conference board of laity and wish to compliment you on the occasion marking the observance of your 37th Annual Assembly and 38th Anniversary with the Kakata Farmington River District.

My dear young people, having kept close contact with your leadership throughout the conference year, I'm most importantly excited at the prospect of your gathering and commit my unwavering support to your ministry and the laity at large. Be assured of our continuous endeavor in restoring the dignity of the young people's ministry and creating opportunities for your advancement.

Your theme: "Trash your nets, follow the call" with text: Matthew 4:18-22, summons you to pursue a calling greater than personal ambition. It, recognizing the vibrancy and strength of young adulthood, encourages you to abandon the things of this world and live according to God's purpose. It is a call to follow the course set for your lives according to God's word. This theme, my dear young people, could come at no better time than now when our country and society are full of confusion and wrongful vices that tend to sway young people from the things of God. It also comes at a time when we the laity have embarked a historic project to erect a Conference Center for our church; a feat which I count on your ideas and support to make a reality in our lifetime. I trust that you will be guided by the Holy Spirit in following the right path as you grow in Christ.

I wish to congratulate you and implore you to stay focused during your deliberations and celebration. I am certain that your activities will be marked by love, fairness, and respect for your constitution and one another. I take particular interest in your ministry and would always relish the opportunity to be part of your activities and this historic occasion is no exception.

I remain in your service,

**Theresa M. Davies**  
**Acting Lay Leader**

Liberia Annual Conference/United Methodist Church

### **Conference President's Greetings**

The CUMYAF 1<sup>ST</sup> Lady, and my dearest wife, Sis. Mrs. Edwina K. Saye, my able lieutenant, Sis. Matter Dobboh, 1<sup>st</sup> National Vice President, Fellow executives, Dean Titus Jlatuh and District Presidents, HMSRH, Worthy Sis. Wilma Kwiazah, appointed Officers, delegates, observers, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

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In brevity, I peacefully greet you all in the supreme name of God Almighty, His Son, Jesus Christ, and the Supernatural Power of the Holy Spirit as we all convene here in observance of our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of ours.

Thus, I refer you to some of my greetings sent to the districts within our conference for your considered reading time at the beginning of State of the Fellowship Address therein.

**Conference rules**

1. All delegates are expected to attend all sessions and participate in all planned activities as part of the conference, except upon the approval of the presiding officer of the session. Any absenteeism without excuse shall warrant said person a penalty to be decided by the presiding officer, not more than L\$100.00.
2. Tags must be worn at all times during the various sessions. Any delegate caught in session without his/her tag will face penalties ranging from denial to speak on issues to a fine, not in excess of L\$50.00. Missing tag(s) can be replaced by purchasing tag (s) from the finance table for L\$75.00
3. There shall be no disturbances, loitering, or eating during various sessions of the assembly, except deemed permissible by the presiding officer prior to such action. Anyone caught disturbing, loitering, or eating as indicated will be penalized by the presiding officer.
4. All delegates are to be in attendance timely. Latecomers will be fined not less than L\$25.00.
5. As prescribed by Article 3 Section 3.5, each decision maker (delegate) is to hold a valid membership card.
6. Habitual violation of any rule of the conference by anyone will warrant the individual serious penalty that will be determined by the presiding officer or the body and it shall include expulsion.
7. Females are not allowed to wear trousers, while males are not to wear sleeveless shirts, except on Saturday. Generally, all delegates and observers are to dress modestly and decently.
8. Parliamentary Procedures and generally accepted Christian principles/practices stand in addition to the supra mentioned.

**Daily Proceedings**

**Day 1: Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

Arrival & Lodging ..... Delegates/Conferees

**Day 2: Thursday, January 12, 2023**

Breakfast/Registration..... 7 am – 10 am

3rd EXCO Meeting ..... EXCO Members: 8 am - 11 am

Official Opening ..... Delegates/Conferees from 12 pm - 3 pm

***(Thanksgiving service***

***See separate Program Sheet)***

**Commencement of Business:** (Adoption of Journal and Reports) .....

Presiding/Secretariat/Delegates

Call to Order ..... Presiding Officer

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye

19<sup>th</sup> National President



Standing in Memory of the Departed Saints ..... All  
 Welcome Remarks ..... a. Host Fellowship, b. CUMYAF  
 Acknowledgment of Greetings ..... Assembly Committee  
 Recognition of Guest ..... Presiding Officer  
 Organization of the Assembly  
 1) Establishment of the conference Bar  
 2) Presentation of the Conference Souvenir/Rules for Adoption  
 3) Appointment of Page  
 4) Election of Parliamentarian  
 5) Appointment of Sessional Committees  
 I. Committee on Conference President's Annual Message  
 II. Committee on District President's Reports  
 III. Committee on General Resolution  
 IV. Committee on Courtesy & General Resolution  
 V. Committee on Journal & Credentials  
 VI. Committee on Next Place of Conference  
 VII. Committee on Latecomers  
 Reading of correspondences----- Assistant Secretary General  
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 Issues Arising from Minutes ..... Conferees  
 Announcement/Correspondences ..... Program Committee  
**Any Other Matters/Adjournment**  
 Site Seeing ..... Conferees from 5 pm – 7 pm  
 Memorial Night ..... Conferees start at 8 pm  
 Speaker: Pastor Janjay Lewis (See separate Program Sheet)

**Day 3: Friday, January 13, 2023**

Breakfast ..... Conferees: 8 am – 9 am  
 Devotion .....: 9 am – 10 am  
 Praise & Worship ..... Spiritual Growth: 9 am – 9:30 am  
 The Spoken Words ..... Bro. Thomas Kapeh, Lay Servant: 9:30 – 10 am  
**Business & Intermittent Training Sections: ..... 10 am.-5:30 pm**  
 Call to Order ..... Presiding Officer  
 Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye  
 19<sup>th</sup> National President  
 Roll Call ..... Secretariat  
 The Theme Song ..... Conferees  
 State of Affairs of Conference United Methodist YAF ..... Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye  
 19<sup>th</sup> National President  
 Young Women Annual Report ..... Sis Gitler V. Nathan  
 National Coordinator

**Lunch! Lunch! Lunch! Lunch!**

**Afternoon Business** Hour that Inspires ..... Spiritual  
 Growth 1 pm – 1:50 pm  
 Praise and Worship ..... 1 pm 1:25 pm  
 Spoken words .....Bro. Francis Quarshie, Lay Servant 1:25 pm – 1:50 pm  
**Session ..... 2: PM – 5:30 pm**



Call to Order ..... Presiding Officer  
 Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye  
 19<sup>th</sup> National President

Roll Call ..... Chief of Secretariat

Reports

- Districts (Guinea, Barrabo, Garraway, Kru Coast, Nana Kru, Cape Palmas, Sinoe, Tapita, Gee River... etc)
- The Most Senior Royal Highness
- Financial, Audit, Scholarship, Agriculture Committees
- Journal and Credential
- Constitution Review Committee Report & Adoption ..... 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly Delegates

Announcement/Correspondences ..... Chief of Secretariat

**Any Other Matters/Adjournment**

Special Young Women Night ..... Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, 7 pm  
 (See separate program sheet)

**Day 4: Business & Intermittent Training Sections: .....Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, 9 am - 1 pm**

Breakfast ..... Conferees: 7 am – 8 am  
 Devotion .....: 8 am – 9 am  
 Praise & Worship ..... Spiritual Growth: 8 am – 8:30 am  
 Strategies for Institutional Growth ..... Bro. Victor Howard, 17<sup>th</sup> National Pres. 8:30 – 9 am

**Business & Intermittent Training Sections: ..... 9 am.- 3 pm**

Call to Order ..... Presiding Officer  
 Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye  
 19<sup>th</sup> National President

Presentation of CUMYAF Website ..... Sis. Martha Dobboh,  
 Chair/Donor/1<sup>st</sup> VP

Lunching & Adoption of CUMYAF Website ..... Presiding/37<sup>th</sup> Assembly  
 Reports (River Cess, Moweh, St. John, Kokoya, Jorquelleh, Weala)  
 Career & Success ..... Bro. Danu Miayen

**Lunch! Lunch! Lunch!**

**Afternoon Business Session**

Call to Order ..... MSRH, Worthy Sis. Wilma Y. Kwaizah,  
 National Queen

**Reports:**

- Dean of Cabinet, Health, Sports, Ecumenical Relations, Program committees
  - Districts (Gbarnga, Kakata Farm., Bassa, Gompa, St. Paul, Monrovia)
  - Assembly Committee/ Event Night Committee Briefing
- Sports Activities ..... Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, 3 pm - 6 pm  
 Night Activities ..... Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, 7:15 pm

**{Award and Dinner Night}**

**Day 5: Official Closing & Eucharistic Service..... Sunday, Jan 15, 2023, 10 am**

- ▶ Marking the Climax of the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
 Conference President Appreciation
- ▶ Fund Drive for CUMYAF on Wheel, Queen Contest, Report of the Courtesy and  
 Complementary Resolution (See separate Program attached)
- ▶ Final Business Session

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- ▶ Call to Order ..... Presiding Officer  
Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye  
19<sup>th</sup> National President

**Reports:**

- Journal & Credential Committee
- General Resolutions Committee
- Committee on Conference President’s Greetings
- Committee on Next Place of Conference
- Supplementary Financial Report
- Audit Report

**THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRESENCE.**

**36th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES**

The 36th Annual Assembly and 37th Anniversary Celebration of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship under the theme, “When God Is Involved” with text drawn from God’s World According to Genesis 39:1-16 convened with the Grand Bassa District Young Adult Fellowship at the First United Methodist Church in Lower Buchannan City, Grand Bassa County, the Republic of Liberia on Wednesday, January 18, 2022, at 4:35 p.m and ended at 3:30 pm on Sunday, January 23, 2022. The paramount issues, including decisions reached during this annual gathering, are arranged in order of days below:

**Thursday: Day 1, January 20, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The 1st Session of the 36th Annual Session and 37th Anniversary Celebration of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship was called to order by the 18th National President, Sis. Mai J. G. Paelay at 4: 35pm on Thursday, January 20, 2022.

**Standing in memory of departed Saints**

In honor of departed saints, a moment of silence was simultaneously observed by all Yong Adults present at the time.

**Welcome Remarks**

The Welcome remarks were made twofold: a. on behalf of the Host District, Sis. Gilter Nathan the Host District President welcomed the conference to her district stating that she and her people are glad to be part of the history-making.

b. on behalf of Conference United Methodist Yong Adult Fellowship, Bro. J. Rudy S. Franciah, National General Secretary welcomed members of the conference to the 36th Annual Session and 37th Anniversary celebration of our beloved fellowship.

**Acknowledgment of Greetings**

Upon the request of the presiding Officer, the Acknowledgement of greetings was done by the General Secretary, Bro. J. Rudy Franciah.

**Organization of the Assembly**

To establish the Conference Bar: A motion was made by Bro. James Dorbor, member of the Monrovia District Young Adult fellowship. He moved that the Church chancery be used for the clergy, the left and middle pews be used for Accredited Delegates, while the right be used for guest and observers. His motion was seconded by bro. John K. Tokpah of Tappita District Young Adult fellowship.



Bro. Moses Whee, President of the Kakata Farmington River District Young Adult Fellowship made an amendment that the first four benches in the middle pews be used for district Presidents, while the first three benches at the right be used for guests. His amendment was accepted by Bro. James Dorbor and the Assembly Bar was organized through the consensus of a majority vote.

### **Recognition of Guest**

At this interval, the presiding officer recognized and welcomed the following persons:

Mot. Jestina Sayon, Co-Chair of the Taskforce on Youth and Young Adults & member of the Ac-hoc Election commission. She was tagged and presented a copy of the Assembly Souvenir by Bro. Moses Whee.

Bro. Elijah Davis, member of the Gee River District and Guest Soloist to the Assembly. He was tagged and presented with a copy of the Souvenir by Bro. Hilton L. Starks, President of Monrovia District Young Adult Fellowship.

Bro. Brownell S. D. Paelay, husband of the 18th National President. He was tagged and presented a copy of the souvenir by Sis. Angie Nimely, President-Elect of Cape Palmas District YAF.

In remarks, the Leadership and the entire conference were congratulated, and the conferees were urged to remain peaceful and conduct themselves in keeping with Christian practices.

### **Organization of the Assembly (Cont.)**

b. Presentation of Souvenir/Rules of the Assembly for adoption: upon the order of the Presiding Officer Sis. Mai J.G. Paelay, Bro. J. Rudy S. Fanciah presented the Souvenir/Rules of the Assembly.

A regular motion to receive, scrutinize, and adopt the Souvenir was made by Bro. Adolphus O. Johnson, member of the Monrovia District YAF and seconded by Sis. Cecelia Toe, Dean of Cape Palmas District President's Cabinet.

The Souvenir and rules were discussed, at which time amendments were made and clarities provided. The key resolution was, that the President's Annual Message and the Past Assembly minutes be forwarded to Friday since they are not copies.

c. Appointment of Page: At this point of the session, upon the recommendation of Sis. Gilter Nathan, President of the Grand Bassa District YAF, the presiding appointed Sis. Joanna Morris, member of the Grand Bassa District. She was tagged as Page of the Conference by Bro. Hilton L. Starks.

d. Election of Parliamentarian: Bro. Moses Whee recommended bro. William Bartee as the conference Parliamentarian, a regular motion to close the Nomination was made by Bro. Adolphus O. Johnson and seconded by the body.

A white ballot was cast in favor of Bro. William Bartee by Bro. Adolphus O. Johnson and he was tagged as the Conference Parliamentarian.

### **Roll Call: The Presiding Officer did the Roll call.**

e. At this juncture of the conference, the presiding officer appointed Sessional Committee.

### **Adoption of the Elections Rules/Requirement.**

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The Elections rule was presented by Pst. Janjay Lewis, member of the Ad-hoc Election Commission. He informed the body that the rule is in line with the By-Laws of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship constitution, using Article 5 and 6 as the focus.

A regular motion to accept the rule for discussion was made by Bro. Adolphus O. Johnson of the Monrovia District and seconded by the Body.

The rule was discussed, and comments and clarifications were made and addressed.

After a lengthy discussion, an amendment to the rule was that, each member MUST have a membership card and local Churches be made to the charter given the prevailing situation.

The Ad-hoc election commissions was thanked by Sis. Arthurlyn Jimmy, President of St. John River YAF, and Bro. Charles Wilson, President of Cape Palmas District.

### **Correspondences**

Bro. J. Rudy Fanciah read the excuses of Bro. Alfred K. Mensah, President of the St. Paul River District Yong Adult Fellowship, and Bro. Bobby Kamawo, National Asst. General Secretary who asked the body to excuse them from Day one Session due to individual reasons beyond their control. Their Excuses were granted by the conference.

### **AOB**

Amongst other issues, the Spiritual Growth Chairperson, Bro. Edwin Dormie, Jr. announced the date and time of Memorial Night. Also, the Presiding, President Mai J. G. Pealay announced that a Dinner will be held on Friday after Memorial Night. Another pertinent issue was the issue of amendment/revision of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Constitution, especially updating, revising, and amending clauses that no longer meet present-day realities. The body in unison concurred/approved that the president defers the issue to the incoming leadership to initiate the process immediately when the new president is elected and inducted into office by setting a committee to work on the constitution so that all propositions therefrom proposed, be discussed, and adopted at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly.

### **Adjournment/Benediction**

The motion of adjournment was made Bro. Charles Wilson, President of the Cape Palmas District YAF, and Seconded by Bro. Elijah Lomie, President of the Tapita District YAF. Thereafter, the Theme Song was sung, and the Benediction was offered by the Spiritual Growth Chairperson, Bro. Edwin Dormie, Jr.

### **Friday: Day 2, January 21, 2022**

#### **Call to Order**

The Second Day Session was called to order by the 18th National President, Sis. Mai J. G. Pelay at 11:00 am on Friday, January 21, 2022.

#### **Roll Call**

The Presiding Officer called the roll of accredited members of the Conference, and latecomers were asked to pay fines as a penalty for coming to the session late.

#### **Recognition of Guest**

Moth. Paulina Hilton was recognized and welcomed. tagged and presented a copy of the Souvenir. In her remark, she admonished the young people to remain peaceful and enjoy their conference.





## Reports

Sessional Committee: The Journal and Credential Committee report was presented by its Chairperson, Bro. Abel Wisseh. The report covers activities of the conference from January 17 – 21, 2022.

The Committee on latecomers reported that 20 members including executives got to the session late. It was moved by bro. Elijah Lomie that the Committees be thanked and sent back to work and seconded by Sis. Cecelia Toe of the Cape Palmas District. The committees were thanked and sent back to work by Presiding Officer.

## The Hour that inspires and Challenges

At 2:04 pm, the Noon Day Message was delivered by Bro. Edwin Dormie, Jr. Spiritual Growth Chairperson made use of the conference Theme: "When God is Involved" and Text: Genesis 39:1-6.

## Reports Cont.

Election Commission: The Ad-hoc Election Commission in its briefing informed the body of the number of applicants in the various positions. The commission admonished all interested applicants to do the needful in keeping with the elections guideline so as to avoid confusion or misapprehension.

Young Women Network: On behalf of the Network, Sis. Martha B. Dobboh presented the Young Women report which highlighted: Administration, Programs, finances, and Challenges amongst others.

National President Report: The session at this interval was presided over by the 1st Vice president, Bro. Sirleaf Gray. The 18th National President, Sis. Mai J. G. Pelay presented her report which covered Administration, Programs, finances, and challenges, amongst others.

A Motion to receive the President's report was made by Bro. Chris C, Tarqua, member of the Monrovia District YAF and seconded by the body.

The President was thanked by 5 Males and 5 females, She was thereafter sent back to work.

## Recognition of Guests

Father William Sayon of the host Church and the Associate Director, Fth. Michael Wah were recognized, welcomed, tagged and presented copies of the Souvenir. In their remarks, they motivated the Young People, to remain steadfast and peacefully enjoy their conference.

## Adjournment/Benediction

At 4:15 pm a motion to adjourn the session was made by Bro. Emmanuel Vessel of the Monrovia District Young Adult Fellowship and seconded by the body.

The Spiritual Growth Chairperson, Bro. Edwin Dormie, Jr. led the benediction Session.

## Day Three: Saturday, January 22, 2022

Sis. Mai J. G. Pelay, the 18<sup>th</sup> National President of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship called the Day tree session to order.

It began with reports of various districts that didn't report during the prior sessions. Their reports focus on Administration, program and activities, challenges, recommendations and conclusions.

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After taking reports, the Elections commissions take over the conference and presented the list of contestants among them were two qualified presidential candidates namely, Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye of Gompa and Bro. S. Emmanuel Lloyd of Monrovia District. Bro. Lloyd pulled out of the process during the time of debate and Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye was certified as the lone qualified candidate on whose behalf, a ballot was cast electing him as the 19<sup>th</sup> National President of our beloved fellowship, Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship on January 22, 2022, in Buchanan City, Grand Bassa County.

**Day Four: Sunday, January 23, 2022**

There was no business session held on Sunday, January 23, 2022, resulting from a lack of meeting minutes for this day.

Growing in Christ,

**Edwin Dormie, Jr.**

**Head of Secretariat**

**Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship**

**NB: We could not get the attendance records.**

## National President Annual Message

# The State of CUMYAF Address

**Delivered: January 12, 2023**

**By: The 19<sup>th</sup> National President, Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye**

*At the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration held with the Kakata Farmington River District Young Adult Fellowship at the Israel Jakpah Williams Memorial United Methodist Church in Unification Town, Lower Margibi County, Liberia.*

**Protocols:**

The CUMYAF 1<sup>ST</sup> Lady and my dearest wife, Sis. Mrs. Edwina K. Saye, my able lieutenant, Sis. Matter Dobboh, 1<sup>st</sup> National Vice President, Fellow executives, Dean Titus Jlatuh and District Presidents, HMSRH, Worthy Sis. Wilma Kwiazah, appointed Officers, delegates, observers, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

**Greetings:**

In brevity, I peacefully greet you all in the supreme name of God Almighty, His Son, Jesus Christ, and the Supernatural Power of the Holy Spirit as we all convene here in observance of our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of ours.

Thus, I refer you to some of my greetings sent to the districts within our conference for your considered reading time at the beginning of State of the Fellowship Address herein. We couldn't include all because of space issues.

**Dear Brethren in Kokoyah – 2022:**

Each time a group of young people votes to get new crops of officers, it is a unanimous mandate that must beat a sense of confidence in the elected officers as well as in those electorates such that the fruits of said leadership can prompt each person saying, "Now I

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know". The fruits of everyone in Kokoyah should bring joy in our hearts and to United Methodists so each day, we can say "Now I Know" that we are part of a community of loving, caring and vision-oriented set aside transform the World through discipleship and services.

As your theme, "Now I Know" with text from Acts 2: 6-13 is a direct quotation from Apostle Peter when I was released from prison by the Almighty Power of God, let it reminds us that nothing is impossible for God to set free His dedicated servant. Peter's history gives us a sense that self-initiative, service with eagerness, and standing for change are endeavors that we will pay for but ultimately, God will show up for us. Peter thought that he was dreaming when the Power of the Lord initially began to free him from Captivity with all chains breaking and doors opening automatically but later realized that it was a real Life-power Action driven by God Almighty.

Meanwhile, here we (district and conference) are, your leaderships you have long awaited so that you feel the spirit of one people united for equitable people-centered leadership reflective of all. And there are our young people convening at your annual assembly dressed beautifully to fellowship, network, and share the great successes, achievements, and challenges for the conference year.

Based on the social and economic realities, challenges may be many but hope in God and do not doubt his ability to set you free, especially when you stay focused and united to our common goals.

Therefore, don't be weary or stressed, but keep focused, remembering that any challenge facing our beloved fellowship and unity is not permanent because God is God who does not lie or forsake his children.

Our Greetings of Peace and Love to you all at the Kokoyah District.

#### **Dear Brethren in Jorquelleh - 2022:**

While mourning for the untimely loss of Bro. Abraham T. Mulbah, your belated General Secretary, God is calling you to stand up for service so that his purpose of making disciples for the transformation of the World can be fulfilled. Our mourning for the unwanted and unanticipated loss of our brother whom we had admired so much during his time with us is straight synonymous with the time of Samuel himself and not his mourning for the man (Saul) whom God has rejected.

The entire scripture of your text, 1 Samuel 16:1-9 began with the sorry of Samuel's retirement when he was training young people to become prophets, especially when he (Samuel) was mourning for Saul, (the rejected man) God called him to the final service for the sole purpose of anointing David as King of Israel from among the sons of Jesse. Thus, looking at the time and the context when this history in your text was recorded, your theme, "God's Plan is Different from Human Plan" reminds us of many things, but specifically, it tells every young adult in Jorquelleh District in particular and Conference in general to overcome mourning, and challenges we face today through self-determination and willingness to serve God in difficult times. Your theme also admonishes each young adult to hold unto God's plan, know that God who cannot forsake his children will perfect our plans, be the executed of the same, and will open a new door when we are stricken by terrible situations and losses like Bro. Abraham T. Mulbah and others have gone to rest in peace at their youthful ages.

I am not sure nor am I convinced that the loss of Bro. Abraham is God's plan but I am firmly persuaded that God will provide the best comfort and replacement for our departed brother only that we will need to pray and cautiously select the best respective of the person's appearance and personality.



As your Assistant Secretary should be acting now in place of Bro. Abraham T. Mulbah, as provided by our Bylaws, and Constitution, we pray that you will remember that God's Plan is Different from Human Plan" in all respects, including the election of your new Assistant Secretary General.

Now, therefore, and as always in remembrance of the brotherly love and our connections, we are with you every step of the way today and always as you convene to deliberate on each local fellowship within Jorquelleh's achievements and to make resolutions thereof at your Assembly.

Congratulations on overcoming all challenges and the man-made losses of your fellowship.

We extend our greetings of Love and Peace to each young adult in Jorquelleh District.

#### **Dear Brethren in Nana Kru:**

We're so appreciative to God Almighty for the love he's put in each of you to continue to serve him through the branch of our United Methodist Church there even though the challenges of serving the church, mankind, and making disciples to transform Nan Kru are many. Thank you and we pray for God's continued blessings for each of you, especially your togetherness and Christian fellowship always.

We are super excited to know that your theme for this year's Assembly is "What Is Your Faith?" with Text taken from Job 1:8-22 to emphasize the need for young people to identify the meaning of the faith and purpose for which they have chosen to follow Christ and His Teachings. It's our hope that each young person from Nana Kru will answer this question individually.

However, we want to admonish you that our faith drives us to accept God, His Son, and the Holy Spirit unconditionally thereby putting aside our self-fish interest and overcoming our challenges. Our challenges are meant to strengthen us in spite of who we are, our possession, and who are our associates.

Therefore, always remember that Job's story provides us with the hope that God is God, and he will still be our fighter and shield always. Be focused, committed, strong and courageous because things will improve.

Our Greetings of Peace and Love to you all in Nana Kru.

#### **Dear Brethren in Bassa – 2022:**

It is a good and acceptable thing to recognize ills amongst Young Christian Communities like the Grand Bassa Young Adult Fellowship and make a straight determination to have those ills corrected just as you have embarked on by selecting the theme, "Amendments in Your Ways and Doings" with text from Jeremiah 7:1-11.

Your theme is a clear demonstration that problems/ills exist amongst you and there's a sensible need not only to come to the Table of the Lord but also sit at the Table of Brotherhood to forgive, love, care, and protect one another, especially in the spirit of tolerance and acceptance of differences. Those should be done irrespective of what may have happened or what each individual of the Grand Bassa Young Adult Fellowship may be doing that does not satisfy you in the course of dealing within the Church or beyond, and with one another.

Your theme and the situation remind me of the happenings those days when Prophet Jeremiah stood before the Temple observing His people committing adultery, murders, backbiting, and gossip as well as other forms of disunity engulfing his people wherein he calls for them to repent and change from those negative deeds so that God cannot be angered.

As your National President, being impressed with your theme which I think it's intended to bring the fellowship together, I put myself in the shoes of Prophet Jeremiah to

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admonish you to co-exist better, forgive another, accept diversity, and most especially amend your ways and doings in other to foster tolerance, and love by doing "No Harm to each other, Do Good to everyone and stay in Love with God. Our Greetings of Peace and Love to you all in Grand Bassa.

**Dear Brethren in Gompa,**

The scripture which your text Jeremiah 6:10-25 is drawn from was an expression of frustration and that of warning from Prophet Jeremiah to the People of Israel at the time they were so hard-headed and unwilling to come to return to the knowledge of the truth. The time the message was given was just like today when young people prioritize personal matters settlement to that of serving in the church. It was the time just as today when young people are not using their educational and technological sophistication to achieve the goals of making disciples to transform the World but backbiting, undermining each other, and engaging in endeavors that tarnish all young persons.

Those situations have been from the very beginning but in different forms as far as 627 BC when the book of Jeremiah was written. In his prophecy that began nearly in the thirteen century, Jeremiah is said to have been invited at a very youthful age to provide a warning to the People of Israel, especially those living in Jerusalem that they must change from their deviant ways before God destroy Jerusalem and its citizens were displayed in captive.

Having sent the warning, he further stated that a future is certain when all God's children would gather together in brotherhood and again become God's People – something that speaks to both the implied and expressed meaning of your theme, "Seeking the Ancient Path".

The facts of this prophesy give us the hope that when the young adults "uncircumcised" their ears, and take delight in God's work, we all can seek the ancient path so that we serve God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and bodies until Christ comes again in final victory.

Thus, as you convene for your 38th Annual Assembly and 37th Anniversary celebration, remember that with the ancient path with God, we are called true brothers and sisters in Christ, loving and caring for ourselves, our church, and our communities to the honor, and glory of God, Almighty.

My greetings of love and peace to the People's Young Adult Fellowship members, and seeking too that you all remember the CONFEDERATE PRAYER of ours.

**Dear Brethren in Cape Palmas – 2022:**

There's no reason to disbelieve that "It Shall Come to Pass" which is your theme with text taken from the Prophetic Book of Isaiah 10:20-27 because the Holy God of our ancestors is Almighty, powerful, and every problem solver. Let's still be committed to the struggle always. Between you and I, we know that the struggle is for the Lord because the promised leadership has begun.

I would like to draw your attention to the promised leadership which makes Isaiah one of the most well-known prophets when he predicted the coming of the Messiah who redeemed us from sins as He shows us the way to eternity by making emphasis on your theme, "It Shall Come to Pass".



Speaking of "It Shall Come to Pass" in this state of affairs when our church as well as the Liberian society is economically challenged is like the time when Isaiah first predicted the coming of Jesus Christ which was initially not believed because of the difficult century the people were living in just like ours today. The Great Prophet provides us with the hope that the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon us, be our counsel and our strength to provide us with the knowledge to remove all doubts and fears of our enemies and opposition to progress.

As you convene this Conference Year, we encourage you to rebrand the spirit of oneness so that we all can move in one direction only for the purpose of making disciples for the transformation of the Conference United Methodist Church in particular and the Liberian Society in General. Pray for the United Methodist Church Global connection. Why at the same time, we ask you to keep us in your prayers because the only reason is for us ALL. Our Greetings of Love and Peace to all of you in Cape Palmas.

### **Dear Brethren in St. Paul – 2022:**

It is always a useful thing and a fulfilment of Jesus' commandment to greet everyone with prescribed words, [Peace Be Unto You] which is professing God's Peace on them every meeting or encounter. The words, "Peace Be Unto You" were first used by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ to teach his disciples so that they can commit to memory those words and use them always, especially when the harvests are becoming plentiful with scarce laborers. Laborers may be internally impacted by stress resulting from the preoccupation of sourcing ways to settle corporate social responsibilities which may prevent them from laboring in God's Vineyard. So, it is greatly important to calm each person down by invoking God's peace unto their living body in spite of the fewer laborers - a situation that we should be consciously pressed to find a remedy.

Your Theme, "Where Are The Laborers?" with text taken from Luke 10:1-11 drives a way to the solution of finding all the laborers when we have abandoned harvests. Per our experience about the way things are going in Christianity in generality and UMC in particularity, "Where Are The Laborers?" theme is powerful and timely such that it forces those of us who are committed laborers but fewer to do our best to restore peace unto our brethren where ever we go.

The restoration of internal stability unto the many absent laborers through inculcating "Peace Be Unto You" in our daily greetings can help us to locate the laborers. This is evidenced by the gospel when Physician Luke quoted Jesus in verse 5 of your text, Luke 10:1-11 used during your 2022 Assembly.

The irony of verses 10 and 11 of your text is that the Gospel requests us to abandon those who will not welcome us (you and me), knock off our slippers to remove the dust of their place, and exit leaving them in curse just because they have refused to accept us (you and me), God's servants. It's really important for all our Young People there in St. Paul to attach importance to working together with Church leaders who are messengers of the Gospel so that we all can collectively locate the laborers without leaving anyone or a group in ruin.

Finally, concerning the answer to your question, "Where are the Laborers?", the laborers are there within St. Paul River District Young Adult Fellowship but could be preoccupied with life challenges or personal issues that will need their internal peace to be restored. Thus, greet them with peace as dictated by Jesus, love each other unconditionally, reach out to everyone, understand their issues, put your ego lower than theirs, do good, do no



harm and stay in love with God as you pray daily for your Fellowship and the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship.

Our greetings of peace and love to all the St. Paul District Young Adults.

**Dear Brethren in Monrovia,**

You may have all heard the popular saying, "Tomorrow Is Promised To No One" which we must view as a caveat for our good and bad deals in our daily course of dealing with each person irrespective of our associates. "Tomorrow" is always a replicate of what one engages in today, especially considering our call to service in the Lord's vineyard regularly tested by temptations, and intentional and unintentional calculations by forces emanating from within and externally.

We are persuaded that it's for the purpose of making such "Tomorrow" better for every young adult within Monrovia District that you have selected your theme, "Your Works Will Justify Your Tomorrow" with text taken from 1 Corinthians 3:10 -15 for your 34th Annual Assembly and 37 Anniversary Celebration with the E. Harding Smythe United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship.

In observance of the aforementioned events of yours, let each Monrovia District Young Adult remember clearly that life or leadership without challenges is meaningless, but our abilities with diversified but collective industrious efforts to peacefully and professionally overcome challenges with "Tomorrow" in our minds is paramount.

We hope that your theme, "Your Works Will Justify Your Tomorrow" for this year resonates fresh with each young adult because "Tomorrow" will never come, especially since it's a modified version of the words of Apostle Paul challenging each Christian to carefully look at our lives in every respects. Just as the Apostle's letter [1 Corinthians] was addressed to a specific group of people with unique challenges, your theme speaks volumes about the challenges that Monrovia District Young Adult Fellowship may be facing from A to C or D local fellowships and from individuals to the entire district fellowship.

Though we do not know for sure which parts of the challenge spectrum you stand on in Monrovia District, we strongly encourage you to be a positive subject of history by doing no harm, doing good, and staying in love with God all because of the duty we have as Christians who should inculcate a full sense of knowledge that our today's endeavors will justify our tomorrow.

Our Greetings of Love and Peace to you all in Monrovia District.

**Dear Brethren in St. John:**

It's our ultimate hope that you're doing exceedingly well despite the challenges of ministry in this time of our church history when division primarily on the basis of theological interpretation and understanding fuelling the situations that we all face with getting resources to do ministries. We admonish you to see it as a challenge meant to strengthen your faith and perseverance to serve God knowing that any actual or potential challenges are phenomenal such that they will come to pass.

Hearing about your theme, "It Shall Come to Pass" with text taken from Isaiah 10:24-27, it's a motivation to all of us young adults, especially those located within the St. John River District to stand tall, persevere and confront situations that have the propensity to negatively impact the fellowship and its members. Be courageous, strong, and intelligent fighting with God's direction in any because "It Shall Come to Pass", in Jesus' Name.

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Believe in your strength, pray to God, live, and work through the counsel of the Highest Almighty God we serve so that your situation will come to pass as your theme says. This is the unchanging hope that Prophet Isaiah gives us in God's words.

The message of Prophet Isaiah though begins with a stronger message and warning of God's destruction for the sins of the people, but it gives those living definitive ends of the eminent situation [Judgement] at hand. Isaiah, not in many words assures us that God's redemptive and restorative Powers will change every situation that God's People encounter, clearly distinguishing the endless love of God in spite of our self-derived difficulties from sins.

Therefore, in my mind, the end of the story will be happiness, joy, celebration, togetherness, and freedom just as your theme, "It Shall Come to Pass" has summarized it as long we continue to work for the Lord like we're working for our Master who grades us and rewards us tangibly for everything we do.

We admonish you to stay focused on our goals for ministries and the purpose of fellowship knowing that the end of any difficult situation you are faced with is at hand after which your story will change as you convene at the Yeaway Camp District #4, Grand Bassa County to examine your conference activities and deliberate on issues for learning and progress during the seat of your 33rd Annual Assembly and 36th Anniversary Celebration.

Our Greetings of Love and Peace to all young adults of the St. John River District.

**Dear Brethren in Sinoe:**

Unity in the Christian perspective is synonymous to peaceful life and coexistence in that it is a primary source of progress, and a dried bone referenced in the Bible Book of Ezekiel could mean difficulties, challenges, or any situation that obstructs or undermines growth and development.

Therefore, it is imperative that we unite always no matter what are the situations or differences we have and how impossible from our human perspective seems to be with one loving body, mind, and spirit.

Fussing together completely in all respects from a spiritual eye made the dried bones reunited and lived again as recorded in your text.

As you convene in Kpanyan Zone, Sinoe County at the Nyanpoh United Methodist Church with its Young Adult Fellowship under the theme, "Can the Dried Bones Unite or Come Back Together Again" with Text taken from Ezekiel 37:1-10, I admonish you to be strong and courageous because we are serving the living Almighty God who does all things possible.

Being asked through your confidence bestowed in me as your national president, I can guarantee that the only affirmative answer to your theme which we all must hold strongly is, yes, the dried bones can unite and come back together fussed tightly provided that we understand what are our dried bones and how the unity process works.

A young adult among us dried bones may be eating fellowship money, not being accountable, being difficult to work with, not understanding other people's feelings, consistently engaging in gossip, telling lies about others, trying to ensure that certain people don't succeed in their leadership endeavor, staying away from fellowship activities and the list goes on.

Whatever your case may be, understand that the dried bones that Ezekiel saw in the valley as recorded in your text were able to unite and came back again bearing flesh and breath of life and were restored fully. And so shall you, whatever situations you're





confronted with, or whatever things you're doing that cannot please God will change when you change your behaviors, and belief system.

While you are there at the Nyanpoh United Methodist Church, please note that we are with you all ways and we're committed for us to working together to make those our dried bones listed above "Unite and Come Back Together Again" stronger and more formidable force.

I greet you all in Sinoe with peace and love.



**The President and 1st Lady, Sis. Edwina K. Saye during inaugural address, Mar. 20, 2022**

### **Administration**

Since our conference year ended Yesterday January 11, 2023 (CUMYAF Byelaws 9.3), it is very important to remind us that the CUMYAF is a Holy Body of responsible, professional, visionary, and distinguished accomplished promising leaders who collectively would effectuate positive change.

We are called for the sole purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Witnessing, Worshipping, Studying, Fellowship, and Serving mankind and the Church, the

On January 22, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church in Grand Bassa County, when the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was executing its day fourth activities, the new crops of officers were elected through the popular will of the people. Those elected are Sis. Felecia J. W. Dorbor, Treasurer, Bro. Felix Emmanuel Yekee, Financial Secretary General, Sis. Rebecca Martor, Assistant Secretary General, Bro. Edwin Dormie, Jr., Secretary General, Bro. Charles K. Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Sis. Martha B. Dobbah, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and your humble servant, Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye, 19<sup>th</sup> National President of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship.



**18<sup>th</sup> (Female) & 19<sup>th</sup> Conference President**

As a matter of tradition and best leadership practice, my immediate predecessor, the first female president, Sis. Mai J. G. Pelay successfully led the fellowship to elections and turnover to the choice of the people, the 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee on March 20, 2022. he ceremony was witnessed by to church leaders including Bishop Samuel J. Quire, Jr. the resident bishop of the Liberia Area, United Methodist Church and my Sierra Leonian counterpart, Bro. Octimus Patrick Harding along with his entourage.



Subsequently, in keeping with the law that If elections are held at an Annual Assembly, the officers shall be installed in the month of March of that year (CUMYAF Byelaws Article 9.2), representative delegates from across our conference and cross-sectional to leaders of the Liberia Annual Conference convened at the Miller McAlister Memorial United Methodist Church to inaugurate the 19<sup>th</sup> Leadership of the fellowship.

*19<sup>th</sup> Leadership from President (left) to the Treasurer*

### **Constitution Revision/Amendment Propositions**

We, being cognizant of the established legal framework, especially knowing well from the objective point of views as approved by our last Assembly, Articles 3.2.3.4 entitled, Membership and Affiliated Membership, 4.1 (B)(C). 2; 5.2.1, .3, 5.2.4 entitled, The President, General Secretary, Second Vice President, 5.3.0 entitled, Qualification of Elected Executives and Additional Article named and styled, XI: (a -e) Committee on Grievance and Ethics, are proposed for revision and inclusion for this August Body to adopt at the seat of this 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Details are reported in the Committee's report.

We endowed with the sincerest blessings of this noble power emanating from this August Body as approved from the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly, and exercised through yur National President, Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye during his inaugural address in Ganta, on March 20, 2022, created an enormous opportunity for this submission to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of CUMYAF.



The Constitution Review Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") was established by the President of the 19<sup>th</sup> leadership on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 as an adhoc committee to review the 2012 Revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship (CUMYAF).

One of the declared reasons for setting up the committee is to thoroughly read each article within the constitution making show that the constitution and by-laws are in connections with the fellowship goals and are applicable to the fellowship present realities.

The mandate of the Committee as set out by the President was to scrutinize the 2012 Revised Constitution & By- Laws in line with developments and changes which have taken place during the past and, in process, also to make appropriate recommendations that suit said developments and changes so as to further secure the achievements of the goals and fulfillment of the aspirations of CUMYAF as enshrined in the Revised Constitution and By-Laws." The Committee was required to review the constitution and submit a report petitioning the EXCO to induce the process.

It is undebatable based on the pieces of facts presented herein to solidify that our [CMYAF] current Revised Constitution and By-Laws contains several provisions are obsolete, non-conforming to contemporary realities, and that other provisions canceled,

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and or eliminated are still present in our organic doctrine. Those situations are so egregious and present to anyone reading our Constitution the need to take action not in the future but now.

In additive, this submission is made in respect to Articles 7.0 [b] and 10. [0, & 1] Now, therefore, in keeping with **Article 5.2.1** Titled President: the president shall ..... Appoint committees ----- shall serve as ex-officio on all committee. Against this backdrop, the we constituted the Constitution Review Committee. This committee have worked tirelessly to submit the propositions that have been in circulation across the conference for months for adoption.

Brethren, it is never a secret that most of the issues that have affected this fellowship have had in root in the way our constitution and By-Laws are structured. Therefore, we called on every to support this worthy cause just now.

### **Planning Retreat**

On March 19, 2022 at the Borpoanyee UMC in Ganta, the Fellowship discussed and adopted an annual program activities focusing on CUMYAF First, Gender Equality and Equal Representation with a cost of USD 141, 850. There were games and dinner party with Nimba County Bankers' Association participating.

The following were the cataloged with specific objectives as follow:

#### **1. Planning Retreat**

**Objective:** To review, scrutinize and adopt program activities along with the Budget for the Conference Year 2022/23.

2. Special Transitional Dinner, Honoring of service young adults and former presidents, & Pool Party.

**Objective:** To reunite CUMYAF post-election through fellowship and play and to strengthen working relation between the incoming leadership and former presidents.

3. Induction ceremony

**Objective:** To administer oath of Office to each officer-elect \* To empower the 19th leadership by raising funds for the Fellowship's operational programs

4. Coronation Program & Conference Queen Association lunching

**Objective:** To empower Her Most Senior Royal Highness, Sis. Wilma Kwaizah for effective services

5. Initiation/ and Finalization of Constitution amendments

**Objective:** To review and revise CUMTAF 2012 Constitution so as to confront to current realities of the Fellowship

6. Policies Development Finalization

**Objective:** To develop for adoption of policies as shall be enshrined in CUMYAF revised 2023 Constitution for our governance

7. Electronic Information Management System/WebBased Platform

**Objective:** To improve access to information by establishing electron information management system



## 8. YAF Enterprise

**Objective:** To establish income generation scheme that will facilitate execution of daily activities

### Achievements

Those adopted planned activities were categorized into three strategic pillars such as CUMYAF First, Equal Representation, and Gender Equality. The outcomes which we are proud to announce that we have achieved 70% of our plans such that we developed a requisite uniformed tools and platforms for leadership growth and development, increased access to skills /leadership training for young women growth & development and strengthened leadership capacity selected districts in many ways.

The web-based platform was achieved 100% percent with funding from the office of our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Sis. Martha Dobbob and technical efforts of our Chief of Secretariat, Bro. Edwin Dormie with no cost to CUMYAF. We all need to remember and appreciate them dearly.



### Coronation Program

On May 1, 2022, CUMYAF held the coronation program of its Queen with the GBDYAF at the FUMC Buchanan and Her Most Sr. Royal highness 2022/2023 Worthy Sis. Wilmah Y. Kwizah was crowned and sashed as Conference Queen together with HRH Sis. Harriet T. Duosaye and HRH Sis. Angeline

Doe were recognized as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up. The Program was attended by all district young adults along with CUMYAF Officials. Rev. Dokontee Johnson of the St. John River District Conference blessed our hearts with the sermon.

Since her coronation, our worthy Sis. Wilma Kwaizah has been reaching out to the needy with gifts and arms giving. We appreciate her Most Senior Royal Highness.

### Executive Council Meetings (EXCOs)

The fellowship convened at the St. John United Methodist Church with the Gbarnga District Young Adult Fellowship from June 16 to 18, 2022 to observe its first executive council meeting and on Zoom platform from September 16 -17, 2022 for the second EXCO meeting. During both of these meetings, EXCO members presented their quarterly briefing to executives/delegates who scrutinized reports and approved pertinent petition/requests. Key among the petition /request was the constitution review committee proposal which the EXCO approved in keeping with the last Assembly request. The EXCO mandated restructuring of the constitution committee by the president so that an organized and complete proposition will be submitted at this 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly for revision/amendment of the CUMYAF Constitution and Bye laws.

The entire programmatic activities wouldn't have been successful in man's power without my Program chair, Bro. Hilton L. Starks and Chief of Secretariat, Bro. Edwin Dormie, Jr.. I hold them at the center of my thanks of gratitude.

### Young Adult Day Celebration

As you may know that each and every district comprises of the body that makes the Conference United Methodist young Adult Fellowship, to highlight messages and events

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organized in observance of annual young adult day to encourage districts and local churches to stick to the approved date for young adult day celebration.

Our message to commemorate the Annual Young Adult Day Celebration for 2022/23 conference year was intended not only for reminder but to foster compliance to a resolved date by the Liberia Annual Conference as indicated below under the cation.

**Remember to say: I am a Precious Wonderfully Made God's Chosen Young Adult as released across the conference on July 7, 2022:**

It can be recalled that in February of 2019 in the City of Gbarnga, a **PETITION**, engineered, drafted, and defended by our 17<sup>th</sup> Leadership of CUMYAF under the stewardship of Bro. Victor K. Harward wherein your humble servant, Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye then Dean of the President's Cabinet, petitioned LAC to set a definite date for the **ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT DAY** for our conference. And with no hesitation from LAC delegates convened in Gbarnga, owing to the substantive deliberations of the petitioners, over 1,000 delegates voted in favor with zero opposing votes to set the **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN EVERY JULY** as a **YOUNG ADULT DAY** for all United Methodist Churches in Liberia Annual Conference. It is this **DAY** that our distinguished brothers, and sisters are honored each year.

The intent, as well as the spirit of the framers and petitioners as contained in said **DOCUMENT**, is to recognize the efforts of Young Adults who have impacted our church as well as the society each year uniformly and not in a fragmented fashion with deferring dates.

Therefore, it's our joy with great excitement and sticking to the purpose of our coverage that the selectees at the district level with the Conference United Methodist Church received the distinguished honors as young adults of their respective districts as mentioned in each district president's report.

And we want to congratulate them for the smart committed hard work for which they were chosen. The pull-in of invitations us constrained me, making us unable to be present everywhere at the same time. However, we informed each district that whether they see us or not during their honoring, they should remember to say silently, **I am a Precious Wonderfully Made God's Chosen Young Adult.**

I, being your president, am so much convinced that each fellow is truly a Precious Wonderfully Made God's Chosen Young Adult who ought to effect positive lasting change in your own life, and particularly in the lives of others. Kindly remember that your impacts on people's lives make them your partners in silent struggles because they pray for your success to the fact that whatever success they have in life, you have a vested inevitable interest and share in their blessings.

We admonished each honoree that honoring is a charge for you to do good ways to all, stay in love with God, and do no harm because your honoring means you are Precious Wonderfully Made God's Chosen Young Adult.



## Young Women Network (YOWONET)



The Conference United Methodist Young Women Network is an integral part of Team Liberia that we cherish so much for helping us to achieve our pillar of gender equality adopted in our strategic plan of action "Team Liberia" Was formed in 2021, by the coming together of United Methodist Women and the Young Women Network of the Liberia Annual Conference with the support of Global United Methodist Women and the supervision of Regional Missionary – Finda Quawa. Team Liberia works closely together in turning faith, hope and love into action for women children and youth. Together, the team provides economic empowerment for women and girls through livelihood skills training, scholarship, mentorship, devotional guide development, participation at assemblies, etc. The team main mission is to nurture the young women into the United Methodist Women Organization so that they are prepared to continue the legacy when the women shall have parted the scene.

Our young women are benefiting from the women scholarship at the United Methodist University.



All of the 20 districts and one circuit, with the exception of Guinea districts who young women we were unable to reach benefited from the economic empowerment program of the team. More than 100 young women were trained with livelihood skills (tie and Dye, arts and bags, liquid soap and bleach production). One young woman who is practicing Skills they have learned from the past young women gatherings was selected from each district as direct beneficiary for the Economic empowerment project. Some of the beneficiaries received their materials for their small business and others will receive their materials during this 37th Annual Assembly of CUMYAF.

Our Representative, Martha B. Dobbob informed us that there's currently a small Agro Business Project that will begin in this month (January 2023) within the three regions; three districts. (Nana Kru from Region 3, Moweh from Region 1 and Lofa River District

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from Region 2). The project is a pilot project. The result will give us another opportunity to get a bigger project which will cover the rest of the districts.

The team also attended a one-week intensive training for transformation (TFT). 10 young women from the three regions benefited from the training. The 10 Young Women are to train not less than 80 young women before the end of this conference year. The team was at the just ended young women gathering where they trained the young women. They provided some training to the young women on the Book of Discipline, the YAF constitution and some livelihood skills training.

Team members are (Committed servant leader, Sis. Martha Blogwedy Dobboh, my immediate predecessor, Sis. Mai J. G. Paeley, Sis. Felecia J.W. Dorbor, and Sis. Hawa P. Guwor). We want to appreciate all but Sis. Martha and Hawa take the credit for the periodic updates they give us relative to this project for our young women.

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, a cross-sectional of our young women gathered with the People's Gompa District Young Women Network at the Grace United Methodist Church in Ganta to observe the Young Women Network (YOWONET) Annual Symposium. The YOWONET Symposium was attended by 14 districts out of the 21 districts.

A few of the major activities during the program included reviewing of each district YOWONET activities through listening and discussing district coordinators' reports, Workshop (History and importance of Young Women Gathering & The importance of the constitution/ book of discipline and their usage), livelihood skills training, parade, sports, trauma healing session, talent night and closing service.

Under the theme, "Do Not Empty Yourself" with text from 2 King 4:1-7, celebrated peacefully in love, kindness, fellowship, studying of the words and reconnecting the wheel of sisterhood as the was climaxed on October 15, 2022. Sis. Gitler Nathan and her team ensured that the YOWONET Annual Symposium became a success. We want to appreciate them too.

### **Membership**

It is with an appreciable heart that we recognize the efforts of the membership committee, chair Bro. Prince Dweh and his team for developing a form to capture members of our conference but regretfully, district presidents have not fully cooperated on that. Howbeit, it is our understanding is that the district president's reports at the Assembly will give us a sense of how much members we have precisely but with a reliance on past district reports that we had a total of approximately 10,000 young adults within the Liberia Annual Conference.

### **Visitation**



During the conference year, we visited several districts sharing thoughts of unity, fellowship, the Biblical principles of love and service, and conducting pieces of training in leadership and development. Those visits were made possible not only through direct presidential visits but with the collective help and support of my able lieutenants, Sis. Martha B. Dobboh, 1st Vice President, Bro. Charles Wilson, 2nd Vice President, Bro. Edwin Dormie, Jr. Chief of Secretariat/Secretary General, Sis. Rebecca Martor, Assistant Secretary General, Sis. Felecia J. W. Dorbor, Treasurer and Bro. J. Rudy S. Francia, Special Assistant. Those fellows, though put in



varying efforts and invested so much such that their efforts cannot go unnoticed. Thus, my thanks and appreciation of gratitude go to each of them.

Therefore, CUMYAF visited the Kru Coast district YAF during her induction program in April 2022, where we discussed issues relating to the growth of the fellowship such as working together for the purpose, offering our complete participation and services to fellowship at the local, District and national levels. Amongst other issues put before us during the visit by the Kru Coast District Young Adult Fellowship attending the gathering was the unwillingness of the young people to attend the gathering. In response, they were encouraged to find new ways of solving the problem such as periodic but regular visitation to backsliding members and sometimes making gatherings contemporary such as rotation and using different communication media.



Our team visited Nana Kru twice with the first visit in August 2023 where Our 2nd Vice President, Charles Wilson served as Chair of their election Commissions ensuring peaceful, fair, and transparent elections that brought Bro. Austine K.

Kumeh, president and crops of officers to leadership through the spoken wills of the people.

The second visit was at the seat of their Annual Assembly where we conducted a training workshop on the parliamentary procedure, stressing the paramount need to follow the protocols of attending, and organizing meetings, methods of bringing issues on the floor, the systematic methods of disposing of issues, presiding and handling the gavel in a fair and just manner to have everyone heard in all meetings.

In Garraway District, we participated in its Annual Assembly held in November 2022 and conducted a leadership training workshop, focusing on the parliamentary procedure just as we did with the Nana Kru District Young Adult Fellowship. We climaxed the lecture series by admonishing the Garraway Young People to separate the youth from the young adult fellowship. It is our hope that at this 37th Annual Assembly and 38th Anniversary Events of Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship, the Garraway's president will inform us about how far they have gone with this separation.

Thereafter, in Cape Palmas District, we attended all planned activities of the Cape Palmas District YAF, conducting regular leadership training workshops on the roles of elected and appointed officers. Afterward going to the Gee River District Conference in December 2022 where had a very fruitful discussion with the young people concerning the growth of the fellowship. We also recommended to the district leadership, to extend the young people's Annual Assembly time to November, because they are always celebrating in August which is too early.

By the efforts of our 2nd Vice president, Bro. Charles Wilson whom all the visits above are credited, all of the districts in the Southeast participated in the young women training held in the Gee River district.

Additionally, we visited Monrovia, St. Paul, Gompa, Weala, Gbarnga, Kakata Farmington River and Jorquelleh, Districts carrying messages of unity, love, fellowship and conducting similar training discussed above with some districts. The team members who are I hold in my heart deep appreciation and thanks of gratitude are Bro. Edwin Dormie,

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Jr., Martha B. Dobboh who led those. At the Lofa River District Women Conference, we engaged the young people, especially the young women who attended the conference by providing education and self-esteem enlightenment to them. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Sis. Martha B. Dobboh is credited for her leadership role played by representing us therein. We conducted another leadership training during the Weala District Young Adult Fellowship Annual Assembly. It was led by our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Sis. Martha B. Dobboh.

Furthermore, during the day marking the official opening of the Weala District YAF 7th Annual Assembly and 37th-anniversary celebration we were honored to be the opening preacher making use of the conference Theme: **The Right Words can Heal a Broken Heart**, with text drawn from **James 3:7-9**. Our Chief of Secretariat, Bro. Edwin Dormie, Jr. who said thus says the Lord, admonished the Weala Young People that words are powerful so they should be used cautiously, stating that it's a Biblical mandate for young people to use their tongues wisely and say kind words to one another as life and death lie in the power of the tongue. He concluded that sitting on the scene and condemning does not help anything because speaking positively and encouraging our neighbors help build the body of Christ - a community where find ourselves and wherein the Lord demands us to love our neighbor as ourselves As a CUMYAF to representative, He additionally facilitated a training session on topics such as The Parliamentary Responsibility in the UMC/YAF, and Robert's rules of order.

### Scholarship

Based on the pressing need to start, we revised the concept developed by the 17<sup>th</sup> president's leadership, Bro. Victor Howard who holds the credit of the below-revised document goes to take effect as of the ensuring conference year, 2023/24. Bro. Williamson Z. Weegon and his team assisted by Sis. Felecia Dorbor were very supportive. Thanks.



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### Revised Joint Scholarship Concept, June 4, 2022

#### 1.0 Background

The conference United Methodist Youth and Young Adult Fellowships (CUMYYAF) have been in existence for over a period of thirty-eight Years (38) years now, from 1984 to the present. These groups have noticed a high rate of illiteracy in the country and conferences, most of all a very high percentage of its population are young people, and they are in the majority uneducated persons in the country (conference), which is a major contributing factor to the downward trend and slow or no improvement in conferences in particular and the Republic of Liberia and the Republic of Guinea in general.



The census conducted by the Liberia Institute of Statistics and Geo-information Services (LIGIS) Liberia had a total population of 3.5 million people in 2008, but as of 2022, the world population matter puts Liberia's population at 5.2 million, and sixty percent of that number are young people. In relation to this, to help to mitigate these issues, the CUMYYAF joint efforts gave birth to the Rev. Dr. Julius Sarwolo Nelson, Jr. Scholarship and Financial Aid Program in 2019. This scholarship foundation which intends to educate young people in the Liberia Area of our church is in honor of the long-serving counseling elder, Rev. Dr. Julius Sarwolo Nelson, Jr. It primarily resulted from a committed joint effort of the Conference United Methodist Youth and Young Adult Fellowships under the stewardship of Bro. Victor K. Howard and Bro. Cyrus Yini presidents' emeritus of the conference United Methodist Youth and Young Adult fellowships.

Although it was launched in 2019 but couldn't take immediate effect because of the COVID-19 and internal fellowships' issues which impeded its progress until 2022. However, it is widely viewed as an answer to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ "And Jesus came and spoke unto them saying all power is given unto me in heaven and in Earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the Son and of the holy spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: I am with you always even to the end of the world". (Matthew 28:18-20). Additionally, the 2016 Book of Discipline paragraph 164. E clearly states that we, the United Methodists, believe that every person has the right to education which is the responsibility of education of the young people rests with the family, faith communities, and the government. The provision also stresses that in a society, this function can best be fulfilled through policies that ensure access for all persons to free education and that colleges and universities are to ensure that academic freedom is protected for all members of the academic community and a learning environment is fostered that allows for a free exchange of ideas.

In fulfillment of this great commission (paragraph 127, the ministry of the Laity) and in accordance with the United Methodist Book of Discipline (BoD) as specified, motivated the Reverend Doctor Julius Sarwolo Nelson, Jr. accepted to be the key donor of the joint the Conference United Methodist Youth and Young Adult Fellowships Scholarship program which is named in his honor.

## **2.0 Categories of scholarship Program**

The Rev. Dr. Julius Sarwolo Nelson Scholarship and Financial Aid Program is divided into two (2) categories:

A). Scholarship – is for an active young person who is dedicated and committed to the work of the church, through their local, district, and Conference United Methodist Youth or Young Adult Fellowship of the Liberia Area of United Methodist Church able to obtain or has obtained B or 3.00-grade point average during application but does not have the means to stay or to obtain a college education. This category of the scholarship will cover the beneficiary's registration/tuition, book fees, and access to CUMYAF research center for four years of studies at the University of Liberia and Community Colleges provided:

- (I) That the Beneficiary maintains the grade points average [GPA] of 3.00;
- (II) That the beneficiary remains an active and committed member of the United Methodist Church;
- (III) That there is a continuous flow of resources sufficient to cover beneficiaries.

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B). Financial Aid – is for an active young person who is dedicated and committed to the work of the church, through their local, district, and Conference United Methodist Youth or Young Adult Fellowship and does not have the means of college education, and additionally is unable to obtain or has not obtained a 3.00-grade point average during the time of application. Therefore, the Financial Aid beneficiary is entitled to registration or tuition only provided:

(A) That the Beneficiary passes eighty percent (80%) of their registered courses as provided by their institution when admitted.

(B) That the beneficiary remains an active and committed member of the United Methodist Church.

(C) That there is a continuous flow of resources sufficient to cover beneficiaries.

### **3.0 Purpose of the Scholarship**

The purpose of the Rev. Dr. Julius Sarwolo Nelson, Jr. Scholarship is to fulfill the Holy Scripture by answering to the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20) in accordance with the mission of the church.

The young people are an integral part of the United Methodist Church in Liberia and have noticed that the lay people, most especially are not benefiting from the Global and Annual Church scholarships, only because they are restricted to certain disciplines and institutions. In support of the ministry of the church in Liberia, the young people have embarked on a scholarship program in enhancing and building the capacity of its members for the better improvement of the church and society.

### **4.0 Eligible Institutions**

The Rev. Dr. Julius Sarwolo Nelson, Jr. Scholarship and Financial Aid program is limited to the University of Liberia and Community Colleges.

### **5.0 Donors**

Donors of the Rev. Dr. Julius Sarwolo Nelson, Jr. scholarship and Financial Aid program are funded by the:

- I. Rev. Dr. Julius Sarwolo Nelson, Jr. foundation and family
- II. Philanthropist United Methodist Member
- III. United Methodist institution /organization
- IV. Philanthropist individuals/ organizations through the young people of the United Methodist church

### **6.0 Methodology and Selection Procedure**

Any young person who wants to take advantage of this scholarship and financial aid opportunities shall:

- I. Express their intent firstly by writing a letter of intent to the joint scholarship committee of the Conference Youth and Young Adult Fellowships.
- II. Submit along with the letter of intent all documents (recent grade sheet, two (2) recommendation letters [ 1 from Local/district president, 1 from local pastor/district coordinator or superintendent];
- III. Sit for an interview with the joint scholarship committee.
- IV. Qualified person names will be processed and submitted to the various institutions to which they have applied or received admission thereof.

### **7.0 Administration and Responsibilities**

The administrative aspect of the Rev. Dr. Julius Sarwolo Nelson, Jr. Scholarship and Financial Aid program shall include but not be limited to:

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- I. The leadership and the joint committee on scholarship is the sole authority of this educational opportunity.
- II. They are the only people who will do the vetting and qualifying beneficiaries.
- III. All fees of beneficiaries will be paid into the destined school's accounts only by the designated individual of the fellowships.
- IV. All fees and slots will be given to the fellowship, not an individual student.

Now, therefore, it worth noting that this scholarship has not commenced but we strongly hoped that it will take effect as of this Conference Year 2022/23 such that we were able to be obtained US\$304.00 United States Dollars and LD\$28,370.00 as the available cash since the launch of the Scholarship Foundation nearly 5 years ago.

### **Bishop's Scholarship**

We are super excited and sincerely pleased to inform us all that, our team was able to have obtained 21 scholarship slots from Bishop's office for Young Adults who want to pursue the post high school studies at the United Methodist University only. As part of the decentralization and accountability processes, the scholarship committee through the secretarial effected a conference-wide memorandum calling for interested young adults to apply.

Those scholarships are funded by Bishop Samuel J. Quire, Jr. as the fulfilment of his pledge of 15 scholarships for young adults during our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly. In a consultative meeting wherein, the leadership stressed the importance of ensuring that opportunities be given to every district and circuit, our Bishop increased the 15 slots to 22 slots. Thus, all eligible young adults were encouraged to apply, keeping in mind of specified eligibility criteria as follows:

- ❖ Be an active young adult at your local, but very familiar with your district/conference activities
- ❖ Complete and submit the application & recommendation forms
- ❖ Be recommended by your leadership.
- ❖ Be accessible for the interview (it will take place by phone, or online if you are **NOT IN MONTSERRADO**). Therefore, make sure that your phone number included in the application is on and working).
- ❖ **Note:** The Scholarship Committee also accepted applications from young adults who are not located in their church or district but are active at the Conference Young Adult Fellowship.

### **Applicant's Responsibilities were to:**

- ✓ Ensure that you take and pass the United Methodist University entrance exam
- ✓ The scholarship has no credit limit, but the successful applicant will need to pay for entrance, admission, and registration fees only.
- ✓ It is your responsibility to ensure that your high school documents are correct
- ✓ If you are already in college, or you have dropped out, send your recent grade sheet along with your application package.
- ✓ Make sure your phone number(s) or contacts are always active and reachable.
- ✓ Successful applicants/beneficiaries are required to be active members of CUMYAF Campus Ministries, carrying out evangelism, Bible studies, fellowship, and participate in CUMYAF's activities regularly to maintain scholarship. The Conference President will constitute and commission the CUMYAF Campus Ministries when he receives successfully applicants' list from the Scholarship Committee.



Regrettably, despite all the efforts, only 15 applicants timely applied as specified with all their required documents. Those fifteen (15) candidates namely Bro. James Barmonh, Sis. Lydia Flomo, Bro. Obadiah Smythe, Bro. Lewis Worlogar, Sis. Geta Nyagweh, Sis. Mariama Wollor, Sis. Nora Gbor, Bro. Kortee Smith, Sis. Victoria Dorleleay, Bro. Emmanuel Dolo, Bro. Emmanuel Kahn, Bro. Isaac Cammue, Sis. Priscilla Fedrick, Sis. Vivian E. Ballah, and Bro. Victor Robertson were all selected and are now in school.

Additionally, two other young adults namely, Bro. Isaac Cammue and Jestina Jimmy from Jorquelleh District lately submitted some of their required documents. We did our best for bishop's office to include their names on the listing since in fact all of our slots were not filled but all efforts proved futile.

Howbeit, to ensure that they enter and stay in school, I, your humble servant, Emmanuel Kpon Saye pledged at my own expense to pay for four courses for both so that they can be in school this semester. Afterward, by next semester, they can be included on the scholarship automatically without any application. When this successful, it means that by next semester, we will still need additional four persons to get our slots completely filled.

Thus, I strongly encourage any young desiring to benefit, to take the upcoming United Methodist University entrance and organize all college admission documents so that you can get this opportunity. You can apply now if you've met all requirements stated above on by completing the application forms annexed to this report.

### **Spiritual Growth**

We led a week-long bible study activities during the Easter celebration devotion with different young adults speakers from within the young adult fellowship. It was the first time ever in our history to conduct online devotion that young adults residents in Liberia and beyond have the opportunity to read, listen and participate in sharing of God's words emanating from within the fellowship not in the local church. Additionally, at all of our activities, we have conducted Bible studies, praise and worship and preached the Good News to our fellow young adults, youth and adult participants within and beyond the local church. Verlyn Labala Gono and her team are appreciated for leading.

### **Finance**

During this Conference year, the Fellowship adopted the total cost of programs and activities amounting to US\$141,850 and an annual come with approximate of 96% accounting for expenditure but the realization was far from reality because of the current economic situation the country. My financial team members led by Allington Ballah are appreciated for their services over the year.

### **Conclusion**

It's incumbent on us as Christ followers to do exactly as the founder of our church, John Wesley has said that *do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. As long you do this, Heaven is yours.*

We attribute of our achievement is attributed to God Almighty and secondly to all of my officers.

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## Annex 1: Scholarship Application Form



### Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship (CUMYAF) Liberia Annual Conference/The United Methodist Church

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### Scholarship Application Form

*This form must be completed by the applicant.*

#### Applicant information

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/role in the church/District/Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Male/Female:    Date of birth: (mm, day & year) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_    Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Education level (Underline what applied): (High school graduate), (freshmen), (Junior), (Senior) (in college or drop out)

Provide a copy of all necessary documents according to your educational status (high school diplomate and WEAC certificate, admission letter, or grade sheet)

#### Applicant Contact information

Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town/Community \_\_\_\_\_

#### Church Information:

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District/Circuit \_\_\_\_\_

District President Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

District Superintendent/Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Annex 2: Scholarship Recommendation Form



### Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship (CUMYAF) Liberia Annual Conference/The United Methodist Church

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### Scholarship Recommendation Form

*This form should be filled in by your local/ District Young Adult president/Coordinator/ District Superintendent (Any of them)*

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Recommender Information

First & Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Church name: \_\_\_\_\_  
2023

District/Circuit Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Recommendation

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you know the applicant? *Casually, Fairly Well, Very Well*





**Ecumenical Relations**

We've a good episcopal relation. We visited the quarterly meeting, thanksgiving and coronation of the Conference United Methodist Women held different time interval, the St. Paul River District Lay leader and crops of officers' induction.

We have additionally extended relations to all districts' reunification after the most heated elections. Furthermore, we participated in the National Students Christian Council (NSCC) 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly held with the Zion Main Church on Johnson Street, Monrovia, Liberia. Finally, we were one of

the invitees that witnessed the United Methodist University launching of the Patrizia Zeveri School of Marine Sciences on March 29, 2022. We honored and participated National Student Christian Council (NSCC) invite to us as member group to participate 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Celebration from Wednesday, October 5, 2022 to Sunday, October 10, 2022, observed as under the theme: "Keep focus in the mist of uncertainty" and text: St. John 14:16. In furtherance, we established a mission partnership with the Ghana-based Excellent Youth Outreach (EYO) mission program that was launched in Liberia in August 2022.

**Necrology**

As a matter of honoring our brothers and sisters who died, I would like reemphasize reports from all of our districts.

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Therefore, in Nana Kru, Sis. Helena S. Wesseh of the Toegbar Dee UMC in Nana Kru District departed us. In St. Paul, Sis. Hawa Cole of E. J. Goodridge and Bro. McCull Kollie of the St. Matthew UMC all went to rest leaving us in tears. Cape Palmas District lost her former Youth and Young Adults coordinator, the late Rev Andrew B. Seyon while Sis. Hawa Cole of E. J. Goodridge and Bro. McCull Kollie of the St. Matthew UMC went to the land of no return leaving our brothers and sisters in St. Paul in tears. In a close proximity, Sis. Eliza Toee of the E. Harding Smythe UMYAF and Sis Jestina T. Williams of the Mount Sinai UMYAF went to rest in Monrovia, setting memorable tears in the eyes of Monrovia District Young Adult Fellowship. **The Gbarnga District YAF** lost two its members namely, Sis Mary Sackie Gokai UMC and Sis Annie Kollie Sayahquelleh UMC.

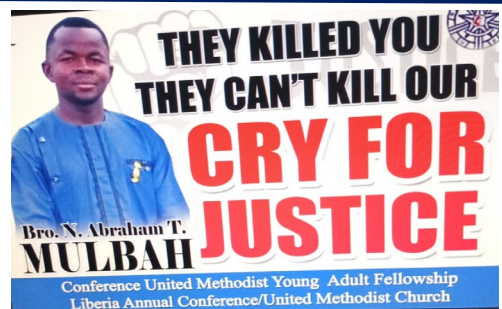
In other parts, at the N.B. Whitfield United Methodist Church Sis. Patience Drow in St. John while in Jorquelleh, the fellowship lost, Sis. Maybell Roland who was the president of Goweimue UMC, Sis. Joannah C. Quita member of the Zebay UMC died in childbirth and Bro. N. Abraham T. Mulbah, Jorquelleh Secretary General whose lifeless body was found allegedly killed by unknown person(s). His death prompted the fellowship to deliver the petition entitled, They Killed You They Can't Kill Our Cry for Justice the to Ministry of Justice through the County Attorney's office in Gbarnga, Bong County on October 1, 2022.

### The Petition for Justice

October 1, 2022

Cllr. Jonathon Flomo  
County Attorney, Bong County  
Republic of Liberia

Dear Cllr. Flomo,



#### **REF. Honorable Attention and Immediate Action**

We are writing to bring to your attention the horrible, heartbreaking, and unacceptable death of one of our Christian Brothers, N. Abraham T. Mulbah, male, age 26 whose lifeless body was found a few miles outside Gbarnga, Bong County, Republic of Liberia on February 28, 2022. He was Jorquelleh District Young Adult Fellowship Secretary General as well as a motorcyclist last seen with his motorbike but since his corpse was discovered, his motorbike has not been located as of today.

In view of the supra mentioned, we request your honorable office to launch a full-scale investigative search to arrest, charge, indict and investigate anyone who will be linked to such purposeful, knowing, negligent, and willful act with substantial disregard to the value of his life which ultimately resulted to the intentional termination of the existence of a promising young adult, Christ Servant, and Church leader, N. Abraham T. Mulbah.

The above-mentioned fellowship is a Christian Organization, specifically, a sub-segment of the United Methodist Church comprising Young People from 20 Districts and 2 Circuits across Liberia's Episcopal Area. The Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship (United Methodist Young People ages 25 -35 years) provides oversight on Young people's activities and wellbeing.

We hope Sir, that our petition yields a positive result in the soonest possible time.  
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## Constitution Revision/Amendment Propositions (Highlighted)

3.2. The Membership of the CUMYAF shall not be limited by sex or race, but however, to become a member one MUST be within the ages of Twenty-five (25) years and thirty-five (35) years, professed Christianity, and a baptized and confirmed United Methodist.

3.3 Subject to changes in the Book of Discipline, all United Methodists between the ages of 25 years to thirty-five (35) years, regardless of status, marital or otherwise, are considered Young Adults and should work with his or their local Young Adult Fellowship and District until the attainment of age thirty-six (36).

3.4 Affiliated Membership of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship shall be extended to organizations such as the National Student Christian Council (NSCC), Sierra Leone United Methodist Young Adult Ministry, West Africa Central Conference Young Adult Fellowship (WACCYAF), Liberia Council of Churches Youth Desk (LCCYD) and other Organizations, provided however that said Organization or Institution profess and maintain Christian Values. They shall be called upon from time to time to participate in programs or projects as may be deemed necessary and shall be informed of the Fellowship's operation.

4.1. B. Young Adults coming in conflict with the District Superintendent, District Conference Executives, and Local Church Leadership shall complain through an official written communication to the immediate supervising District or Conference Leadership. Complaints involving the President or Executives of the Conference shall be made to the council of the Young People Ministry. All complaints must be accompanied by pieces of evidence where applicable

4.1.C. Upon receipt of a complaint, an ad-hoc committee on investigation comprising Five current and former young people leaders shall be appointed to investigate the complaint and submit findings thereof to the Executive Council or Council on Young People Ministry for decision.

4.2. That CUMYAF shall charter all local Young Adult Fellowship; the Chapter and the Membership Cards shall be sold for a price to be determined by the Executive Council. Only Chartered United Methodist Young Adult Fellowships shall enjoy all rights and privileges of a United Methodist Young Adult group.

### 5.2.1. President

The president shall preside over all meetings of the fellowship; shall with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, appoint delegations, representatives, advisors, and committees; shall head the delegation of the fellowship to the Liberia Annual Conference/ UMC sessions; shall represent the fellowship on all board, committee, councils, and commissions of the LAC/UMC as provided for by the UMC Book of Discipline; shall serve as ex-officio on all committees of the fellowship; shall represent the fellowship on all boards of affiliate member organizations, and shall be the only 'A' signatory to the fellowship's account.

### 5.2.3. Second Vice President

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The Second Vice President shall in consultation with the Executive Committee coordinate the affairs and implement the activities of the fellowship in the leeward districts and circuit of the Conference that are of reasonable proximity to his district of origin or residence; **were applicable to a District, the Second Vice President shall hail from and coordinate the affairs of Local Churches outside the Headquarters and or City limit of the District Conference. He/she and the president/ First Vice shall not hail or be residents of the same district or local unit.**

Districts may choose to have only one Vice president, but local units shall only have one. Where there is only one vice president, he/she shall function as would the First Vice enshrined hereinabove.

#### **5.2.4. General Secretary**

The General Secretary shall keep all records/ documents of the fellowship; shall take and provide the minutes of every meeting of the fellowship; shall prepare the agenda for meetings in consultation with the president; shall cite members to meetings; send out invitations and coordinate the secretariat of the fellowship. He/**She** shall perform other functions delegated by the president or the Executive Council and must be cognizant of the work of all committees of the Fellowship.

#### **5.3.0. Qualifications of Elected Executives**

**5.3.1 The President shall be at least a high school graduate; must have been an active member of the fellowship for at least two (2) consecutive years at all levels of the Fellowship. The First and Second Vice Presidents shall have similar qualifications.**

### **XI. Committee on Grievance and Ethics**

#### **5.5.12. Committee on Grievances and Ethics (COGE)**

**a. There shall be a Committee on Grievance and Ethics which shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide all administrative and moral complaints brought against members and officers of the fellowship. The committee shall hear and decide on complaints brought before it within a reasonable time and submit a report to the immediate EXCO or assembly following the complaint. Upon receipt of a complaint, the committee may recommend to the executive committee temporary punitive actions such as suspension and recusal depending on the gravity of the complaint or in the interest of the fellowship provided that such temporary punitive action shall not exceed the immediate executive council meeting after the action had been taken.**

**b. The committee shall be appointed by the president with the expressed consent of the executive committee and shall comprise five persons including two adult former leaders and three current young adults with impeccable characters and professional discipline provided that there must be a legal professional, a pastor or deacon and at least two female members.**

**c. Members appointed to the committee shall serve a term of two years and shall only be removed for a cause proven and in which case, a replacement shall be appointed to complete the unexpired term.**

**d. The committee shall employ an alternative dispute resolution mechanism or investigation method in reaching a decision over complaints brought before its**



**decisions made by the committee shall be based on a simple majority vote provided that all votes must be expressed.**

**e. The committee shall submit its findings and recommendation upon investigation or resolution to the immediate scheduled executive council meeting or called executive council meeting following the complaint for action. The EXCO upon receipt of the committee's findings and recommendations or resolution shall vote by secret ballot or headcount to confirm, modify or reject the recommendations of the committee.**

#### **ARTICLE SIX: ELECTIONS**

D) Voting rights and candidacy for Executive Committee of the Conference shall be limited to Elected Executives, Chairpersons, Co-Chairpersons **and Secretary** of Standing Committees, Special Presidential Appointees, and delegates, provided that the special presidential appointees shall be defined by the administrative policy of each fellowship.

Submitted to the 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly for Adoption.

**By:** Bro. Winston Varwulu, Chair Member & Bro. Victor K. Howard - - - Consultant/Lead  
**For and on behalf of members**

#### **District Presidents' Reports**

##### **Kakata Farmington River District YAF Report**

###### **Protocol:**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye, 19<sup>th</sup> National President, CUMYAF, Sis. Martha B. Dobboh, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, CUMYAF, Bro. Charles D. Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, CUMYAF, Bro. Edwin Dormie, General Secretary, CUMYAF, Assistant Secretary, Bro. Felix Emmanuel Yekee, Financial Secretary, CUMYAF, Sis. Felecia Dorber, Treasurer, CUMYAF, Dean and Deputy Dean of our President's Cabinet, Members of the Cabinet, Her Royal Highness, Chairs and Co-Chairs to all Committees, Fth. Wilfred Gray-Johnson, Director, Y/YA Ministries, LAC/UMC, Distinguished Members delegates to this 37<sup>th</sup> Annual assembly, Fellow Young Adults, Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

###### **Greetings:**

Before I begin this report, I request your respective corporations standing, as we commemorate the demise of our falling brothers and sisters that have left us during this conference year to join our other families in glory. May their souls and all others, the faithful departed rest in perfect peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them. Thank You.

We bow in submission to our creator, for his Grace, Mercy, and many blessings he continues to pour upon our lives as leaders of our noble District's Fellowship. In spite of the fact that we are not perfect creatures, who have fallen short of his glory, He (God) has always been good to us. Our path to this 37<sup>th</sup> Annual assembly of CUMYAF has not been an easy one but in spite of it all, we are here. We acknowledge God and allude to the fact that we encountered numerous problems, but we also had to acknowledge the fact that such is life.



We bring you greetings from the Pastors, officers, and members of our local churches and our district at large. We also bring you greetings from our district superintendent, and our Family, in our own name and in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### **Introduction:**

In accordance with the United Methodist Young Adults' Constitution, it is my pleasing responsibility as President to report to this Assembly on the **Administration** of our humble fellowship, **Programs, and Activities** that were planned, approved, and have been executed during this conference year, **Meetings/Visitation and Membership, Finance, Ecumenical Relations, Achievements and Challenges, Commendation** and **Conclusion**.

Fellow Colleagues in Ministry, we are pleased to present our report for this conference year to this 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly which is a task bestowed upon us.

### **Administration:**

Brethren, since the KFRD/YAF 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary celebration, which was held from November 11-14 of 2021 at the Duahzon United Methodist Church, that brought on board the present leadership of the following persons;

- A. Bro. Eltrick T. Jackson----- President
- B. Bro. Shadton Nimely----- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- C. Bro. Meshach Bayeo----- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- D. Bro. T. Thompson M. Gardea ----- Secretary
- E. Bro. Isaac Daniels----- Financial Secretary

With both the Treasure and Assistant Secretary positions vacant and also due to the inactiveness of the second Vice President, there was a bar election held at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Session of the Kakata Farmington River District Conference Young Adults' Fellowship that brought on the following persons to complete the leadership of KFRDYAF; Bro. J. Konah McCauley Jr. as second Vice President, Sis. Mercy Harding, as assistant secretary, and Sis. Rachel M. Morris, as Treasure. Fellow members of this Assembly, it is by the sufficient grace of God that we (the leadership of the KFRD/YAF) are here at this point continuing the services to our outstanding young adults' fellowship that remains the hope of our beloved church, despite the challenges we faced.

### **Programs and Activities**

#### **Planning Retreat:**

Fellow young adults, gearing towards the presentation of our proposed calendar of events for the conference year 2022/2023, this program was climaxed with a short planning meeting for the installation of the elected officers at the time. Our planning retreat was held on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at the I J Williams Memorial United Methodist High School located in the Unification Town, Margibi County. The retreat saw a few young adults from about six (6) local Churches out of thirty-eight (38) local churches in our district. The proposed calendar of the event was presented by the program planning committee to the fellowship and was thoroughly discussed and corrections were made by the members of the fellowship, after which the calendar of events was accepted, approved, and adopted. The Proposed budget was also presented by the financial committee and discussed by members of the fellowship and was later approved and adapted by the body.

#### **Cabinet Retreat:**

The cabinet retreat was held at the Classic View, at the Unification Town, Margibi County. This session was presided over by the dean of the cabinet of the KFRD/YAF, in the person



of Bro. Charles S.D Nyepan. During said session, the cabinet was able to craft motivational plans that will enable the leadership to bring out the best in it.

#### **Installation:**

Presiding and Members of this Annual session, permit me to inform you that our installation was successfully held at the I J Williams Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 12-13, 2022. It started with recreational activities on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March when the fellowship played a friendly encounter with the Jubilee Praise and Worship Center of the Unification City. The friendly encounter ended in a 1-1 draw. The sermon was delivered by Rev. T. Alexander Kanwie, Associate Reverend of the Trinity UMC, where he preached on the **Theme: "The lead to success"** and **Text: Joshua 1:1-8.**

Our Installation program was happily graced with the Presence of members of the Monrovia District's Young Women Network and other members of the MDYAF cabinet.

#### **First EXCO:**

Fellow Young Adults, it is sickening to inform this body that our first EXCO was poorly attended by members and churches of the KFRD/YAF. Again, of the total amount of thirty-eight churches, we had three (3) Churches and three elected officers out of the total amount of Five (5) elected officers attending that EXCO.

During the EXCO, the three local presidents of the three local churches that were present presented their reports for the quarter. This EXCO was held on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, hosted by the cabinet and was held at the dean's residence.

#### **Healing and Deliverance Service:**

Our healing and deliverance service was held at the Duahzon UMC, where we had a total amount of twenty-six (26) persons attending that program. The program was successfully held with Rev. G. Bobson Bleh of the Duahzon UMC bringing forth the bread of life. Father Edwin W. Williams of the Monrovia District Men's organization and who is also the adviser to the spiritual growth committee of the KFRD/YAF, led the time of prayer, healing, and deliverance.

#### **Second EXCO meeting and Annual District Young Adults' Day Celebration:**

Our Second EXCO meeting and Annual District Young Adults' Day celebration was observed from the twenty-eighth (28<sup>th</sup>) of July 2022 to the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) of July 2022, which of course both activities were held at the same venue, the Duahzon UMC.

These activities were graced with the presents of many conference officials, including the conference Secretary Bro. Edwin Dormie and the President Emeritus Bro. Victor Howard. During the program Bro. Moses D. Whee, President emeritus of the KFRD/YAF honored (crowned, certificated, and sash) as young Adult of the year 2022/2023. The bread of life was brought forth by Rev. J Ayeattee Joe, who preached on the theme "**Check the Record before Honoring**" with text taken from Esther 3:4-6.

Fellow Young Adults, it is with great excitement that I can inform this 37<sup>th</sup> Annual session of CUMYAF, that the second EXCO of the KFRD/YAF was encouragingly attended by members and churches of our district. Again, with a total of thirty-eight churches, we had seven (7) Churches and four (4) elected officers out of five elected district officers attending that EXCO.

During the EXCO, the seven (7) local presidents of the seven local churches that were present presented their reports for the quarter.

#### **Annual Great Weekend**

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This activity was observed from the twenty-second (22<sup>nd</sup>) of September 2022 to the twenty-fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) of September 2022. The host for said activity was the Owensgrove region of the Kakata Farmington River District Conference.

### **The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Assembly of the KFRD/YAF**

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Assembly of the Kakata Farmington River District Conference Young Adults' Fellowship was successfully and graciously observed from the Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of November 2022 to the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) of November 2022. It was held with the First United Methodist Church Marshall, Marshall City Margibi County, under the Theme: **"Take on responsibilities in the days of youth"** with text taken from Lamentation 3:27 and Ref. Ecclesiastes 12:1. During said activity, we gracefully received the presence of two of CUMYAF officials, in the person of the First Vice President Sis. Martha Dobboh and the Royal Highness.

### **Meetings/Visitation and Membership:**

The young adult fellowship's regular meetings are slated for the last Saturday of every month which is rotational and is used as a means of visitation to other churches.

The leadership has been able to visit a total amount of nineteen (19) churches out of the total amount of thirty-eight (38) churches in the district during the period under review.

Been faced with the challenge of gathering an accurate amount of members, is due to some of which we were able to present to Bishop Samuel J. Quire Jr. at the CUMYAF Annual Assembly held with the Weala District which stated, "if Bishop Quire does not intervene into the issue of forceful graduation of the Young Adults Fellowship's members by local Church Pastors on the Kakata Farmington River District, there will be no young people's ministry in the next few years". This has not been addressed since and is a serious impediment to our full data collection. It's also a serious problem that we can't have most of our churches attending our activities to give us an account of their membership.

Therefore, we are just trying our best to educate the people about their rights and require age for the next level of our Church. With this, we have just started a membership form process in order that we can gather all important information on our members.

### **Finance:**

This Administration began her services with a very challenging financial standing. This is due to the same fact that our local churches are not attending activities and are not making their contribution towards the running of the Fellowship. Therefore, the past leadership presented a record of LD\$ 8,000.00 plus USD\$62.00 that was left in the account of the District.

Since our ascendancy, of all the programs that were held, we have raised the total amount of L\$55,060.00 plus US\$230.00. Of this amount, US\$200.00 plus L\$50,000.00 was expended which leaves us with the amount of L\$5,000.00 plus US\$23.00. This amount, with good and perfect consultation, has been deposited on a mobile money sim card as the fellowship's savings.

### **Ecumenical Relations:**

Physical facts show our peaceful and perfect Ecumenical Relations with our partners and friends. The cordiality with our Young Adults Fellowship's members, local pastors, district organizations, coordinators, and district superintendent has been improved over the period. We have built a concrete relationship with our District Conference, District Youth, District Men, District Women, District Ushers board, District Board of Laity, the Conference United Methodist Young Adults, and other District Young Adult Fellowships. As vivid proof, we (the KFRDYAF) were represented at the celebration of the MDYAF great weekend that



was celebrated in Sierra Leone, Freetown. This was based on the cordiality between both districts. To also state that our ecumenical relations have extended out of the bounds of our church, the Jubilee Praise and Worship Center has always been a part of our programs and activities.

### **Achievements and Challenges:**

This leadership has been able, through appeals and negotiations to have three of her active members placed on the scholarship. Two of the three were given to us by the Conference United Methodist Young Adults' fellowship and the last one was given to us by our District Personality of the year 2022/2023, Fth. Malcolm W. Scott. The three beneficiaries are; Sis. Mercy Harding, Sis. Vivian Evon Ballah and Bro. Obediah Smythe.

Let me report to this Assembly with no discomfort, that our district's serious challenge is finance. This has been and remains a contributing factor to the challenges we faced as a fellowship. Due to this, most of our members and churches continuously stay away from our activities, and knowing the fact that most of the churches in our district are rural churches that are financially weak, we usually just keep encouraging them.

### **Commendation:**

The first acknowledgment goes to God almighty for his grace, mercy, sustenance, direction, guidance, and wisdom to lead the young adults' fellowship of the KFRD. To my entire working team, I say a very big thanks to you all for your corporation. With honesty, I also recognize the strength of our achievements, Rev. and Mot. Joel M. Jackson, Fth. Sheku Sam, Fth. Charles D. Cooper, Fth. H Paul S. Badio, Fth. Malcolm W. Scott, Bro. Charles S.D Nyepan, most of all my spouse Sis. Hydia E. Johnson, the First Church Marshall UMC, First UMC Charlesville, Duahzon UMC, and the I.J Williams Memorial UMC. With gratitude and respect, we submit and recognize you all for you level of support you have rendered to this leadership and the entire fellowship.

### **Conclusion:**

My fellow young adults, as we close this report, we will like to make an appeal to those districts that have some connection to extend their support and connection to help those districts that are not up to a certain level, for the better growth of our fellowship and our church at large. May God bless us, may God bless our individual districts' young adult fellowship, may God bless our Conference United Methodist Young Adults' Fellowship, and may God bless our one and only United Methodist Church.

Respectfully Submitted.

Growing in Christ,

Sign: Bro. *Eltrick T. Jackson*  
Bro. Eltrick T. Jackson  
18<sup>th</sup> President, KFRD/YAF

Approved: *Fth. H. Paul S. Badio*  
Fth. H Paul S. Badio  
Coordinator KFRD/YAF

## **Jorquelleh Young Adult Fellowship Report**

### **Protocol**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye, 19<sup>th</sup> National President, Sis. Martha B. Dobbob, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bro. Charles K. Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> President, Bro. Edwin Dormie Jr, Head of Secretarial, Dean & Associate Dean of Cabinet, all District President, Brothers, and Sisters in Christ.

### **Greetings**

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I extend warm compliments and best wishes to each of you gathered here today for the purpose of guiding accounts on the Stewardship entrusted unto us to carry on God's works.

### **Introduction**

As Customary in our Church, I have come to present this year's report on the fellowship involvement during the period under review. This report will give detailed information on the activities of the fellowship, its progress, and its challenges. This report has been categorized into the following listed categories covering the period of March 2022 to November 2022.

- ❖ Administration
- ❖ Program / Activities
- ❖ Visitation
- ❖ Special Project
- ❖ Challenges
- ❖ Commendation
- ❖ Conclusion

### **Administration**

1. Bro. Peter G. Sapolucia.....President
2. Bro. Gabriel T. Kono.....1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ramsey S. Martor .....2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
4. Bro. Emmett K. Togbah.....General Secretary
5. Bro. N. Isaac P. Cammue.....Assistant Secretary
6. Bro. Junior K. Tokpah.....Financial Secretary
7. Sis. Sarah N. Yarkpah.....Treasurer

Meanwhile, we are being coordinated by Rev. Morris M. Dolo and with some pieces of advice from our able District Superintendent, Rev. Anthony Y. Karpee.

### **Program and Activities**

Due to the financial crisis in the country, we were able to combine three programs together to be celebrated. These programs were: Planning retreat, the first EXCO and the induction program all held with the Baila United Methodist Church, Baila Town, Kpaai District, Bong County, Liberia from March 11 to 13, 2022.

### **Induction Program**

The induction program was held with the president local Church Baila UMC on March 13, 2022.

Visiting guests came from all over the District to celebrate the historic day of our Church. Rev. Aaron O. Yenkin (D.S) Gompa District Conference served as guest preacher on the occasion. The program was attended by friends, family members, and District officers. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ex-Co meeting and the District Youth & young Adult's Day were celebrated with the Gbarnga Siaquelleh from August 12 - 14, 2022. During these programs, nine (9) churches were presented including the host church, Gbarnga Siaquelleh UMC. Bro. Abel Quita was honored sashed at the youth of the year 2022 - 2023 while Sis. Joan N. Karmo was honored and Sashed of Young Adult of 2022 - 2023. The certifications of our honorees were done by Rev. Morris M. Dolo and Rev. John M. Kollie.

District Assembly was celebrated with the Gbarnga Siaquelleh UMC from November 23 - 27, 2022 under the theme: "God's Plan is different from man's Plan" text taken from 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:1-9. During the seat of this conference, we conducted the Bye Election of the Assistant Secretary and we also conducted Queen Contest. Bro. N. Isaac P. Cammue was elected as Assistant Secretary while Sis. Comfort Jackson of the Gboata UMC won as Queen of the 2023 - 2024 Conference year. The Conference was well attended by 22 local Churches.





### **Visitation**

We have extended our visitation to some of our local Church fellowships and members within our District. We visited ninety-five percent (95%) of our Churches in the District.

### **Representation**

We were represented during the following programs /activities: our Mother District planning retreat in Palala, the induction program of CUMYAF in Ganta, Gompa District, CUMYAF 1<sup>st</sup> Ex-Co meeting in Gbarnga and the young women network program in Ganta, Gompa District.

We were also represented at the District leadership training held with the Palala UMC.

We will always represent this District on all levels.

### **Special Project**

We are pleased to inform you, Bro. President and members of this Assembly that we have planned to propose 40 pieces of "4" mattresses for the JDC Y&YAF which cause us \$ 800.00 USD = (\$124,000.00LD). We have gone 20% of our project. We are asking other personalities to help us complete our project.

### **Necrology**

In the midst of life, there is death. We regret to announce the death of three of our members, two female and one male.

Sis. Maybell Roland who was the president of Goweimue UMC, Sis. Joannah C. Quita member of the Zebay UMC died in childbirth and our District Secretary who was killed by an unknown man, Bro. N. Abraham T. Mulbah. May their soul of all souls rest in perfect peace until we see again.

### **Challenges**

Let me say that the financial crisis within our country remains one of the major challenges we are facing as a fellowship, but by the grace of God, we are still finding success because God said to us that nothing is greater than him. Bad road connection has become one of the major challenges we faced with.

### **Commendation**

Like me firstly commend God our creator for guiding us, directing, and giving us the wisdom to lead the JD Y&YAF for the few months we have served. To my entire executive leadership team, I say thank you. I am also grateful for the 19<sup>th</sup> leadership of CUMYAF headed by Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye visiting my district during the death of Sis. Maybee Roland and our District Secretary Bro. N. Abraham T. Mulbah.

First Vice President and the General Secretary not forgetting about the United Methodist Youth & Young Adult inter-Fellowship for Development and all the Churches that contributed toward the death of Bro. N. Abraham T. Mulbah. I am also grateful to my parents and guardians, especially my beloved Mothers, Mother Dorothy N. Sapolucia and not forgetting my District Superintendent, Rev. Anthony Y. Karpee, and Rev. Morris M. Dolo Y&YAF Coordinator for their leadership role.

### **Conclusion**

As I conclude this report, I asked God to protect and direct us as we go through this conference year. To my area presents, thank you for the hard work.

Like us discuss issues that will improve our Church positively. God bless the young people of Jorquelleh District and everyone who is supporting us.

"Growing in Christ"

Bro. Peter G. Sapolucia

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4<sup>th</sup> District President, JDYAF

Rev. Morris M. Dolo

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Coordinator  
Jorquelleh District Y&YAF (JD-Y&YAF)

## **Kokoyah Young Adult Fellowship Report**

### **Protocol**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye, 19<sup>th</sup> National President CUMYAF, The First and Second Vice Presidents, Ft. Wilfred Gray-Johnson Director, Department Y/YA Ministries/LAC/UMC, Regional Coordinators, Fellow District Presidents, Committee Heads, Visiting Guest, Office of the Secretariat, members of this great 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Session and 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, fellow Young Adult in Christ.

### **Greeting**

On behalf of the officers and members of the Kokoyah District Conference Youth and Young Adult Fellowship, I greet you all in the name of our soon-coming King Jesus Christ. I also want to use this opportunity to again welcome you all as brothers and sisters in Christ to this great Assembly, most especially at Kakata Farmington River District UMC. I hope and pray that your stay here will be fruitful and rewarding.

### **Introduction**

According to the by-laws of our United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship, I present this report on the fellowship involvement during the period under review. This report will give detailed information on Administration, Membership, Program, Activities, Visitation, Special Projects, Progress, Challenges, Finances, Commendation, and Conclusion.

### **Administration**

Christian brothers and Sisters, during our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly and 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the Sayeweh United Methodist Church, Bowinsin, Kokoyah District, Bong County, the 13<sup>th</sup> leadership of the Kokoyah YAF held by Bro. Solomon B. Zoegar conducted elections that brought the 14<sup>th</sup> leadership on board as constituted demanded. And this leadership was inducted into office on February 13, 2022, at the Dolo Town UMC, they are:

|                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ❖ Sis. Ann G. Dongboi .....       | Treasurer                           |
| ❖ Bro. Matthew G. Whymah .....    | Financial Secretary                 |
| ❖ Bro. Isaac S. Morgan .....      | Assistant General Secretary         |
| ❖ Bro. M.M. Bill Khakie, Jr. .... | General Secretary                   |
| ❖ Bro. Junior Quirmine .....      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President      |
| ❖ Sis. Nancy Y. Nyeakeneh .....   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President      |
| ❖ Bro. Samuel V. Kpoe, II .....   | 14 <sup>th</sup> District President |

While we are coordinated by Rev. G. Emmanuel Kpoe, Sr.

### **Membership**

Our administration is grateful to God Almighty for the number of members to our fellowship, Based on the statistics gathered during our assembly from the local areas president's report, and visitation carried out during the period under review, we are proud to pronounce that the current membership of the fellowship is four hundred and six (406), out of this amount, 363 members are active while 43 are inactive members.

### **Breakdown**

I. Young Adult ..... 302

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II. Youth ..... 104

As we have observed that some are active and some are inactive, we have deemed it necessary to continue our visitation in order to encourage them.

**Program**

Due to lots of constraints, we combined a few activities like the planning and Induction program, the 1st EXCO, and the Youth and Young Adult Day Celebration lastly, we held our 34th Annual Assembly and 30th Anniversary. These ceremonies were held at the Dolo’s Town UMC, Barkon UMC, and Duaita UMC respectively, in Bong County.

**Activities**

We were able to participate/attend the below-listed activities at both National and Local levels:

- ▶ Some charge conferences and conducted meetings with some of our officers/head leaders. (KDC)
- ▶ National Planning (CUMYAF)
- ▶ National Induction ceremony (ies) (CUMYAF)
- ▶ Young Women Network held in Ganta City (CUMYAF)
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> EXCO (CUMYAF)
- ▶ We also attended the burial ceremony of Jorquelleh District Conference Youth & Young Adult Fellowship General Secretary (Bro. N. Abraham T. Mulbah).

**Visitation**

As we previously said, we visited and will continue to visit our members because we could not cover the entire district due to transportation it is our obligation.

**Special Project**

We are pleased to inform members of this Assembly that the district has a Youth Center Project that is pending to start as soon as possible. Materials that are on hand for this project include CEMENT BLOCKS, 14 BAGS OF cement, and 3 BUNDLES OF 32GAGE ZINC. The estimated cost for this project is \$ 17,438.00 USD we need your financial support as we planned to commence this project next year in February.

**Progress**

The leadership of this district is pleased to extend thanks to all the passed leadership that has been leading the Kokoyah District Youth & Young Adult Fellowship for the efforts. Therefore, we have had a committee set up to make sure that whatsoever we planned to be done. Another progress is that the name “YOUTH CENTER” has been changed to “YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CENTER.” The three bundles of zinc as pledges were made by others.

**Challenges**

I want to say to everyone that the financial crisis within the country remains one of the major challenges we are facing in our fellowship and poor attendance doing our activities. But by the grace of God, we will continue to be successful. Because we have Trash Our Nets and Are Ready To Follow The Call as the apostle Peter and his brothers Andrews was told.

**Finance**

We know that our fellowship is engaged with spiritual practices that help build a relationship according to God’s will. We have been working very hard to generate finance for the fellowship during the period under review from February 2022 to November, we met the sum of \$49,000LRD with the fellowship and we have added \$190,255LRD giving us a total of \$239,255LRD.



**Expenditure**

We have expensed the amount of \$164,655LRD.

Grand total in Treasure ..... \$74,600LRD

**Commendation and Conclusion**

We want to be so thankful to God for his countless blessing upon us. According to our theme: "TRASH YOUR NETS, FOLLOW THE CALL" we as Christians need to know that following Christ is the only way that our salvation can be restored and if we are willing to follow him as the apostles did, then God will set us free from the hands of our enemies. Therefore, to all my fellow young people of this Assembly, we need to know that God is our everything.

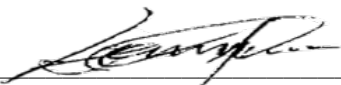
Many thanks to the CUMYAF leadership headed by Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye, as well as members of this fellowship. Sis. Martha Dobboh Who attended and contributed L\$7,000 during our assembly for our project, and the Secretary General contributed L\$2000 and was always willing to share every important piece of information with us.

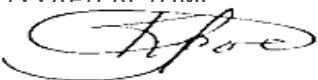
We can't forget about our coordinator, Rev. Emmanuel G. Kpoe, Sr. our District Superintendent Rev. Moses C. Kpeleh, all of my regional coordinators, my 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, all other hard-working officers who are always with me, office of my secretariat and Financial team, not forgetting my wife and children.

Let us continue to know that it is God who had brought us this far, may he continue to bless us. I wish everyone a prosperous New Year.

Growing in Christ

Faithfully Submitted,

Signed:   
Bro. Samuel V. Kpoe, II  
14<sup>th</sup>District President  
KDC/YVAF/LAC/UMC

Approved:   
Rev. G. Emmanuel Kpoe, Sr.  
Coordinator-KDC/YVAF/LAC/UMC

**Report of the Moweh District Conference**

**Protocol & Greetings**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye, 19<sup>th</sup> National President CUMYAF, The First Lady, Sis. Edwina K. Saye, Vice Presidents, Ft. Wilfred Gray-Johnson Director, Department Y/YA Ministries/LAC/UMC, Regional Coordinators, Fellow District Presidents, Committee Heads, Visiting Guest, Office of the Secretariat, members of this great 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Session and 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, fellow Young Adult in Christ,

I bring you greetings of love, peace, and understanding from the office of our hardworking and loving young people in Jesus Christ of the Lord, Amen.

**Administration**

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The fellowship is actively functioning well, not 100% but 75%. Therefore, I am pleased to have you informed of the following persons.

1. Sis. Patience C. Tobey- Treasurer
2. Bro. Timothy G. Jackson-Financial Secretary
3. Bro. Sammy Wrosley- Asst. Gen. Secretary
4. Bro. Francis B. Wamah- Gen. Secretary
5. Bro. Bob Sayweh- Second Vice President
6. Sis. Ruth May- First Vice
7. Bro. Sundaygar G. Jackson- President

## **Program and Activities**

### **Planning Retreat**

The fellowship planning Retreat was held with the New Jerusalem United Methodist Church Youth and Young Adult fellowship. During this day, our proposed budget for this conference was presented and discussed.

### **Coronation Program**

The fellowship coronation of Sis Teta R. Zammie was held with the St. Luke United Methodist Youth and Young Adult Fellowship with text: Esther 2: 15-19, Theme: Honor is given to whom observed. The sermon was brought forth by Pst. Obadiah Moore of the St. Paul UMC.

### **District Youth and Young Adult Day**

This Administration also observed the fellowship day on September 4, 2022, with the Princeton UMC Youth and Young Adult fellowship under the Theme: Quality of a Godly person, Text: Esther 2: 16. The sermon was preached by Rev. Gabriel Porkor. The Young Adult of the year 2022/2023 is Bro. Godpower Mantay.

### **District Annual Assembly**

The District Annual Assembly was held with the Yeasay UMC Youth and Young Adult Fellowship in YeasaY Town from October 27-30, 2022, under the Theme: Make haste, do not delay; Text: Psalms 70;1-5. The sermon was preached by Rev. Matthew G. Robertson, Sr. Pastor of the St. Mark UMC.

### **Project**

The Moweh District Youth/Young Adult is undertaking a latrine project which is now under construction with the Yeasay UMC. It is all our support in this short time while we are looking up to God for more help. May God continue to bless us all.

### **Membership/ Visitation**

The fellowship still has a total number of members of 240 for 2022. In the following areas: Total Youth: 133 (Active =70) ( Inactive =63). Total Young Adult 107(Active =80) (Inactive=27). We pray that the local units' Pastors will help in making the Young People Ministry grow.

### **Finance**

As per the period under review, the fellowship has raised the total amount of LRD \$80,500.00. We expended all of the project and other activities.

### **Challenges**

The fellowship is faced with numerous challenges:

- a. We continue to experience poor attendance of local fellowship at our gatherings.

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b. During our visitation we observe that most of the fellowships are given less attention to the church authorities, including some Pastors.

c. We also observe that majority of our rural churches do not have youth and young adults which is killing the dream of the church.

d. We also observe that the executives of Morweh District are not paying attention to our gathering.

### **Recommendation**

The fellowship of Morweh is pleased to recommend Bro. Victor Roberson to this Conference as a student preparing to attend Umu under the Bishop Samuel J. Quire Jr. Scholarship as the fulfillment of his pledge during the CUMYAF Conference in Grand Bassa.

### **Commendation**

We give a million thanks to the Lord for his blessings and protection upon our lives as we do Ministry together. On behalf of my family, I stand to give thanks and appreciation to all my pastors, local unit presidents, National Executives, and members of Morweh District Conference, including other friends who supported the Ministry during the challenging year 2022. Let me give thanks and appreciation to my wife Patience S. Jackson who always has my support and power in my ministry also, and my own mother Ma. Martha T. Jackson. God comes first and she comes second in prayer. Also, to Bro. Leo Brown, Bro. Emmanuel W. Tobey and Emmanuel Willie. Many more names that I cannot name, may God continue to guide and bless them.

### **Conclusion**

As we go through the next conference year, we assured you of our commitment and dedication for the advancement of our department, the Young People Ministry. The Lord bless you and keep you and grant you his peace. Amen

Growing in Christ,

Signed: Sundaygar G. Jackson  
Bro. Sundaygar G. Jackson  
President, YAF  
Morweh District YAF

## **Nana Kru District Report**

### **PROTOCOL ADDRESS**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye 19th National President CUMYAF, Sis Martha B. Dobboh 1st vice President, Bro Edwin Dormie Jr. General Secretary, Executive Committee Members, Dean and Deputy dean of the President's Cabinet, Her Royal Highness Sis. Wilma Kwaizah, Fth. Wilfred Gray-Johnson Director of Young Adults Fellowship Liberia Annual Conference the United Methodist Church, Chairs and Co-Chair of distinguished committees, other executive members of our Dear fellowship.

### **GREETINGS / INTRODUCTION:**

Fellow Brethren, I bring you thoughtful and warm Christian greetings of the festive seasons that is full of joy, peace, and harmony for & on behalf of my Leadership and the entire membership of the Young Adults Fellowship of the Sinoe District Conference, in the name of our Lord, savior Jesus Christ amen.



On this mount of the Sinoe District 37th Annual Sessions and 38th Anniversary, I am well honored by the special privilege given to address and give an account of my stewardship from August 27- January 2023.

Moreover, let me first of all express words of gratitude, and be thankful to God Almighty for making us gather at this mount again since we last met at the Conference year (2021) when we were all at FUMC in Grand Bassa District under the Theme: WHEN GOD IS INVOLVED with Text Genesis 39: 1-10.

On this countless day, we are charged to reference God for all his blessings, grace, protection, and healing he has bestowed upon us as People of this Historic District of our beloved Church and Nation.

Thanks are to God that we made it through every tough time, bad sicknesses, numerous reproaches, and trial as a District.

Fellow Leaders and Brethren in Ministries, we have assembled as Leaders and Districts to give an account of our stewardship under the Theme: "Trash Your Nets and Follow the call" With Text from ST. Matthew 4: 18-22, I hope these moments shared will be a great manifestation of Christ-like reflection and assessment of who we are, and where we want to go, especially leading on Christ's guidance and walking by faith.

I encourage the love of Christ at all stages of this Leadership. I wish you all a wonderful stay, to Make new friends, build love and hope for each other leave this assembly renews to work for Christ.

This report covers the following contents: Administration, Programs/Activities,

Visitation, Relationship, Membership, Project, Graduation, Financial Statement, Necrology, Commendation, Recommendation, and Conclusion

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

We as a Fellowship of the Nana Kru District YAF, conducted an election on August 27, at the District YAF Day 2022 at the Robert T. Chea Memorial United Methodist Church which is into power as leadership with the following persons, at the above-mentioned Conference they are as follow:

|                        |                                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bro. Augustin K. Kumeh | 12 <sup>th</sup> District President |
| Bro. Joe N. Koffa      | 1st Vice President                  |
| Bro. Exodus Nimely     | 2nd Vice President                  |
| Bro. Emmanuel Saydee   | Secretary General                   |
| Bro. Samson T. Koffa   | Asst. Secretary                     |
| Bro. Emmanuel Togba    | Financial Secretary                 |
| Sis. Hannah Doe Nagbe  | Treasurer                           |

This administration took office on August 28, 2022, at an installation program that was held at the above-mentioned Church for up keeping of our fellowship from an entrance body that was led by Ovinten K. Basseh who acted for two consecutive years.

#### **PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES:**

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**District Young Adults Day**

on August 25-28, 2022, we had a successful District YAF Day which was held with Robert. T. Chea Memorial Methodist Church in Gmakenkpo Town Sinoe County. During this time, an election was held as you have been previously told.

Fellow Districts colleagues, National Leaders, and Members of this Assembly, during our District young adults’ day, which was held on August 25- 28, 2022, We were able to Graduate two Young Adults who have passed the age range as per Constitution all from the following Churches Government UMC and Togba Dee UMC with a certificate being awarded to the Brethren for his plentiful services rendered the young people during his time with us and was awarded a Certificates

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In the month of November 2-6,2022, we had a successful District Conference which was held with Government United Methodist Church under the theme “WHAT IS YOUR FAITH?” With Text Job 1: 8-22.

On November 3, 2022, the Assembly was officially opened with Pst. / Apostle Emily Duwruh as an opening speaker who preached on the Conference theme “WHAT IS YOUR FAITH?”With Text Job 1: 8-22.

Fellow conferees and NATIONAL Leaders, during our District assembly, which was held on November 2-6, 2022, we had numerous Bible studies and morning devotion with the help of the following persons playing a guidance role during our time of stay: Bro. Israel Wleh and Pst. Stephen H.H. Gardner

On Sunday, Rev. Brownell B. Konton, Sr. District Superintendent Nana Kru District Conference climaxed the young adult’s Assembly with the theme “When your Faith is tested”.

**VISITATION:**

Bro Presiding, and members of this Dignified form Since August this year, we were able to visit 10 Out of 22 of our Local Units.

They include:

Martha Nah UMC, R.G. Togba UMC, Dugbeh Tanneh UMC, Nemene Wloboh UMC, David Nyenkan UMC, Nemene Kloteh UMC, Mary Allen UMC, Frances Asberry UMC, Bartee Pannoh UMC, and Government UMC,

We also have paid numerous visits to some of our Young Adults who lost their parents this Year.

**RELATIONSHIP:**

Fellow Christian Associates, words are low-cut to express our relationship with all the units in our District, and other distant Districts in our region (Sinoe District YAF, Gee River, Kru Coast, etc).

**Membership:**

As you have been informed that due to the separation of the Youth Fellowship from the young Adults fellowship in this District, therefore our current Population stands at

Females: 121 Males: 66

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|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|
| Active    | 145 | Inactive: | 23  |
| Distance: | 19  | Total:    | 187 |

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT/UPDATE:**

During the period under review, our District young Adults fellowship generated a total amount of (\$308,100 LRD) after making all essential expenditures which are (280,000.00LRD, the Fellowship was left with a total balance of (\$28,000. 00LRD in the treasury.

**NECROLOGY:**

Where there is life, death happens. And for it is also said that death is chosen unto every Man but a speedy verdict after death Therefore, for the period under review, the colds hands of death had taken away one potential member from the Toegbar Dee UMC (Sis. Helena S. Wesseh)

Her memories will be forever remembered because of her numerous services and contributions during their time on this planet and with the Fellowship.

May Her soul and the souls of other faithful departed Christians rest on till we meet again. Amen

**COMMENDATION:**

This administration would not have been successful if it wasn't for the grace of God and the concerted efforts of the keen, industrious, and devoted young people. The question is where would this leadership have gone if it wasn't for the help you have given us?

My fellow Christian brothers and sisters within this house of faith, this message will remain incomplete if words of appreciation are not expressed to you young people, for your Love and support.

I will be very ungrateful if the following Persons are left out of this part of my report.

They include:

- Bro. Aaron Wea, Sis. Marthaline Wea, Bro. Olando W. Nagbe, Bro. Emmanuel P. Koon III
- Rev. Marcus S. Nagbe and Wife, Rev. Augustine S. Dortue,
- Sis. Martha Dobbah National 1st Vice President
- Bro. Charles K. Wilson 2nd vice CUMYAF
- Bro. Ewin Dormie, Jr. National Secretary General
- Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye 19<sup>th</sup> National President
- Rev. Christopher T. Doe District YAF Coordinator and
- Rev. Brownell B. Konton Superintendent Nana Kru District

Thanks to all for your support, since we took over as Leaders in both your Moral, Spiritual, and Financial.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- That CUMYAF empower districts to have their own district agriculture project
- That CUMYAF helps us bring training to Region III

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- That this conference year there be a resolution that the next conference NANA Kru District be the host.

**CONCLUSION:**

Before I finally achieve this message, Unification from a Christian standpoint is equal to peaceful life and existence while on this mount, I want us to remember that it is by God's grace and mercy that we are all gathered here that none of us can answer but need to think about which is our conference theme.

Finally, Fathers and Mothers in Ministries, let us put away all our individual alterations and work for our souls because we have been warned to work why it is day because when the night cometh, there will be no work.

Respectfully submitted.

Growing in Christ,

Signed: 

Bro. Austine K. Kumeh

12th District President

Nana Kru District Conference

**Approved: Rev/Fth. Christopher T. Doe**  
**District YAF Coordinator**  
**YAF/NKDC/LAC/UMC**

**Grand Bassa Young Adult Fellowship's Report**

**Protocol:**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon-Saye, 19<sup>th</sup> Conference President, Dean of Cabinet, Program Committee, Appointed Officers, Members of the Executive Committee, Fellow District Presidents, fellow young adults, brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. I bring you warm Christian greetings and compliments of the seasons from the entire officials and members of the GBDYAF. We are grateful to God for where he has brought us so far to this 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Session and 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CUMYAF.

**Administration:**

The fellowship has the following leadership that is spearheading its activities:

Fellow Conferees, it is by the special grace of God we are here at this point in service to God our Redeemer. The leadership of the Grand Bassa District YAF is delighted despite the many challenges throughout our first tenure; we are able to achieve one mission and goal. The following personalities are steering the affairs of the GBDYAF: Sis. Matilda A. Adams, Treasurer; Sis. Kuku Y. Yeanue, Financial Secretary; Sis. Angie D.C. Johnson, Asst. General Secretary, Bro. Charles V.H. Johnstone, III, General Secretary; Bro. Samuel Tayman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Bro. Richard Fallabah, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; and your humble servant Bro. Elijah F. Kplawore, District President.

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## **Programs:**

### **Installation & Coronation Program**

On Sunday, March 13, 2022, the GBDYAF shepherded in a new leadership team specified in the administrative section of this report, and Sis, Wilma K. Kwaizah was crowned and sashed as the District Queen for the next two Conference Year at the First United Methodist Church, Buchanan, Grand Bassa County. The program was attended by youths, young adults, men, women, clergies, and invited guests. Rev. Aaron P. Davis, Jr. brought forth the sermon from the theme: "Work when God is Involved", text taken from John 9:4-5.

### **Conference Queen Coronation Program**

On May 1, 2022, CUMYAF held the coronation program of its Queen with the GBDYAF at the FUMC Buchanan and Her Most Sr. Royal highness 2022/2023 Sis. Wilmah Y. Kwizah was crowned and sashed as Conference Queen together with HRH Sis. Harriet T. Duosaye and HRH Sis. Angieline Doe was recognized as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up. The Program was attended by all district young adults along with CUMYAF Officials. Rev. Dokontee Johnson of the St. John River District Conference blessed our hearts with the sermon.

### **Planning Retreat**

The Planning Retreat and 1<sup>st</sup> EXCO of the GBDYAF were held on Saturday, April 9, 2022, with the Bethany UMC YAF, Sonewien, Central Buchanan, Grand Bassa County. At the planning retreat and 1<sup>st</sup> EXCO, we had in attendance a total number of six (6) local churches were present to resolute the calendar of events and budget for the conference year. After the presentation of the calendar of events and updates from the various local churches present, we are able to conclude the day with sporting activities and refreshments. The Planning Retreat & 1<sup>st</sup> EXCO was concluded on Sunday, April 10, 2022, with a recommitment service that brought together the majority of the young adults and Executive members of the Mother District.

### **Local Young Adult Day**

As per the Conference YAF Calendar, on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month of July, each year is set aside for Local Church under the Liberia Annual Conference to be noted at their Local Young Adult Day. Four Local churches are able to observe the local young adult day at their various church edifices.

### **Grand Bassa District Young Adult Day**

The District Young Adult Day was held on Sunday, July 25, 2022, at the Charles Aaron White UMC YAF, upper Buchanan, Grand Bassa County. The District YAF Day brought together local churches and invited guests that attended and support the program.

During the Program Sis. Mary F. Horace was honored as District Young Adult of the Year 2022/2023 for her delegated services and the profound hard work she exhibited to the district and the church at large. Those that were also honored as Special Young Adults were: Sis. Kuku Y. Yeanue, Sis. Jacqueline Boyee and Bro. Cyrus W. Smith.

At the closure of the program, we were able to hand deliver and graduate two of your members to both Men and Women Units of the Grand Bassa District Conference and they were: Bro. Brownell S.D. Pelay, Sr. and Sis. Mai J.G. Pelay, the 18<sup>th</sup> National President, CUMYAF.

### **Annual Assembly (25<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly & 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**

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After so many fruitless efforts in getting members together for the sole purpose of the Annual Assembly, the Lord was able to grant us mercy as the faithful few were able to observe the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly & 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the GBDYAF from Thursday – Sunday, October 27-30, 2022, with the Nahn’s Town & #2 United Methodist Churches under the Grand Bassa District Conference. The Annual Assembly theme was: “Amendments in your Ways and Doings.” With Text taken from Jeremiah 7:1-11. Rev. Moses K.D.W. Doebah as the host pastor of the Nahn’s Town UMC was the opening speaker that spoke on our theme and text specified herein. He lamented that young adults are possible future leaders, and we should learn to walk with the Lord and do the right things as Christians.

We were blessed to have Pastor Timothy A. Summerville from the Charles A. White UMC that was able to avail himself as far as Number 2 to say “Thus says the Lord”. He was able to close the Conference on theme and text. He encouraged all Young Adults to remain resilient in working for God and learn how to work together to discourage disunity in the midst of Young Adults.

### **MEETINGS**

The first Executive council meeting (EXCO) was held with the Bethany UMC YAF and the second and third Executive Council meetings (EXCO) were unable to be observed. Many officials and members of some local churches weren’t committed to their called duties. In my absences, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice as he was capacitated wasn’t available to act or proxy. Our monthly meeting as agreed on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in a month wasn’t regular due to the poor attendance and excuses from members and officials. There were emergency meetings conducted to discuss and ascertain some issues or programs as they related to the district.

### **FINANCE**

Our Financial standing for the period under review is specified below:

Incomes: \$78,180.00 LRD + \$223.00 USD

Expenditures: \$66,920.00 LRD + \$105.00 USD

Net Balances: 11,260.00 LRD + \$118.00 USD

- ***We want to discreetly say to this August body that our Apportionment to the Mother District is cleared without balances.***

### **WORKING RELATIONSHIP**

The working relationship with the mother District remains good and vital, though there have been lots of challenges we are grateful to God for keeping us together in oneness. We again want to give thanks to God for the cordial relationship we have with the CUMYAF and our Participation in all the programs and activities of the District and the Conference UNITED Methodist young adult fellowship.

### **Spiritual Growth**

The Spiritual Growth Committee headed Sis. Gerogetta J. Trokon is trying its best in working with the Program Committee Chair of the district in enhancing spiritual growth activities. So far, we did not observe any Spiritual Growth Program for the period under review but nevertheless, we are working on all modalities to extend our spiritual growth activities at the community level.

### **VISITATION**

For the conference year under review, we were able to carry out our annual visitation as planned to some of our local churches. With the many constraints stressed and notwithstanding, we were able to visit and fellowship with the rural area churches in

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District #2, Grand Bassa County, and other churches in Buchanan. We want to appreciate Sis. Kuku and Sis. Wilma for fully engaging our visits.

We are grateful to God for the committee on visitation and to well-meaning Young Adults of the GBDYAF for the endless follow-up up visitation to some of our weak and weary members.

On Unification Day, May 14, 2022, vast members of the GBDYAF visited our #2 Churches (churches in the rural areas). At the said visitation, we are able to present and hand deliver clothing, relief, and toiletry materials to our members of the rural belt and encourage them to participate in the decision-making process of the church at large. We also had a joint worship service with all the churches in that belt and later concluded with a face-to-face conversation that brought onboard many brilliant ideas in moving the fellowship forward.

**Our membership statistic stands at 144:**

| Sex          | Distance | Active | Inactive | Total      |
|--------------|----------|--------|----------|------------|
| Male         |          | 43     | 10       | 53         |
| Female       | 8        | 45     | 8        | 61         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |          |        |          | <b>144</b> |

**Achievements/Graduation:**

One of our strong members in person of Sis. Vilda Mensah Perry, President of the Bethany YAF walked the walls of the Grand Bassa University (GBU) with an Associate Degree.

Sis. Joana M. Moses also graduated with a High School Diploma from the W.P.L. Brumskine United Methodist High School, Sis. Gilter V. Nathan and Sis. Oretha Y. Holts were able to achieve each "C" Certificate in Teacher Education from the Licosses Teacher Training Institute.

**CHALLENGES**

This conference year was a hectic one for the fellowship and God be God we were able to plug some of the difficulties we faced below:

- Having all our elected and appointed officers performing their call duties is very difficult. We have been facing a series of challenges with getting members in time for activities and programs.
- Our Rural Churches in the District are not active, and some are very hard to reach due to the road connectivity and conditions.
- Whenever we are having gatherings, we do not feel the presence of our heads or even their organization to support our efforts. But rather we are always left alone and what is shoddier is that almost all the churches don't show interest when it comes to young people.
  - a. Churches refused to pay Assessments to the district.
  - b. The nonexistence of our YAF coordinator in almost all of our district activities as she solely resigned her post as Coordinator without the consent of the District Officials.



- c. Lack of unity and respect amongst us.; too much self-seeking interest over the church matters
- d. Lack of Finances and the deliberate refusal of a certain clustered group of individuals to guarantee support to the leadership of the fellowship.

**Project:**

The Fellowship has decided to undertake an agriculture project with the Young Adults of the Churches located in the Number 2 region. The fellowship will be responsible to provide working tools for the cultivation of the soils and provide seeds for ingrain. Proceeds that will be generated from the agriculture project will go towards the district and help the fellowship to participate in the Conference Young Adult Agriculture and Livestock Project initiative.

**Commendation:**

We want to say thanks to God first and all those that brought us to the end of this conference year. We say thanks to all the young adults who at different times supported us in our leadership. On behalf of our entire team, we want to express our thanks and appreciation for holding up our hands times of thee. In an appreciative way, we hope and pray that we all continue in good spirits.

Many thanks to our mothers, fathers, youths, Rev. Dr. Bropleh, and District Superintendent Rev. Kou B. Dolo for the level of support we received from all of you during the conference year may God bless us all.

A special thanks to Pastor Summerville, Sis. Kuku, Sis Wilma, Sis Matilda, and many others can't be mentioned herein. We overwhelmingly say thanks for the support and efforts in making this fellowship strong.

Let me use this time to express special gratitude to the few hardworking members of the executive committee of the fellowship, all of our local presidents who have done very well in achieving our goals and the entire fellowship for the time we have worked; and all those whom one way or the other have helped in improving our church go forward. May God endure blessings with your heart's desires.

On the verge of this commendation, I love to say a keen apology to all that felt somehow disenchanted through words or actions, or by any means that caused mixed feelings, I take all the strokes and say pardon to you. Let us continue to tie our bond. We are the future leaders after our mothers and fathers and we should hold together in unity and maintain the church as astute Methodists. Let us put aside our differences as we continue to rebuild the walls of the church and cooperatively grow in Christ.

**Ecumenical Relationship**

The fellowship has a very good Ecumenical Relationship with various organizations of the district and other churches outside of Methodism. We have contributed to programs and activities for the District Women, Youths, and Men's Units of the Grand Bassa District Conference.

We have maintained a mutual relationship with members of our district and our representation and contribution to CUMYAF have increased evocatively.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. We recommend that the Conference helps the youth and young adult ministries as backbones mainly for annual conferences.



2. I recommend that the scholarship scheme of CUMYAF be brought down to other districts, most importantly the Grad Bassa District YAF. We majority of our brothers and Sisters that are scholars are yawning to extend their studies.

**Conclusion:**

Please accept our profound thanks and appreciation from the GBDYA. The sufficiency of God's grace is keeping us alive and helping us to uphold our Christian faith in this current situation of our fellowship. Let us remain faithful in working for the Lord in this end time. As we close this report, we will continue to work for the Lord while it is still day no matter the problems we are faced with and let our theme be with us all through this conference year as we become mature and not paralyzed in maintaining the Unity of the Church.

**God bless you all!**

Growing in Christ.

*Elijah F. Kplawore*

**Bro. Elijah F. Kplawore**  
**District Young Adult President**  
**GBDYAF**

*Estella M. K. paelaey*

**Mother Estella M.K. Paeley**  
**Coordinator**

**Gompa Young Adult Fellowship Report**

**Protocol, Greetings, & Introduction**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye, 19th National President of the conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship, and his cops of elected officers.

Her Most Senior Royal Highness, Worthy Sister, Wilma Kwazia, our National Queen.

Fellow District Presidents elected officers across the various district and other council members of this distinct national body.

Director Wilfred Gray Johnson and his team of energetic co-workers of the Department on Youth and Young Adults Ministries.

Distinguished Guests, Observers, and brethren in the Lord's vineyard

I bring you greetings on behalf of the leadership of Gompa District YAF as I seek your indulgent to bring this annual message of the church year which includes:

Administration, Programs, Visitation, Scholarship, project, Finance, Ecumenical Relations

Commendation/ Gratitude, and Recommendations.

**Administration**

My persistent executive members and delegates of this assembly, it is by the special grace of God we are here at this point continuing our services to the outstanding future-building of Christian Young people Organization that remains the hope of the church despite challenges posed to us. However, all hasn't been fully well, because we have been challenged with a regular frequency of backsliding of key officers that makes them not to be functioning well. A typical is our treasurer as well as other committee members who need d quick replacement.



However, the leadership continues to work alongside the few executives and appointed officers and other members that avail themselves to ensure the work of the fellowship is in the right direction.

Below is the list of the leadership of the People’s Young Adult Fellowship:

| <b>Names</b>            | <b>Positions</b>        |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sis. Ettie Sayegon      | Act. Treasurer          |
| Sis. Priscila Fedrict   | Financial Secretary     |
| Sis. Edwin Larmah       | Assistant Secretary     |
| Sis. Angie Flomo        | General Secretary       |
| Bro. Emmanuel Kahn      | 2nd Vice President      |
| Sis Etta Dahn           | 1st Vice President      |
| Bro. Elvis N. Guandoseh | 15th People’s President |

## **Our Annual Endeavors**

### ***Planning Retreat***

The planning retreat of the People’s District YAF was held from February 26-27, 2022 with the Borpoanyee United Methodist Church Young Adult Fellowship, Borpoanyee UMC, Gompa City, and Nimba County.

During the planning retreat, there were 7 churches and 47 young people of Gompa District who attended the retreat, bringing together Young Adults from certain parts of Gompa District, especially Ganta and its immediate environs. Additionally, Bro. Gabriel Tounziah presented the proposed calendar of events, and the budget was presented by Sis Angie Flomo for consideration on behalf of the financial secretary. The two propositions were debated and corrected to be used as our program and financial guide for the conference year ending. The day was concluded with heavy refreshments and the next day which was on Sunday it was a recommitment service led by young people of this district.

The Recommitment Service reliance was the Gospel according to Mark 16:1-8, theme: The Resurrection of Christ. The sermon was brought by Pst. Andrew Togba (Assistant Pastor- host church).

### **The First EXCO Meetings combined with leadership election and Queen Contest:**

The 15th leadership of the People’s Gompa District Young Adult Fellowship convened sessions from April 15 to 17, 2022 with the Yekepa United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship in Yekepa City, Nimba County, Liberia.

The various sessions included leadership training, 1st EXCOs, Queen Contest and an independent elections commissioner conducted a free, fair, and transparent election that brought a new core of officers to leadership.

All those officers named above under administration were elected to their specified respective offices. The leadership training session was led by Bro. Elvis N. Guandoseh (GD-YAF president)

### **Inaugural & Coronation Program**

On the 29th of May guests from the length and breadth of Liberia Annual conference arrived in Gompa to participate and grace the memorable occasion that led to the retirement of the 15th People’s leadership as well as some members of his fellowship.

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Finally, on May 29, 2022, we were inducted into offices, and gracefully, 5 of our former presidents who attended the ceremony offered our historically adopted confederate prayer which gave me the title, "The People's President".

Just for your understanding, a clause in our confederate prayer gives the title, The People's President, this was offered by all former presidents and calls for us to "defend the Teachings of the Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Book of Discipline Principles, and the Bye-laws and Constitution of the Young Adult Fellowship; and with deeper attention, speak for the voiceless, unite district fellowships for a common good, and foster the concept of equal and equitable societal leadership".

At the same time, our Royal Highness, Sis. Harriet Duosaye who is the first run-up for CUMYAF and a member of Gompa District Young Adult Fellowship was sashed, crowned, and Certificated as Royal Highness, Queen of GD-YAF 2022/2024 as well as the first run-up Sis Princess U. Banwon.

The Inaugural sermon was brought to us by Rev. Jerry N. Kande, associate pastor of MMUMC and a former GD-YAF 6th president with a text: Acts 4: 32, Theme: "Increase in member".

### **Young Adult Day**

The 15th leadership of the People's Gompa District Young Adult Fellowship

Observed her Young Adult Day program on July 30, 2022, with the Gbahn United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship in Gbahn Town, Nimba County, Liberia.

During the young adult day program, there were 15 churches and 75 young people of Gompa District who attended the program and brought together visiting guests, family members as well as Young Adults from the length and breadth of Gompa District especially areas in the locality of Gompa. Were as, bro. Rancy Guanquoi of MMUMC was under a young adult of the year 2022-2024 along with other three hard-working young adults. The celebration sermon was brought to us by Pst. Andred S. Togba, associate pastor of Borpoanyee UMC with a text: Acts 4: 32, Theme: "Increase in member".

Local Young Adult's Day: The local Young Adult's Day was held on different dates beginning July third Sunday up to the end of August last Sunday. The young adult had colorful events across our district as the leadership made representation to the events and make meaningful contributions and words of encouragement. Despite the challenges, our brothers and sisters had a blissful time celebrating their young adult days. Some could not have their events due to circumstances that hindered their success of the event. It is our hope that they overcome these challenges next year.

### **2nd & 3rd EXCO-Meeting**

The 15th leadership of the People's Gompa District Young Adult Fellowship convened sessions from September 23 to 25, 2022 in Bahn United Methodist preaching point with Bahn Young Adult Fellowship in Bahn City, Nimba County, Liberia.

There were various sessions including reporting, air preaching, and Presentation done by Sis. Harriet Duosaye- Royal Highness on the topic: How to prepare Report.

During the Exco-meeting in Bahn preaching point, the EXCO- members agree that we should maintain the first project (Pig farming) and add the COCAO FARMING project in

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Lepula Town, and should be lunch doing the annual assembly in Gborplay UMC -Gborplay Area this year. At the same time, this EXCO meeting was attended by many young people from Gompa District Conference.

The closing service began effectively with the presence of Bro. Vicor W. N. Menwah, Guest preacher and delegates for the EXCO-Meeting at the Bahn UMC. He preached from the Theme: "What are you still holding on?" from the: Text: Matthew 6:19-21.

### **Annual Assembly**

Fellow conferees, I'm pleased to inform you that our 36th Annual Assembly and 37th Anniversary was held with the Gborplay UMC Youth and Young Adult Fellowship from December 1st -4th 2022 under the Theme: "Seeking the Ancient path" with Text: Jeremiah 6:10-15.

The Assembly was attended by some Local Churches of the District. The thanksgiving service in observance of the official opening of the Assembly began at 11:00 AM with Rev. Rev. Samuel Bah doing the opening speaking from the Rev. Bah using the conference theme and text. And during the conference, Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye who is the 19th CUMYAF president was recognized, and he encouraged his young people through the phone. He also thanked the Leadership for upholding the district as he conveyed peaceful and loving greetings from CUMYAF leadership

During the annual assembly, the august body adopted, and it was passed that we should maintain the first project (Pig farming) and have an additional COCAO FARMING project in Lepula Town, and launch it during the annual assembly in Gborplay UMC -Gborplay Area.

Having carefully, prayerfully, and successfully discussed issues of importance to the growth, development, and sustainability of each local fellowship, District young adult and Gompa District Conference, LAC/UMC in general.

The most celebrated and spirit-filled fire camp Bible drawing, and preaching were held around the fire from 6 PM to 12AM and air preaching around the city as well.

During the Assembly, there was a training session held with Bro. Elvis N. Guandoseh – the Leadership and organization structure. The official closing of the service was graced by Rev. Jefferson Kolleh of Grace UMC.

### **The project**

Pig Farming: As per the agricultural project, we still have our two pigs in Yarsonnor area. Therefore, our pigs haven't been able to reproduce because of miscarriages twice in the past year. But we still feed them giving them all the care. Many thanks to the YUMC members for the support given to us.

### **Membership and Visitation**

Relative to the membership, efforts have been made to get actual statistics on our Active members, Inactive members, and backsliding members. However, our committee on membership led by Bro. Nyankoye Molmou, was able to collect the membership Template presented to the local fellowship to get the actual number.

Our current membership for the district young adult is 150. Active-87, inactive-43, backsliding members-20.

Members of this assembly, and delegates of this Conference, we have enhanced our visitation to our local fellowship and member of this District. Let me acknowledge the efforts of all of the Executive members and other members who have vigorously been

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involved in the visitation. We were fortunate to make representation to the few outlined below, not limited to them but calls were placed to the rest of the UMC:

1. MMUM YAF
2. Lounto YAF
3. Kanwee YAF
4. Yekepa YAF
5. Grace YAF
6. Sanniquillie YAF
7. Glapa YAF
8. Yarsonnon YAF
9. Bahn YAF
10. Payee YAF
11. Kpain YAF
12. Bunadine YAF
13. Deakemein YAF
14. Tunudine YAF
15. Neigben YAF
16. Mano Congregation
17. Payee UMC
18. Busie UMC
19. Gbloryee UMC
20. Lepulah UMC
21. Yekarpa UMC
22. Saclepea UMC
23. Gbahn UMC
24. MMUMC
25. Borpoanyee UMC
26. Gbadin UMC
27. Zuluyee UMC
28. Dingamon UMC
29. Tondin UMC
30. Zuluyee UM

We made representations to some churches that their names are not mentioned here because it was done via conference calls.

### **Scholarship**

We ask you to join us in praying for our local, regional, and national members who this year found their way in school through the grace of God, Almighty. So, I thank this body and I'm kindly asking this body to please pray and support our students, including Sis. Lydia Flomo, Emmanuel Kahn, Priscilla Fedrick, Getta Nyaquoi, Victoria, and Ora Gabor.

### **Spiritual Growth**

The district is strongly involved in spiritual activities during our different programs. The young people are always part of the district Evangelism committee conducting Revival services during our charge conferences and other District program. This is done to connect young people to Christ.

### **Finance**

God's call for stewardship and accountability is our utmost concern. Our fellowship is engaged in spiritual practices that build a relationship of attentiveness to God's will and his direction for finance.

During this period, the fellowship was able to raise the sum of L\$157,790.00 + US\$120, expensed \$133, 120.00 + us\$120 with a balance of L\$25,670.00 saved.

### **Ecumenical Relation**

The fellowship has improved its Ecumenical Relation with various organizations in the district and beyond. We made representation and contributions to the programs and activities of the District Women Organization and local YAF fellowships. We improved the interpersonal relationship with members of our district which is significantly making transformative marks on the representation of the fellowship, our representation and contribution to CUMYAF have increased meaningfully. Additionally, we have our cordial working relationship with our counterparts and strengthened the cordial relationship with the Rural District YAF.

### **Challenges**

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The leadership has a number of challenges that we have faced:

- Poor attendance of young people in their own activities
- Financial constraints during our visitation and other payment toward the betterment of our district

In order for the Fellowship to be effective and efficient, we pray that God helps us to overcome these challenges.

### **Commendation/ Gratitude**

Let me firstly commend God for directing and giving us the wisdom to lead the young people of this great District. To my entire executive members of CUMYAF headed by bro. Emmanuel Kpon, Saye for being part of us at all times.

As we close on the reporting period, let me take this opportunity to extend my profound thanks to everyone, firstly begin by extending gratitude to YYAF Coordinators, Bro. Gabriel Tounzea (Program chairperson), Sis. Anita Gbor, Sis. Angie Flomo, Sis. Harriet Duosaye, Bro. Emanuel Kahn and other members of the leadership for their tireless efforts to ensure we lead successfully.

Finally, brethren, I Quote John Wesley saying, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the places you can, At all the times you can, as long as ever you can"

God Bless the People's Gompa and Gompa District Conference Leadership.

### **Recommendation**

In order for the Fellowship to be effective and efficient, I intentionally recommend that the 19th leadership invest in all district agriculture projects so they can have a good outcome.

Growing in Christ,

Signed Elvis Guandoseh

Bro. Elvis N. Guandoseh  
15th People's President  
Gompa District Young Adult Fellowship

Approved James Korlorblee

Rev. James Y. Korlorblee  
Coordinator  
Gompa District Young Adult Fellowship (GD-YAF)

## **Weala District Young Adult Fellowship Report**

### **Protocols**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye 19th National President of the Conference United

Methodist Young Adult Fellowship (CUMUAF) and his corps of officers. The Most Senior Royal Highness, Worthy Sis. Wilma Kwaziah, our National Queen. Our spiritual father Wilfred Gray-Johnson, Director, Y/YAF Ministries of the LAC/UMC. Ministers of the Gospel, Special Guests, Visiting Friends, my fellow young adults, Observers, Government Officials Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

### **GREETINGS**

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On behalf of the executive members of Weala District Young Adult Fellowship and in my own name, I bring you greetings of peace love, and unity in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

My fellow Young Adults, as we dwell under the Theme: Trash Your Nets, Follow the Call with the Text: Taken from Matt.4:18-22, I am delighted to present an account of my stewardship to you for the period under retrospect with this, I am glad to acknowledge you on the following major activities of our fellowship.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

On November 20, 2022 delegates across Weala District Young Adult Fellowship Fathered at Community of Faith UMC to exercise their constitutional right by electing crops of officers to stir the affairs of WDYAF for the next two (2) Conference years.

The result of that election saw the below officers emerging victorious and were dutifully installed to their respective offices on February 20, 2022, at the Nyeablai UMC, Bong Mines.

Sis. Asatu Dennis -----Treasurer  
 Bro. Jerry G.S. Tinnie ----- Financial Secretary  
 Sis. Mary Q. Flomo ----- Assistant Secretary  
 Bro. Stanly S. Kerkula ----- General Secretary  
 Bro. Moses S. Kpannah ----- 2nd Vice President  
 Bro. Moses S. Kpannah ----- 1st Vice President  
 Bro. John Y. Yekeh ----- President

Our leadership continues to enjoy a cordial relationship amongst ourselves.

Additionally, our success thus far is pillared on the willingness, collectivism, and effort of our local presidents and members of the Executive council who has, at all time, seeking the interest of the District above themselves.

### **Membership**

The Weala Young Adult Fellowship has an approximate membership of #65, males professing #20, females professing #30, Males non-professing 5, and females non-professing 10. Total membership is #65 We Want to assure you that by the grace of God our membership will increase next year because the light is shining and many young people who are willing can now find their ways.

### **VISITATION**

Visitation is one of the primary concerns. Therefore, we have been sacrificing our time and resources to visit churches across the district some of the churches we visited during the period under review and conduct elections for young people are:

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Diengola YAF          | Beletanla YAF           |
| CD Share Man Farm YAF | Christ Charter YAF      |
| Gbamokollie-Ta YAF    | St. Thomas YAF          |
| Back YAF              | Yarban You YAF          |
| Taylor YAF            | Freeman Man Reserve YAF |
| Emmanuel YAF          | Gbeta YAF               |
| Totota YAF            | Felelah YAF             |

### **ECUMENICAL RELATION**

I am grateful to the knowledge that physical facts show our peaceful and perfect ecumenical relations with our partners and friends. The cordiality with our District Superintendent, local pastor members, and District Organizations have improved over

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the year. We have built a concrete relationship with our District youth, the District Board of Laity, District Women, District Men, and other District Young Adult Fellowship. More to that we have built a concrete relationship with the 19th leadership of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship (CUMYAF)

## **MEETING AND PROGRAM**

Our cabinet retreat was held at the Nyeablai UMC from February 18-20, 2022 at the climax of the retreat the current leadership was installed into office by Hon. Foday E. Fahnbulleh and prayer for the leadership was offered by Rev. J. Methuselah Sackie.

On April 15, 2022, we conducted our 1st executive council meeting at the Yarbayan UMC. In this meeting matters concerning the growth and development of our fellowship were discussed and implemented. Our second executive council meeting was held at the Gbarmokollie UMC from August 19-20, 2022. It was climaxed with our Young Adult Day celebration at which time we launched the first round of our Queen Contest. We also conducted a special meeting with our executive on October 22, 2022, at the Sp. Thomas UMC in order to review and properly plan for our Annual Assembly.

Our Annual Assembly was held with the St. Thomas UMC. Kakata City, Under the theme: the right words can heal a hurting heart, text James 3:7-9 the conference was officially open on Friday, November 18, 2022, while Bro. Edwin Domie serves as our opening speaker. We were blessed to have in our miss CUMYAF Executive, the 1st Vice President Sis. Martha Dorbor and Bro. Edwin Donnie Senior SG CUMYAF. Our Training Section was conducted by Bro. Edwin Dormie and Sis. Martha Dobbah.

## **REPRESENTATION**

My fellow Young Adults, I am glad to inform you that we have represented the fellowship at various meetings and program both internal and external as a means of improving our ecumenical relations.

**Below are paramount among the representations we have made thus far:**

### **1). Internal Representation:**

- ✓ District laity day celebration –Nyeablai UMC
- ✓ October 28-30, 2022
- ✓ District Women Assembly-Gbe-ta UMC
- ✓ November 10-13, 2022
- ✓ District Youth Assemble-Dien Gola UMC November 2-6, 2022

### **2). External Representation:**

- ✓ The National planning retreat of the conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship and installation of the 19th leadership (CUMYAF) with the Ganta Young Adult Fellowship, Ganta District Conference Ganta City.
- ✓ The first national Executive Council Meeting of the conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship. (CUMYAF) June 24-26, 2022. It was held with the Gbarnga District Young Adult Fellowship, Gbarnga District Conference, Gbarnga City.
- ✓ The Annual Young Women Symposium was held with Grace UMC, Gbata District Conference from Thursday, October 13-16, 2022.

## **PROJECT:**

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The fellowship undertook a coal burring project to buy a generator for the fellowship. By the of God. The project was successful and we have purchased a portable generator and stabilizer for the fellowship.

### **FINANCE**

The fellowship approved a budget of two hundred twenty-one thousand, five hundred (\$221,500.00). the fellowship raised \$171,150.00LD plus the balance brought forward \$7, 000.00LD

Grand total Raised..... \$178,150.00LD

Total Expenditure..... \$139.405

Balance.....\$38,945.00LD

### **CHALLENGES**

Let me inform this conference without discomfort that our District’s serious challenge is finance. This has been and remains a major contributing factor to the challenges we faced as a fellowship. Due to this, most of our members and churches continuously stay away from our fellowship activities and know the fact that most of the churches within our District are rural churches: most of our rural churches within our District are financially and spiritually weak. However, we usually keep encouraging them.

### **COMMENDATION**

My appreciation and acknowledgment go to God our Father, Jesus Christ, His son, our savior, and the blessed Holy Spirit our comforter whose diving grace and mercy have kept us through this conference year. I am very happy to extend thanks, appreciation, and felicitation to the following persons whose commitment to our success thus far cannot be measured. They include:

- Rev. J Methuselah Sackie District Superintendence
- Father Dormah V. Karyan Kpah
- Bro. Samuel N. Tokpah
- Hon. Foday E. Fahnbulleh
- Bro. Moses D. Whee
- Bro. Edwin Dormie
- Sis. Martha Dorbor.

### **CONCLUSION**

As I conclude this report, it is my kindest expectation that the spirit of Unity will continue to exist amongst us all as we thrive to provide service in the Lord’s Vineyard let me extend special thanks and appreciation to all of my elected officers who are working tirelessly using their own finances and resources for the growth and development of our fellowship. My profound gratitude and appreciation also to our appointed officers and local presidents for their commitment and support toward the fellowship. Let me say a big thanks to all of my entire young adults, pastors, Deaconesses, Choirs, District Officers, Special Quests, Special Invitees, Members of Unique Conference Brothers, and sisters in Christ. May God richly bless us all as we dwell under the Theme: Trash your nets, follow the call. TEXT Matthew 4: 18-22.

Faithfully Summited.

Growing in Christ,

**Signed: John Y. Yekeh**  
**President (WDYAF)**

**Approved: James Winnie**  
**Coordinator**



## **Cape Palmas District Young Adult Fellowship Report**

### **Protocol:**

Emmanuel Kpon Saye, the 19th National President of CUMYAF, LAC/UMC, Sis Martha B. Dobbah, 1st Vice President of CUMYAF, Bro. Edwin Dormie Jr. Head of the Secretariat Board of Secretary of CUMYAF and hard-working members of CUMYAF,

### **Greetings:**

I bring you lord's warmth and greetings from the sanctuary of holiness, Love, and courage as we all verge at the Kakata Farmington River District to give an account of our stewardship. In the submission of this annual report, I will be drawing your attention to the following:

1. Administration
2. Programs
3. Activities
4. Project
5. Donation
6. Meetings
7. Finances

### **Administration**

The leadership of the cape Palmas district young adults fellowship is headed by Sis. Agnes Nimely 16th district president of the cape Palmas district young adults fellowship, CPDC/LAC/UMC. The following are the executive members of the cape Palmas district conference,

1. Sis. Agnes Nimely -----16th district president
2. Bro. Roland Nyanpo -----1<sup>st</sup> vice president
3. Sis. Victoria Jasper -----2nd president
4. Bro. Abel s. Wesseh ----- General Secretary
5. Bro. Jacob y. Yieh -----Assistance General Secretary
6. Bro. Harris k. Bowman ----- Financial Secretary
7. Sis. Sametta Williams ----- Treasure

For the period under review, the fellowship was blessed to have all it elected and Appointed officers working together to get the district to where it is today.

### **The second district meeting/ young adults day program**

The second district meeting and young adults day program was held in July at the Samuel J. Quire UMC in Harper city, at the seat of the celebration, several people were honored, including Sis Theodocia Mason as a young adult of the year 2022-2023, Sis Martha B. Blamo as the special sister of the year, Sis Sametta Williams special sister of the year and Rev, Cyrus W. Tugbe, as special personality, the breath of life was brought by Rev, Gregory W. Nimely senior pastor of the Alexander Tubman United Methodist Church, including all other traditional days.

We attended the cape Palmas District Conference's first district meeting held at jasper grant UMC including all other district traditional programs, we were represented at the CUMYAF first Exco meeting in Gbarnga, Liberia.

We were also unable to attend the other online activities because of a bad network problem within the county,





The young people were represented at the Cape Palmas district board of laity conference held at the Mt Scott United Methodist Church, from October 26-28, 2022, where a series of workshop topics though such as:

- a. Role of Christian in the political life of the society by Rev, Cyrus W. Tugbe
- b. UMC at a crossed road, Global UMC vs Liberian, where does the LAC stand and while bro. Allison Paygar , regional Lay-leader, region three LAC-UMC. the conference was climaxed with a Sunday service where Bro. C. Paygar was honored as a district board of laity, conference held with Garraway district conference at the F.A. Prize UMC and Bro. Philip k. Toe, district lay leader of the Garraway district conference was honored as regional laity of the year. Meanwhile, the next Regional laity conference is scheduled to be held at the Barrobo Circuit.

The young people of the Cape Palmas district conference had training for all Elected officers and in that training, we had two speakers, namely, Bro. Charles K. Wilson and Bro. Nathaniel Wesley they spoke on the topics, 1, the role of elected offices and 2, the parliamentary rules. It was held at Aletha Tubman United Methodist Church.

Young Women's Day was observed in September from the 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Baraken at Evan UMC where they impacted knowledge among the young women. Items that were made are CopyBooks and Bags,

### **Annual Assembly**

The fellowship observed her 37th annual session and 38th Anniversary celebration from the 17th to the 20th of November 2022 in little Wlebo Refugee Camp.

The conference was held under the theme: it shall come to pass, with the Texts drawn from Isaiah 10:20-27, the conference was officially open by Pst. E. Roosevelt Carpenter, Associates pastor, Mount Scott United Methodist Church. On Saturday, November 19, 2022 the Lay-leader of this conference Bro. Augustine H. Krah lectured on the workshop Topic, the history of Cape Palmas district.

During the Annual Assembly, the young women were able to fix Chlorax, Dental, and liquid soap.

### **Necrology**

During the period under review, the young adults of Cape Palmas District lost her former coordinator, the late Rev Andrew B. Seyon.

### **Visitation**

Over the period, we were able to visit Tuskegee UMC, Evans UMC, John Stark UMC, Williams Taylor UMC, Lewis Wah UMC, Miller UMC, J.T Dayrell UMC, J.R Jackson UMC, Charlie Toe Nawa UMC, Ben Gray UMC, and Alexander Tubman UMC.

### **Meetings**

We were able to have all of our executive meetings as planned in the annual bulletin

### **Project**

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The leadership inherited a power saw from its predecessor. With the majority voice of the executive and the general body, the power saw was sold and a motorcycle was bought to ease the presidential and visitational movement, the leadership also inherited three female goats currently one of the goats is pregnant, on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 the leadership again received a brand new bike from the office of the Senator of Maryland county Hon. James P. Biney.

### **Membership**

The membership of the district is growing by the special grace of God, the past membership of the district was 565 and the present membership is 585, the total male is 275 and female is 310

### **Finances**

Over the period under reviewed the fellowship has raise LRD\$ 429, 115.00+18.00usd and expended LRD\$356,440, with the balance of LRD72,,675.00+18.00usd

### **Commendation**

Let me join my primary executive to extend heartfelt gratitude to all those who made it their duty to work with the leadership for the success of this great district, not forgetting all those including local churches presidents and individuals who contribute to the homegoing of our former coordinator,

### **Challenges**

Over the period under review, we have had the cooperation and attention of all of our district officers in the execution of their official duties. Except that during the annual assembly most of our members were not available due to LISGIS enumeration deployment.

### **Conclusion**

As I bring this report to a close, let me use this public medium to extend thanks and appreciation to all of our local churches for their contribution toward the district, Let me, therefore, conclude by re-affirming the commitment of this leadership to be inclusive of all Worth of life for the successful progression of the district. Thanks for your patience, resources, and energy, God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted.

Growing in Christ,

**Signed: Sis Agnes D. Nimely**

**26th District President**

**Approved: Rev J. Chedeh Thompson**

**Coordinator, CPDYAF**

## **St. Paul River District Young Adult Fellowship Report**

**Protocol:** Bro. Emmanuel K. Saye, President, CUMYAF, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents, other elected officers, Appointed officers, Dean and Members of the President Cabinet, Other District Officers, Fth. Wilfred Gray-Johnson, Director and staff of the Department, Christian Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus.

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**Greetings:** I extend my warmth Christian Greetings on behalf of the leadership and members of the St. Paul River District Young Adults to all of you my dearest Christian brothers and sisters.

**Introduction:** The briefing of the president of the St. Paul River District Young Adult Fellowship is categorized into the following categories:

- a. Administration
- b. Programs and activities
- c. Finances
- d. Spiritual Growth
- e. Projects
- f. Commendation and
- g. Conclusion

**Administration:** The young adults fellowship of the St. Paul River District has been managed over the last few months by the below listed persons.

They are:

- |                               |   |                                |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| a. Sis. Sametta D. Wilson     | - | Treasurer                      |
| b. Sis. Satarus Kiawien       | - | Financial Secretary            |
| c. Sis. Leona Nimene          | - | Asst. Secretary                |
| d. Bro. Jeremiah Weah         | - | General Secretary              |
| e. Bro. Momoh Foday           | - | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President |
| f. Bro. Maxwell Lawrence      | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President |
| g. Bro. Alfred Kwabena Mensah | - | President                      |

The leadership of the fellowship has been supported by the Appointed officers, Local Presidents, and the host of other United Methodist Young Adults from the St. Paul River District.

The lack of commitment from some members of the executives and their willingness to perform the assigned task adequately and promptly had created a slow pace in the general administration of the fellowship and its ability to adequately achieve its objective. All efforts had been exhausted to ensure executives step up to the required responsibilities.

We look forward to their full involvement for the good of the fellowship.

**Program and Activities:**

**Planning Retreat:** The planning Retreat of the SPRDYAF was held at the home of Fth. Willie Benson on February 2022 in Kebbah, Barnesville Township, Monsterrado Liberia. During the Planning Retreat, the fellowship adopted the proposed plan and budget for the conference 2022. Additionally, During the retreat, we unanimously selected Bro. Buster L. Joe to be the Young Adult of the Year 2022 for the St. Paul River District Conference for his services, sacrifices, contributions, and commitments while serving and yet serving our beloved fellowship.

**Installation:** The Installation of the leadership was held at The Melville B. Cox Memorial United Methodist Church on Edditon Street, Lower Caldwell, Monsterrado County, Liberia. The Installation was marked with great celebration through worship and fundraising. The Rev. Allen Paye, Senior Pastor of the John Warner UMC on the Monrovia District served as our preacher during the service and Fth. Allison Paygar served as our induction officer. We



extend our thanks and appreciation to Rev. Paye, Fth. Paygar, The Melville B. Cox family, other guests, and members of the fellowship for the celebration.

**1<sup>st</sup> Leadership Seminar:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Leadership seminar was held on Saturday, April 2022 at the Charlotte Memorial United Methodist in New Georgia Caldwell. The seminar focuses on health-related issues and leadership. Many thanks to Pst. Sedewon Bestman, Associate Pastor of McIntosh Groove UMC a medical practitioner for their splendid presentation during our seminar.

**1<sup>st</sup> Executive Council Meeting:** The first Executive Council meeting was held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at the home of Rev Dr. and Mth. George D. Wilson, Jr. During our Executive Council meeting, local fellowships, committees, and the Executive (President and Finance officers) presented the quarterly briefing. The fellowship's second quarter plans were reviewed and discussed for the good of our fellowship. Many thanks to Rev. Dr. and Mth. George D. Wilson for the warm reception and hospitality while hosting our 1<sup>st</sup> EXCO-Meeting.

**Great Joint Weekend:** The SPRDYAF for the first time hosted their Great Joint Weekend with the Western District Young Adults Fellowship of the Sierra Leone Annual Conference in Freetown, Sierra Leone from June 2-6, 2022. This was the first time in a very long time for such collaboration and such exchange with both Annual Conferences.

During our time in Freetown, Sierra Leone, we held several programs ranging from Meeting the leaders of the Sierra Leone Annual Conference, site-seeing, fellowshiping, beaching, pooling, revival, Leadership development, and worship service, among others.

We want to thank God for the safe travel and organization of this great adventure. Many thanks to about 50 young adults who avail themselves for such an event, and the many contributors that helped us get to and from Freetown, Sierra Leone.

**District Young Adult Day:** The Celebration of the Young Adult Day commenced on Friday, July 29, 2022 with our **ANNUAL REVIVAL**. This event was held at the Burns-Phelps UMC in Brewerville City during which time Rev. Peter Saykepee brought forth an inspiring Message.

**1<sup>st</sup> Musical Fest and Honoring Program** was held on Saturday, July 30, 2022 in recognition of the tremendous services and contributions provided the fellowship and the church all of our former presidents. Many Thanks to all of our invited guests, choir, former presidents, and members of the fellowship that ensure the smooth success of the program. During this time, all of our former president were sashed and presented a mug of service as appreciation from the fellowship.

On Sunday, July 31, 2022, Bro. Buster L. Joe was Crowned Sashed and certificated as Young Adult of the Year 2022 for his unflinching support, services and contribution to the church and our fellowship. During the celebration, we conducted our first Queen Contest in a long time and many of our churches participated. Congratulations to HRH Sis. Valerie Y. Benson from Eddie UMC as queen of the SPRDYAF, as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up, are Sis. Mariama Wollor and Sis. Georgetta Wilson-Saydee of St. Thomas and St. Matthew UMCs respectively.

The coronation was held on November 3, 202,2 at the Brewerville City Hall. We want to thank all who showered up and provided the needed assistance to get the program successful and colorful.

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**General Meetings:** During the period in review, the fellowship have had six (6) general meetings hosted by the former presidents and other Leaders of our beloved fellowship. Some meetings were well attended with Young Adults as we discussed different issues as well as planned for our activities at hand. Many thanks to our hosts for our general meetings and Young Adults for attending said meetings.

The leadership hosted one-day meeting with all former president of the St. Paul River District Young Adult Fellowship at the Corina Hotel to discussed and create a stronger collaborative effort between the former presidents and the Fellowship. This meeting was extremely successful and meet its full objective. Out of the eighteen (18) former presidents, we had about eleven (11) of them present in the meeting. The Seven (7) that couldn't be part were due to stringent emergencies that couldn't afford them the opportunity to be a part of said meeting. We look forward hosting the same during our second quarter, to provide updates on the decision reached in previous meeting and meeting the agreed objectives.

**Spiritual Growth:** During the period in review our Spiritual Committee had been providing consistent daily prayer in our chatroom, conducting devotion during meetings and as well leading our revival. Many thanks to the CO-chair for the regular morning spiritual tips and devotional messages.

The fellowship hosted a one-day revival on Friday, June 3, 2022 in Freetown Sierra Leone, during this time Bro. James Fomgbeh preached on the importance of prayers. The fellowship Planned Revival and Musical Fest is upcoming and we hope to extend an invitation to you all for your participation.

**General Visitation:** The leadership had made significant impacts in reaching out to our local Units and play pivotal roles in ensuring we have a collaborative and a strengthened fellowship. During the period in review we were fortunate to meet over twenty of our local fellowship and had series of meeting with individual members of our fellowship that are inactive to ensure they regained the active services.

**Finance:** The current economic had effected all sector of our country including the church of which our fellowship isn't exempted. However, we have ensured that the fellowship is financial stable despite the challenges. During this quarter of the year, our programs were focused on outreach and regrouping the fellowship while the second quarter of the year will focus on fundraising and project launching.

Hence, our fellowship accounts (LD & USD) are at the Liberia Bank for Development and investment (LBDI). We look forward to enhancing the financial status and capacity of our fellowship and keep working and meeting the obligations assigned.

**Projects:** The SPRDYAF has embarked on purchasing a bus for the easy transportation of its members and executives during and after programs, visitations, representations, among others. This project was launched last year and we look forward to bring it to a close in the soonest time possible. We've been working closely with the Executive, members of the fellowship, former leaders and as well other fathers and mothers of our church and other local and foreign partners to bring this project to a realization.

The fellowship received a two (2) lots of land in Fendell from the Fth and Mth. Oscar Todd who was honored as family of the year 2022 of the St. Paul River District Conference. The survey and deed had been paid for and plan for the development of the land is in process

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and we are hoping to break grounds for the construction of the St. Paul River District Young People Resource and Rehab center.

For this project, we have met with several leaders of our church, stakeholders, and partners to fund the construction of the Resource and Rehab center.

During the period in review, the fellowship established and launched the St. Paul River District Young Adult Online TV for online broadcasting of events, and another religious program for fundraising. The SPRDYAF online TV had been on test and is now fully functional. You can contact us for your live broadcast and photographing of your special events.

### **Annual Assembly and Anniversary Celebration:**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SPRDYAF was held at the St. Paul Conjorcor and Snortorn Memorial UMC in the Township of Louisiana, Monsterrado County on the Theme "Where are the Labourers?" from text St. Luke 10:1-11. This year's assembly was marked with joyous celebration and sober reflection on our call and response of working as labourers in the master vineyard. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the two host churches for hosting us adequately and providing a conducive environment for our gathering. I can safely say, this year assembly was one of the best in term of hosting.

As usual, we identify with the J. W. A Richard Public School in the Township of Louisiana. We provide several cartons of copybook, pen, pencil, Plastic file, among others. Our outreach benefited over 325 students from Nursery to grade six. During our visst at the public school, we identity the need to do more, especially in provide chairs and other materials for the school. At the age and time, Students are still sitting on the floor or stood to take lessons, I have committed myself to provide 10 chairs on behalf of my family for the District Young Adults.

We extend our profound gratitude to, Rev. Dr. George D. Wilson, Jr. and Rev. H. Too Howe the senior pastors of the both churches, Sis. Rachel Cooper and Sis. Massa James Moore, the two local presidents, the Assembly committee headed by Sis. Duncan and Bro. Joe, the closing service preacher, Rev. Emmanuel Young, senior pastor and principal of the First Baptist Church and School. Many thanks to the many contributors and delegates to the Young Adult Assembly.

**Coordinator of SPRDYAF:** Brothers and Sisters, kindly be informed that our coordinator Mth. Vivian A. Cooke has officially informed the fellowship through a formal text of her inability to function in the role of coordinator due to job responsibilities that hinder her full participation in the gathering of the SPRDYAF. The Associate Coordinator, Fth. Samuel V. Mussah is now our acting Coordinator until the District Conference for action.

**Necrology:** Death has had a triggered down effect on the function of our beloved fellowship especially losing two of us during the conference year. Sis. Hawa Cole of E. J. Goodridge and Bro. McCull Kollie of the St. Matthew UMC.

We pray that God grant their souls mercies and light perpetual shine on them and all who have faithfully departed.

**Commendation:** The Lord had been so good to me and my cope of officer especially for giving us the strength to lead this great fellowship. I extend my profound thanks and appreciation to all of our active Young Adults for their time and support to the fellowship, our former Presidents Caucus led by Mth. Elizabeth Dempster, The Board of Laity of our



District and the Annual Conference. We are grateful to all who continue to support the work of God's mission of "Making disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world".

Special thanks to the family, my wife Tina, and our two boys for pulling out the needed support and contribution for our work.

May God Continue to bless the works of our hands and strengthen us for the service we are called to.

"Growing in Christ"

Bro. Alfred Kwabena Mensah

**President, SPRDYAF**

Fth. Samuel V. Mussah

**Associate Coordinator**

### **Monrovia District Young Adult Fellowship Report**

#### **Greeting/ Introduction**

On behalf of the executive committee of MDYAF, I greet all of you, Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye 19<sup>th</sup> National President, and executive council members who have come from across the various districts that make up the CUMYAF. In keeping with Article 5.2.1 captioned "Duties and Responsibilities of the President"; it is incumbent upon the office of the Presidency to provide a written report at our annual assembly on the implementation of programs and activities, administration, and working relationships amongst others.

It is against this backdrop that I do humbly present to you a written account of our activities at the MDYAF.

#### **Administration**

On December 4, 2022, delegates across the Monrovia District Young Adult Fellowship gathered at the James Edward Marshall Memorial United Methodist Church to exercise their constitutional right by electing corps of officers to stir the affairs of MDYAF for the next two conference years. The result of that election saw the below officers emerging victorious and were dutifully installed to their respective offices on January 9, 2022, at the James E. Marshall Memorial UMC, Town Hall Community, Gardnersville:

|                         |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sis. Josephine Theoway  | Treasurer                      |
| Bro. David S. Sumo      | Financial Secretary            |
| Bro. Desmond Nah        | Assistant<br>Secretary         |
| Bro. Jutey Solomon      | General Secretary              |
| Bro. Samuel Nyema Badio | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President |
| Sis. Mary Momo          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President |
| Bro. Titus Kush Jlatuh  | President                      |

**NB: A month to our Annual Assembly, our Financial Secretary, bro. Sumo resigned and was replaced by Bro. Adolphus O. Johnson is our current acting Financial Secretary. Bro. Sumo and his family relocated to the USD.**

On the fateful day of January 9, 2022, our Leadership was blessed with a heaven-sent addition, in Her Royal Majesty Queen Morgiana Doyen Natt. She was crowned on March

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20, 2022, and has since joined hands with me and all else in administering a sanitized leadership for our people.

Our Leadership continues to enjoy a cordial relationship amongst ourselves as Executive Committee Members. Additionally, our success thus far is pillared on the willingness, collectivism, and inexhaustible efforts of our Local Presidents and Members of our Executive Council who has, at all time, seeking the interest of the District above themselves.

### **Programs and Activities**

Our Leadership has been able to implement the below programs and activities thus far through the efforts of the responsible committees:

- Reformation Service (January 7, 2022, J. E. Marshall UMC)
- Installation Program & Queen Contest (January 9, 2022, J. E. Marshall UMC)
- Inaugural Dinner and Awards Night (January 7, 2022, The Big Treat Event Hall)
- Planning Retreat and Area Development Tournament (February 5, 2022, M. F. Bailey UMC & Stephen Tolbert Estate Sports Pitch)
- Healing and Deliverance Service (March 18, 2022, J. J. Powell UMC)
- Coronation Program (March 20, 2022, Georgia Patten UMC)
- The Royal Reception (March 20, 2022, The Monrovia City Hall)
- MDYAF First Quarterly Outreach (March 26, 2022, Love for Child & Judith Craig United Methodist Children Village)
- MDYAF First EXCO Meeting (April 2, 2022- The Committee of Ways, Means, and Finance)
- General Capacity Building Workshop ( May 7, 2022, David Gueh United Methodist Church)
- MDYAF Full Night Tarry (May 13, 2022, Refuge United Methodist Church)
- First General Meeting (May 21, 2022, Home of Fth. Marvin Sackor- District Special Personality of the Year)
- MDYAF Healing and Deliverance Service (June 7, 2022, Martha Tubman UMC)
- MDYAF Annual Carnival and Great Weekend (June 9-12, 2022, Freetown, Sierra Leone)
- Annual Young Adult Day Program (July 31, 2022, held at the Georgia Patten UMC where Bro. Alexander R. Cummings was honored as District Young Adult of the Year.
- Young Women Symposium (September 30 to October 2, 2022, held at the M. F. Bailey United Methodist Church)
- Annual Cabinet Retreat/ Local President Appreciation Day (October 22-23, 2022, held at the 72<sup>nd</sup> United Methodist Church)

### **Catalog of the Leadership Achievements**

We are pleased to catalog the following achievements of the 20<sup>th</sup> Administration. These achievements have been made possible by the hard work of each and every one our Team members...

### **Finances**

We sought the support of our colleagues at MDYAF on the promise to reduce the financial burden of taxation on our local fellowships. We are thereby pleased to inform us all that for the entire first quarter, the Our Leadership was able to execute the various programs and activities without taxing our Local Fellowship a dime for any of such programs.





We have also been able to move the fellowship accounts to the greatest height ever. Our revenue generation within the first year for the very first time in our fellowship history was **Usd**

**43,123.00** and **Lrd 363,466.20**. Our expenditure was **USD 41,948.21** and **Lrd 346,990.00** while our closing balance as of the end of the year ( Pre Assembly Balances) was **1,174.79** and **Lrd 16,476.20**

**PS:** These balances were before our Annual Assembly expenditure and expected income. However, after investing heavily in our Annual Assembly, it was canceled on orders of our District Superintendent, thereby leaving us with zero balances.

### **Charity & Outreach - March 26, 2022**

Fellow Executives, we are pleased to report that as a fellowship, we have been able to identify with the poor and needy as implied in Christ's mission to us. In fulfillment of God's word, we visited two orphanages within the first quarter and shared with them essential relief items. Not only did we attend to their physical needs, but we also look out for their spiritual needs through worship and evangelism conducted by our spiritual growth team. These orphanages are The Love for Child Children Village, and the Judith Craig United Methodist Children Village. Be kindly notified that these events were the official first appearance of HRM Morgiana Doyen Natt after her coronation.

NB: Under our charity scheme, we have also been able to make the below donations:

**Three Hundred United States Dollars** to the Abraham Weh UMC as aid to a major construction work being implemented at the Church

**Thirty Thousand Liberian Dollars** to the Girls Vocational Initiative as contribution to female empowerment

**Five Hundred United States Dollars** to the Liberia Annual Conference at the 189<sup>th</sup> Annual Session held with the Gompa District,

Contribution of **Branded T. Shirts** to the National Cabinet, amongst others.

### **Member's Empowerment/ Small Loan Scheme**

Fellow Executives, as President of the MDYAF, I woke up to the dazzling morning of February 5, 2022, and commenced preparation for our annual planning retreat. While preparing, I was engaged by our lovely First Lady, my darling wife, Sis. Joan Gausi Jlatuh with a brilliant idea of a small loan scheme for members of MDYAF. As she was my walking stick during the period of soliciting your support, she was informed of the many challenges that confront our membership.

Well, my usual official response to her was, let's take it to the retreat for the fellowship to adopt. Upon the presentation at the retreat, the idea was overwhelmingly endorsed, and the Office of the First Lady/ Presidential relief program was charged with receiving and vetting applications for the first seven beneficiaries.

I am delighted to report that the first seven members have officially benefitted from this small loan scheme and another seven members are to benefit in two weeks from now at our next EXCO.

Many thanks to the first lady for such a brilliant idea and to all of you hard workers of MDYAF for making these dreams a reality.

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### **Vocational Training for Females**

Distinguished executives, on Saturday, February 19, 2022, MDYAF's beloved Queen, my golden hearted-partner in leader, Her Majesty Queen Morgiana Doyen Natt, and myself honored an invitation from the Girls Vocational Institute as Six members of the MDYAF, sponsored by the 19<sup>th</sup> administration headed by President Hilton L. Starks were graduating.

While sitting pretty in our seats, we noticed the vivid smiles on the faces of our graduating members which displayed their immense gladness. Hence, in our chitchat, her Majesty Queen Natt whispered to me and said, "His Excellency, this is a dream we must continue" ... I sat back with broad smiles and said, please, do the honor ma'am.

Therefore, in the official statement of our fellowship at that event, delivered by Her Royal Majesty, it was announced that the fellowship will continue with the sponsorship of nine females at the GVI.

Distinguished members, I am pleased to report that nine females are fully enrolled at the GVI currently. We extend our deepest gratitude to all of our supporters whose financial support keeps giving us a smooth landing.

### **Formal Education (Scholarship for University Students)**

Dearest friends, the adage that education is the key to success is immensely popular; though often overlooked, but very truthful. With this in mind, the Fellowship has launched a scholarship scheme that witnessed the enrolment of Ten (10) members in **various tertiary institutions as below:**

***The United Methodist University – Seven members***

***The African Methodist Episcopal University- Two Members***

***Smythe Institute- One Member***

**We like** to extend our gratitude once again to Her Royal Majesty, Queen Morgiana Doyen Natt, and Her Excellency First Lady Joan Gausi Jlatuh for both sponsoring the students at the AMEU while the payment for the students at the UMU comes from the Fellowship's covers.

### **The MDYAF Annual Carnival and Great Weekend**

Dearest friends, we are jollified to report to you that for the first time in our fellowship history, we implemented our annual carnival and a great weekend in a foreign land- Freetown, Sierra Leone.

The Weekend was highly successful as we assembled Two Hundred and Seventeen Members from across Thirty Churches within the MDYAF. Those members were lodged across Three Guest Houses (66 rooms), namely: Hotel Mariam, Charm Beach Hotel, and the main venue The Sweet Mother Guest House.

We departed Monrovia in three yellow buses and one picked up on June 8 & 9 respectively and returned safely on June 12, 2022.

While in Freetown, we implemented several activities to include, including an Ecumenical Visit and Worship Service at the Kings Memorial UMC, A Pool Party at the Family Kingdom Hotel, A beach day at the popular number 2 beach in Freetown (where several games were played), and an Awards night at the ballroom at the Family Kingdom Hotel.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to the Committee headed by Queen Natt, Our 19<sup>th</sup> National President, our Sierra Leonean counterpart, and the President of the Kakata Farmington River District Bro. Titus Jackson, and all others who attended or contributed to the success of this historic weekend.

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## Recreational Activities

Fellow Young adults, we are usually told that work without play makes jack/ Jacklyn a dull boy/ girl. Hence, irrespective of the many great jobs we have done, we still found some time to play a little. Below are some of the recreational activities we implemented and some tangibles achieved during those activities.

- ✚ **The Area Development Tournament (February 5, 2022)**- We were able to implement this tournament in the grandest of styles by providing five (5) sets of customized jerseys to each of the participating areas of the district. We also provided a cash Price of up to 250.00 USD for the respective winners during the tournament. Congratulations to the respective winners as referenced in the report of the program committee.
- ✚ **The Inaugural Dinner and Awards Night (January 9, 2022)** - For the first time, in over five years, we implement a dinner and awards night for our fellowship. We presented six awards during this event and also obviously had mad fun. My mind still holds fresh, the glittering appearances of our members as they turned out in full to witness and participate in this event. Congratulations once again to all those awardees of this night.
- ✚ **The Royal Reception (March 20, 2022)** - the Coronation Program of our fellowship will go down in history as "D BEST", not only for the uniqueness of the main event but also for the glittery of the Royal Reception. We gathered at the Monrovia City-hall, and as a fellowship, celebrated the coronation of our queen in the fullness of this glorified event.

## Cabinet Retreats (MDYAF & CUMYAF)

Fellow Young adults, we are pleased to report that for the first time in our reflective records as a fellowship, we were able to implement a cabinet retreat in our District. This retreat was held on October 22, 2022, at the Oceanview View Hotel in Thinkers Village under the Theme: Keeping the Focus. Local Presidents converged, reported, and deliberated on issues of pertinent concern to our District. This retreat was immensely successful. Thanks to our 20<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Leadership for a successful program.

We are also pleased to report that our National Cabinet acquaintance was held successfully on Saturday, April 16, 2022, in Buchanan City, Grand Bassa County. About ten district Presidents were in attendance/ represented. The event climaxed with a sports match where the Cabinet emerged victorious over CUMYAF Executive by 5 goals to 4.

## Coronation Spice (March 20, 2022)

Fellow EXCO members, the Coronation Program of Her Royal Majesty Queen Morgiana Doyen Natt needs no further reportage as the program in itself was a full report and very testimonial.

It was a program that I have code-named the "**first timer**" and below are a few great things that happened there for the first time:

- ✚ The First time to have a seated President present at a district young adult fellowship event; ❖ The first time to have a seated President delivered the Coronation Sermon;
- ✚ The first time to have a well-branded and custom-made royal chair for the Queen of the Fellowship. This chair is to be passed on from one Queen to another;
- ✚ The first time to have the Queen recited the oath of honor during the coronation rites indicating that the official function of the queen is no longer to just smile and wave but to partner with the District President in providing leadership for our people.



- ✝ Oh yes, the first time to raise in excess of 10,000.00 USD at a District's program for the YAF.

Fellow young adults, the list of first-time is very exhaustive, but we are humbled to stick to the above few.

Let me extend my deepest gratitude to the President of the Republic of Liberia, the Coronation Officer Hon. Samora Wollokollie and all of our royal supporters.

Congratulations once again Queen Natt, may you reign forever!

### **Membership**

Since the last census of the MDYAF that placed us at a membership of over a thousand, no recent survey has been done to update this. Hence, we cannot report an accurate figure. We have tasked the Committee on Membership and Visitation to execute this exercise soonest, which will allow us to report accurately on this at the next EXCO.

However, I am jollified to inform you all of an honorary membership status bestowed upon the President of the Republic of Liberia, Fth. Dr. George Manneh Weah. This status was bestowed upon His Excellency as a result of an emergency EXCO decision on March 20, 2022. His Excellency graciously accepted this status and has since been following with keen interest the activities of our beloved Fellowship.

### **Representation**

Fellow young adults, as your leaders, we are thrilled to report that we have represented the fellowship at various external and internal programs as a means of improving our ecumenical relations. Below are paramount amongst the representation we have made thus far:

- ✝ The Annual Assembly of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship held with the Grand Bassa District
- ✝ The 189<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Liberia Annual Conference held with the Gompa District
- ✝ The 19<sup>th</sup> Leadership Inaugural activities of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship
- ✝ The Installation program of the Monrovia District Men organization
- ✝ The Coronation Program of the Monrovia District Youth Fellowship
- ✝ And several internal visitations to our respective local fellowships

### **Necrology**

Fellow Young Adults, we were taught by our respective Sunday School Teachers to not cry whenever we lost a loved one. We are often told that they are resting in the bosom of father Abraham. However, it never gets any easy. As a fellowship, we have experienced the trying times from the cold hands of death.

We are sad to report the bereavement of the below members of the fellowship; of which we were informed:

- ✝ Bro . Hilton & Clinton Starks- Their big brother
- ✝ Sis. Brenda Cee- Her Dad
- ✝ Sis Ernestine Harris- Her Dad

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- ✝ Sis. Joellyn Jackson- Her Uncle
- ✝ Bro. Samuel Nyema Badio- His Dad
- ✝ Sis. Ernestine Outland- Her mom

We are even sadder to report the death of two of our energetic members in the person of Sis. Eliza Toee of the E. Harding Smythe UMYAF and Sis Jestina T. Williams of the Mount Sinai UMYAF.

May the beautiful souls of all faithful departed rest in perfect peace and may light perpetual shine upon them all.

**Commendation**

Let me begin by being grateful to God our Father, Jesus Christ His Son our Savior, and the Blessed Holy Spirit our comforter whose Devine grace has kept us through this quarter. In a special way, I am delighted to stretch a hand of appreciation to the following groups and/or individuals whose commitment to our success thus far cannot be measured. Those special people are President George M. Weah, Hon. Samora Wollokollie, HRM, Queen Morgiana Doyen Natt, First Lady Joan Gausi Jlatuh, CAA Edmund G. Manston, and all Presidential Advisors, The Elected Officers, All Past District Presidents who have been supportive, Dean Nattalyn Karpheh and all Local President, Bro. Benjamin Yiedipoe and the Ways & Means Team, All appointed officers (Specifically), The Program Committee headed by Bro. Ben Doblah, The Spiritual Growth Committee, The Inaugural Committee, The Finance Committee, The Coronation Committee, The Communication Team headed by Sis. Josephine G. Wreh, The Entire Office of the President, The Inner Circle, Fth. Kojo G. Weeks and the Entire Advisory Council, Rev. Brownell B. Konton and the Entire GDPP Family, Mth. Paulina Doe-Hilton, Fth. Francis Curlie Torgbor, Mr. Muideen O. Bakinde

**Conclusion**

As I pen down this report, it is my kindest expectation that the spirit of unity will continue to exist amongst us all as we thrive to provide service in the Lord’s Vineyard. May the Good Lord guide us all and preserve the image of MDYAF!!!

“Growing In Christ”



CAA

Approved: PP. Bro. Edmund G. Manston,

Bro. Titus Kush Jlatuh  
20<sup>th</sup> President

Fth. Francis Curllie Togbor

**St. John River District Young Adult Fellowship**

**ADDRESS**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye-19<sup>th</sup> National President, Fth. Wilfred Gaye-Johnson-Director, Department of Young People Ministries, LAC/UMC, all conference officials, invited guests and visitors, fellow District Presidents, brothers and sisters in the household of faith.

**GREETINGS**

I bring you sincere greetings of peace & love to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On behave of the officers and members of the District

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Young Adult Fellowship, we wish to welcome and greet all of us to this 37<sup>th</sup> Annuals Session and 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of our beloved fellowship.

## INTRODUCTION

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, it has been a long round year since we all were together during our last 36<sup>th</sup> Session held with the Grand Bassa District Young Adult Fellowship. Again, we have gathered as a fellowship to review our past activities & plan for a better future. As young people of the United Methodist Church, we are very much delighted to give an account of our stewardship for the past year. Our progress report will focus on the following:

- Administration
- Programs and Activities
- Finances
- Membership
- Projects
- Achievement & Challenges
- Graduation
- Necrology
- Recommendation
- Conclusion

## ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the District Young Adult Fellowship is spared-headed by your humble servant Bro. Nyondyu R. Garsuah. This leadership came to power during our 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Assemble and 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the St. Andrew UMC, in November, 2021, the young adults' leadership is being assisted by the following leaders Bro. Henry F Thomas-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Bro. Jeremiah Wanto-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Sis. Love A. Zordyu - Financial Secretary and Sis. Diamond J. Saturday - Treasurer. At the seat of our Planning Retreat held at Gbehzohn UMC, we were able to complete the various positions. Those elected and appointed were: Bro. Samuel Moncee - General Secretary, and Bro. G-Othello Zordyu- Dean of Plan.

## PROGRAMS AND PLAN ACTIVITIES

Fellow conferees, for the period under review, we were able to execute the below programs:

- **Planning Retreat:** Our Planning Retreat was held with the Gbehzohn United Methodist Church, which was followed by a Recommitment Service from March 11-13, 2022.
- **Leadership Training:** During the period under review, we held one Leadership Training at the J.C. Early United Methodist School Campus. Various leadership topics were presented by powerful leaders from our district.
- **Executive Council Meetings:** During the conference years, we held one Executive Meeting along with general and special call meetings. The intention of these meetings was to discuss relevant issues of our fellowship at the district level. Our First Executive Council Meeting was held from June 10-12, 2022, at the Roberts Memorial UMC in Neekren District, Grand Bassa County.
- **District Young Adult Day:** On Sunday, July 31, 2022, we were able to celebrate our District Young Adult Day Program as placed into our bulletin. This program

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brought together dignitaries from various institutions and guests that graced the occasion. During the program, the following brothers and sisters were honored as Young Adults of the Year and Special Young Adult:

1. Sis. Arthurlyn C. Jimmy – Young Adult of the Year 2022/2023 (from N.B. Whitfield UMC)
2. Bro. Hanson Thomas – Special Young Adult
3. Bro. Sylvester Tarpeh – Special Young Adult
4. Sis. Teta Johnson - Special Young Adult
5. Bro. Melvin Smith - Special Young Adult

During the program, Pst. Mercy Jimmy of the Thomas J. King Memorial, Grand Bassa District served as Guest Preacher. She preached from the book of **Colossian 1:1-14** and use the theme **“Growing in Knowledge of God”**. In her speech, she encouraged young people to be strong and respect one another. The program was financially graced by Senator Jonathan L. Kaipay.

- **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly:** Our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assemble was held from November 10-13, 2022 at the Yeaway Camp United Methodist Church. The Theme for the Assembly was: “It Shall Come to Pass” with Text drawn from: “Isaiah 10:24-27”. This conference brought together young adult from our various local churches of the district along with some special guests and visitors. The District Superintendent of the St. John River District Conference, Rev. Decontee A. Johnson, served as closing preacher. Queen Contest was held during our closing session making Sis. Rose Kwratee from the Mt. Galilee United Methodist Church, as District YAF Queen.
- **Representation at CUMYAF:** Our Leadership was able to attend some of the planned activities of the Conference United Methodist Young Adult Fellowship. Those we attended were: *Planning Retreat* held at Ganta United Methodist Church, Gompa District, LAC/UMC and the *2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Council Meeting* held on September 10 via Zoom.
- **Mother District Activities:** Fellow conferees, during the period under review, we were present to most of our mother district functions including meetings, charge conferences and the District Conference held at Camphor United Methodist Campus from December 5-11, 2022. We were also able to contribute financially and material wise to all activities of the District.

## FINANCES

During the conference year, the fellowship was able to raise the total amount of **309,050 LRD** and expanded **\$230, 900 LRD**. We have the total amount of **\$78,150LRD** in the LBDI Bank. The above fund was collected from our Exco Meetings, Assessment, Projects and Annual Assembly.

## DONATION

As the saying goes, God loves a cheerful giver. We were able to donate some materials including building materials, communion elements and cash to several of our local churches during this conference year. We were also able to receive donations from some our members.

## PROJECT

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The fellowship has decided for sustainability purpose to engage in an agricultural project which has already started. A plot of land was given to the young people for said project and the fellowship has started planting heads of plantains, bananas and coconuts.

### **ACHIEVEMENT**

During our leadership, we were able to achieve a cordial working relationship with the mother district, local churches and the Conference Young Adult Fellowship.

### **CHALLENGES**

Due to the high-cost of living and multiples of activities, the following program was not held: 2<sup>nd</sup> EXCO Meeting, Post Easter Fellowship and Young Women Network training. We were unable to have attended the young women gathering held in Ganta City. We were also unable to have attended the 1<sup>st</sup> CUMYAF Exco Meeting etc.

### **GRADUATION**

As per the United Methodist Discipline, there are ages set for each of the organization. We are pleased to recommend to this Assembly the following persons for official graduation to the men/women departments:

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Sis. Ruth Karr          | 12. Bro. Timothy Yalakai |
| 2. Bro. Windell Verdier    | 13. Bro. Sampson Mandeh  |
| 3. Sis. Photo Glay         | 14. Bro. Elkina Morris   |
| 4. Bro. Emmanuel Pewee     | 15. Sis. Marjay Dean     |
| 5. Sis. Ruth Clarke        | 16. Sis. Saydah Garkpee  |
| 6. Sis. Ellen A. Kangar    | 17. Bro. Samuel Kordee   |
| 7. Bro. Jonathan D. Reeves | 18. Sis. Patience Bloe   |
| 8. Sis. Willimina Gbee     | 19. Bro. Augustine Bueh  |
| 9. Bro. Trokon Taylor      | 20. Bro. Isaac Williams  |
| 10. Bro. Allyosious Kpogba | 21. Sis. Rani Taylor     |
| 11. Sis. Catherine Sayweh  |                          |

### **NECROLOGY**

Fellow United Methodist, during the period under review, we lost one of our member from the N.B. Whitfield United Methodist Church in person of Sis. Patience Drow, may her soul rest in peace.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

As we conclude our report, we will like to recommend the following:

- We are kindly asking CUMYAF to help us with some farming tools
- We are also asking CUMYAF to help us with a motor bike that will enable us visits the 42 local churches of our district that most of which are far reaching.

### **COMMENDATION**

Let me use this time to give thanks and appreciation to the Almighty God for bringing us this far by faith. We say Lord thank you, you are wonderful. Many thanks and appreciation goes to the entire district office for the numerous supports to the young people leadership, my able and hardworking officials for always standing by us for the work of the district to be done. We also want to thank CUMYAF Leadership thus far. Let the Almighty God guide and protect you all.

### **CONCLUSION**

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To conclude, let the work we do speaks for us when no one is willing to defend us in our absent. Let us be committed to our fellowship. No turning back. I wish you all A Happy and Prosperous 2023

Respectfully submitted.  
Growing in Christ,

Bro. Nyondyu R. Garsuah  
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18<sup>th</sup> District President  
St. John River District YAF  
LAC/UMC

### **River Cess Young Adult Fellowship Report**

#### **Protocol**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye, 19<sup>th</sup> National President, Officers and Members of CUMYAF:

The below listed are officers that were elected to steer the affairs of the fellowship for two years.

1. Bro. G. Areba Zammie     President
2. Sis. Princess N. Mandeh   1st Vice President
3. Bro. Nathaniel K. Vanciah   2nd President
4. Bro. Ephraim G. Bolue    Secretary
5. Bro. E. Roland Doegbah.   Asst. Secretary
6. Sis. Salome B. Bolue.     Financial Secretary
7. Susanne J. Kair.     Treasure

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

We have the total membership of 115. This is not the the total but is what those locat churches. **Below are the information:** Boys 65 & Girls 50  
I am encouraging the local President to attach seriousness to collected the accuracy number of the total membership.

#### **RELATIONSHIP:**

We have a good working relationship with the district unit Youths, Men, Woman, Church School and our District Conference. We are determined to maintain this relationship as we go forward. We also have a good working relationship with our district Superintendent.

#### **PROGRAM:**

During the period under consideration, the Rivercess District Young Adults Fellowship through its Program Committee planned and executed one major program in addition to the District Young Adult Day, and annual assembly; said program was held at the Zee Watchen UMC in Jaster Samgbalor. During the program Rev. James G. Johnson Sr was appropriated for his outstanding support to the young people Ministry for this conference year.

#### **Young Adult Day:**

The program was held at the Samuel Juah UMC with Bro. Elijah C. Gbassagee being crowned and sashed as Young Adult of the year 2022/23.



**Annual Assembly:**

Our Annual assembly was hosted by the New Creation Young Adult Fellowship in Yarpah Town from Wednesday to Sunday November 16 -20, 2022 under the Theme " BEWARE OF THE LAST DAY" with text drawn from II. Timothy 3:1-7. Though the assembly was poorly attended as three (3) local Churches including the host were in attendance, but we were able to continue with our community service on Saturday, as we were able to clean the entire compound of the newly renovated constructed referral hospital in Gbediah town. This action led to father D. Onesimus Banwon inviting the entire delegates to his home for appreciation. The District Superintendent Rev. Emmanuel M. B. Wilson served as closing speaker.

**PROJECT:**

Though there was no project for the concluding Conference year, however we have resolved to engage the soil this New year. We are planning to cultivate 5 acres of land for Cassava and Plantain production. Many thanks to the Draw United Methodist Church and the people of Gboah town for provision of the land.

Let us give many thanks to the Rivercess District Young Adult Queen, Miss. Eunice G. Toe for her support by building a office for the young people this conference year.

**FINANCE:**

Despite low turnout for most of our activities, there were some improvements in our financial standing. The fellowship raised the amount of Two hundred four Thousand Liberian Dollars, Nine hundred ninty five Liberian Dollars (204, 995) plus One Hundred twenty-five United States Dollars. Out of said amount, we spent Two hundred thousand (2,0000), plus One hundred twenty-five United States Dollars (125).

Many thanks to the following persons and Churches for their outstanding supports towards our annual budget: 1. Rev. James G. Johnson Sr.

2. Bro. Elijah C. Gbassagee

3. Fth. D. Onesimus Banwon

4. Fth. Byron W. Zahnwea and the New Creation UMC.

**CHALLENGES:**

Which it is true we that we were to some extent successful in our programming, however, the continues staying away by some local Churches from District events despite numerous visitation stands out as major challenge for our fellowship. The low understanding of the processes and procedures of the United Methodist Church, especially Conference United Methodist Young Fellowship (CUMYAF) on the past of some of our local Churches and officers posse serious threat to the survivability of our fellowship.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We are very pleased to recommend the following for your prompt consideration:

1. That CUMYAF though the program or spiritual growth committee pay special visitation to the various rural District especially those who are lingering behind either during their District assemblies for the purpose of teaching or training that majority of those members and officers will understand their roles and responsibilities.

**2. That CUMYAF Annual Text and Theme be used in all local assembly**

**SPECIAL APPEAL**

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Few years back, the District Young Adult Fellowship was revamped as a result of one major activity initiated by one of our past District Superintendents, (Rev. Jacob S. Nathan II). The annual Young camp through which many Young Adults Fellowship. Such event has not been observed for the past decade due to financial reason. We are planning to reactivate the River Cess Approved Work Men are not Ashame. (Camp RAWANA) therefore we are appealing for support.

This initiative is one of our surest way of evangelism.

### **CONCLUSION**

Before closing this report at this annual assembly. I will like to appreciate the almighty God for bringing the young people this far. We hope that our gathering will always remind us of our duties.

Motto " Growing in Christ"

Respectfully yours,

Bro. G. Areba Zammie District President

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Approved

Bro. Isaac B. Williams

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District Coordinator

### **Sinoe District Young Adult Fellowship Report**

#### **PROTOCOL ADDRESS**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye 19th National President CUMYAF, Sis Martha B. Dobboh 1st vice President, Bro. Charles K. Wilson 2nd vice President, Bro Edwin Dormie Jr. General Secretary, Sis. Rebecca Martor Assistant General Secretary, Bro. Felix Yeeker Financial Secretary, Sis Felecia Dorboh Treasure, Dean and Deputy dean of the President's Cabinet, Her Royal Highness Sis. Wilma Kwaizah, Fth. Wilfred Gray-Johnson Director of Young Adults Fellowship Liberia Annual Conference the United Methodist Church, Chairs and Co-Chair of distinguished committees, other executive members of our Dear fellowship.

#### **GREETINGS / INTRODUCTION:**

Fellow Brethren, I bring you a profound and heartfelt Christian greetings and compliments of the festive seasons that is full of joy, peace, and harmony for & on behalf of my Lovely Family and kids, the Leadership and the entire membership of the Young Adults Fellowship of the Sinoe District Conference, in the name of our Lord, savior Jesus Christ amen.

On this mount of the Sinoe District 37th Annual Sessions and 38th Anniversary, I am well honored by the special privilege given me to address and give account of my stewardship since March 13- January 2023.

Moreover, let me first of all express words of grateful, and be thankful to God Almighty for making us to gather at this mount again since we last met at the Conference year (2021) when we were all at FUMC in Grand Bassa District under the Theme: WHEN GOD IS INVOLVED with Text Genesis 39: 1-10.

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On this great day, we are charged to reference God for all his blessings, grace, protection and healing he has bestowed upon us as People of this Historic District of our beloved Church and Nation.

Thanks are to God that we made it through every tough time, bad sicknesses, numerous criticisms and trials as a District.

Fellow Leaders and Brethren in Ministries, as we have assembled as Leaders and Districts to give account of our stewardship under the Theme: "Trash Your Nets and Follow the call" With Text from ST. Matthew 4: 18-22, I hope these moments shared will be a great manifestation of Christ-like reflection and assessment of who we are, where we want to go, especially leading on Christ guidance and walking by faith.

I encourage the love of Christ at all stages of this Leadership. I wish you all a wonderful stay, to Make new friends, build the love and hope for each other leave this assemblies renew to work for Christ.

This report covers the following contents: Administration, Programs/Activities, Visitation, Relationship, Membership, Project, Graduation/Marriage, Financial Statement, Necrology, Commendation, Recommendation and Conclusion

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

We as a Fellowship of the United Methodist Church, had conducted an election in 2021 at the B.D.Noah UMC which brought us into power as leadership according to our book of discipline, the following persons were elected, at the above mentioned Conference they are as follow with their respective position:

|                                     |                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bro. Thomas Klonyensieh Karpeh, Sr. | 19th District President |
| Bro. Adam S. Swen                   | 1st Vice President      |
| Bro. John S. Kormah                 | 2nd Vice President      |
| Bro. Delando B. Dapae               | Secretary General       |
| Sis. Betty J. Jarboe                | Asst. Secretary         |
| Bro. Ellis N. Wea, Sr.              | Financial Secretary     |
| Sis. Janise Young                   | Treasurer               |

Since this administration took offices at an installation program that was held at the B.D.Noah UMC on March 13, 2022, we are doing our humanly possible best in the up keeping of the fellowship. I feel their presence and togetherness, in accomplishing our mission and vision for the enhancement, beautification, and stewardship to the glorification of God's kingdom here on earth.

#### **PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES:**

The Young adults Fellowship of the Sinoe District of the United Methodist Church had observed the following Programs and activities during the time under review.

##### **Installation**

Installation: Brethren on March 13, 2022 we as elected officers we were installed into of various offices to start the work for which we were called to do at the Benjamin David Noah Memorial United Methodist Church and at the seat of said program at the above-mentioned edifice.

##### **Planning Retreat:**

On of March 26, 2022 the young Adults came together and had a very successful planning Retreat at the Nemene Nah United Methodist Church and Atty Teklo Maxwell Grisgby II was invited and he spoke to the young People on the topic " Good Leadership".

1st Exco Meeting, Training and Recreation:

The activities were open with a night of service which started from 7: 30- 11:25pm.

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Text: St. John 14: 23-29  
Theme: "Love God and keep His words"  
Preacher: Bro. Thomas K. Karpeh

In order to continue the work of God and our fellowship, in the month of May 20-22, 2022 from Friday to Sunday and over 60 young Adults met at the Kabada United Methodist to observe the above-mentioned activities. Basically, the young People were drilled on the Constitution of the fellowship, role and responsibilities of every local leader in their local churches, Executives and appointed officers.

In the meeting local Presidents presented their total membership, challenges faced with in this and last years.

On Saturday the Recreational activity was climaxed with a soccer match between Kpanyan zone Churches and Greenville Churches and the game ended a goalless draw.

Cleanup Campaign:

As part of our Christian duty to do the following,

- a. Witnessing
- b. Worshipping
- c. Studying
- d. Fellowshiping &
- e. serving man kind and the Church

We have taken on a month of massive cleanup campaign at the following places which include: District Parsonage, Greenville City Hall, Liberia Immigration Services Head Office, Presidential Palace.

#### **District Young Adults Day**

On August 28, 2022 we had successful District YAF Day which was held with the First United Methodist Church in Greenville River Zone, Greenville City.

During this time, our sermon was brought to us by the District President, Bro. Thomas Klonyensieh Karpeh Sr, who spoke from

Text: Job 23: 1/Deuteronomy 32: 46-47

Theme: "The Word Of God, Is Our Life As Young People"

At that Program, Bro. John S. Pennick, Sr. former 1st Vice President 18th Leadership SDC/YAF, a Certified Lay Servant and Chairperson on Worship FUMC was crowned, sashed and certificated as our Honoree of the year 2022/2023 Conference year.

Fellow Districts Leaders and Members of this Assembly, during our District young adults day, which was held on August 28, 2022, We were able to Graduate two Young Adults who have passed the age range as per Constitution all from the Nemene Nah UMC with a certificate being awarded to the Brethren for his numerous services rendered the young people during his time with us and was awarded a Certificate

#### **36th Annual Session & 37th Anniversary (Young Adults District Conference)**

In the month of December 7- 11, 2022 we had successful District Conference which was held with the Nyanpoh United Methodist Church Kpanyan Zone, Kpanyan zone.

Under the theme "CAN THE DRIED BONE UNITE OR COME BACK TO LIFE AGAIN?"

With Text Ezekiel 37:1-14.

On December 8, 2022, the Assembly was officially opened with Pst. Napoleon Worjloh as an opening speaker who preached on the Conference theme: "can the dried bones unite or come back to life again?" with text Ezekiel 37: 1-14.

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Fellow conferees and NATIONAL Leaders, during our District assembly, which was held on December 7-11, 2022, we had numerous Bible studies and morning devotion with the help of the following persons playing a guidance role during our time of stay.

Pst. Napoleon Worjloh

Fth. Stephen S.K. Jlaklon, Sr. President emeritus

On Sunday, Rev. S. Snoh Myers, Sr. District Superintendent Sinoe District Conference climaxed the young adults Assembly with a theme "FOR OUR FLESH TO COME BACK ON OUR DRIED BONES, WE NEED TO WORK FOR GOD AND WORK WITH GOD"

#### VISITATION:

DS, the official and members of this annual assembly, I am taking this time to let you know that we as a fellowship have done the following which are part of our Christian duties

- a. Witnessing
- b. Worshipping
- c. Studying
- d. Fellowshiping &
- e. serving man kind and the Church

Bro Presiding, and members of this August body Since April last year, we were able to visit the following Local units which include Nyanpoh UMC, Nyenswah UMC, S. D. Mayson UMC, Gee. Sackor UMC, Kabada UMC, First UMC, St. John UMC, Nemene Nah UMC, B.D.Noah UMC and Tubmanville UMC respectively.

We also have paid numerous visits to some of our Young Adults who lost their parents this Year.

We also paid a visit at the Greenville General Prison and made some donation of material and cash to prisoners at the Prison Facility.

#### RELATIONSHIP:

Fellow Christian Brethren, words are scanty to express our relationship and connectivity with all the units in our District, and other far away Districts in our region (Nana Kru District, Gee River etc).

#### Membership:

As you have been informed that due to the separation of the Youth Fellowship from the young Adults fellowship in this District, therefore our current Population stands at

|           |     |           |     |
|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|
| Females:  | 105 | Males:    | 87  |
| Active    | 140 | Inactive: | 30  |
| Distance: | 25  | Total:    | 192 |

#### PROJECT:

We as fellowship in May this year have decided to have an Agriculture project which will basically focus on Plantain and Cassava farm in Nyanpoh and Bro Ellis Japloh was appointed as Chairperson on that committee but the due the climate condition in our Region and Finances, we could not Start the project this year but hopping to start early dry season which will be around March 2023

#### GRADUATION/MARRIAGE:

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Fellow conferees, during our District YAF day program which was held on August 28, 2022, we were able to graduate one Young Adult who have passed the age range as per Constitution in person of Bro. Josephus Togba and Sis. Edwina Tweh from the Nemene Nah UMC with a certificate being awarded to the both for his numerous services rendered the young people during their time with us.

Our deepest thanks to God firstly, Sinoe District Conference, the Liberia Annual Conference the United Methodist University and other institutions for the knowledge and supports given to the following persons who graduated from their Institutions in different discipline.

| Names:                     | Achievement        | Institutions: |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Bro. Harris Nimely Wea     | BSC Administration | UMU           |
| Bro. Steven S. K. Jlakon   | BSC Education      | UMU           |
| Bro Edwin Brewer           | AA Agronomy        | UMU           |
| Bro. William Sarkoh Dapae  | C" Certificate     | LICOSESS      |
| Bro. Delano B. Dapae -     | C" Certificate     | LICOSESS      |
| Bro. Stephen S. Jebboe sr. | C" Certificate     | LICOSESS      |
| Bro. William Sarkoh Dapae  | C" Certificate     | WRTTI         |

**MARRIAGE:**

Bro. presiding and Members of this Conference, I am pleased to inform you that under this Leadership, We were able to experience a member of this Fellowship who have joint hands in Holy Matrimony on December 24, 2022 in Person of Bro. Ellis Nagbe Wea, Sr. who wedded Sis Gifty Dortue Wea at the Winner’s Chapel International Sinoe Branch.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT/UPDATE:**

During the period under review, our District young Adults fellowship generated the total amount of (\$159,700 LRD + \$65 USD plus the remittance received from the past Leadership through Bishop = 36,000.00 LRD) after making all essential expenditure which is 185,700.00LRD, the Fellowship was left with the total balance of (\$10,000.00LRD + 65USD) in the treasure.

**NECROLOGY:**

Where there is life, death exists. And for it is also written that death is appointed unto every Man but a quick judgment after death Therefore, for the period under review, the colds hands of death had taken away two potential members from two of our local churches (Nemene Nah UMC and Kabada UMC) who were honored in their respective local units as a Young Adults during the following years 2019/2020 Sister Philomena Doe while the late Sis. Felecia Nyenkan Young Adult of the year 2021/2022. Their memories will be forever be remembered because of their numerous services and contributions during their time on this planet and with the Fellowship. May their souls and the souls of other faithful departed Christian rest on till we meet again. Amen

**COMMENDATION:**

This administration would not have been successful if it wasn’t been for the grace of God and the concerted efforts of the keen, industrious and devoted young people. The



question is where would this leadership have gone if it wasn't for the help you have given us?

My fellow Christian brothers and sisters with in this house of faith, this message will remain incomplete if words of appreciations are not expressed to you young people, for your Love and support.

I will be very ungrateful if the following Persons are been left out in this part of my report.

They include:

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|--|-----------------------------|
| Sis. Martha Dobbob                     | National 1st Vice President |
| Bro. Ewin Dormie, Jr.                  | National Secretary General  |
| Sis. Feleca Dorbor                     | National Secretary          |
| Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye                | National President          |
| Fth. Dapae Nyleekwah Jaymeah Tweh, Sr, | District YAF Coordinator    |
| Rev. Snoh Myers Sr.                    | District Superintendent     |
| Fth. Stephen S.K.Jlaklon, Sr,          | President Emeritus          |
| YAF/SDC/LAC/UMC                        |                             |

Most especially, all of you who have given us your support, since we took over as Leaders both Moral, Spiritual and Financial.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- That every District put aside their differences to work for the betterment of CUMYAF
- That this conference year there be a resolution that next conference Sinoe District be the host.
- That the during District Annual Assembly, CUMYAF send some delegates to monitor the Conference.
- That there be a Leadership workshop during the cost of the Conference year.
- That next conference year, CUMYAF empower districts to have their own district agriculture project.
- That Southeastern Region or Districts be prioritized if there will be any procurement for moving objects.


#### **CONCLUSION:**

Before I decisively accomplish this message, Unity in Christian perspective is synonymous to peaceful life and coexistence while on this mount, I want us to remember that it is by God's grace and mercy that we are all gathered here that none of us can answer but need to think about which is our conference theme.

Finally, Fathers and Mothers in Ministries, let us put away all our individual alterations and work for our souls because we have been warned to work why it is day because when the night cometh, there will be no work.

Respectfully submitted.

Growing in Christ,

Signed:   
Bro. Thomas Klonyensieh Karpeh, Sr.  
19th District President

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Sinoe District Conference

Approved:



Fth. Dapae Nyeinekwah Jaymeah Tweh, Sr.  
Coordinator/ YAF/SDC/LAC/UMC

## **Kru Coast District Young Adult Fellowship Report**

### **Protocol/Greetings**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye, 19<sup>th</sup> National President, CUMYAF, Worthy Sis. Wilma Y. Kwaizah

CUMYAF Queen, Fth. Wilfred Gray Johnson, Director, Y/YA Ministries, LAC/UMC, Mth. Theresa Davis, Acting Conference Lay- Leader, LAC/UMC, Bishop Samuel J. Quire, Jr.

Resident Bishop, LAC/ UMC Liberia Area, the National President Cabinet, Presidents of the local Districts, accredited delegates, visiting guests, brothers and sisters in the household of faith,

I am honored and grateful to bring you greetings on behalf of the leadership and members of the Kru Coast District YAF, in the name of our Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ on this mount we are consciously charged to reference God for all his countless blessings, grace, protection and healing hands he has bestowed upon us as a Church and as a nation. May he continue to bless us as we all work together in this year. Happy and happiest prosperous new year.

### **Introduction**

Colleagues in Ministry, in accordance of the United Methodist Young Adult Constitution and bylaws, it is my most pleasing duty as president to report to you on the administrative affairs of this fellowship. May I now therefore, crave your indulgence to submitted this report covering the Ministry Areas (program and activities adopted and executed for this conference year). This prose will endeavor to re-count our Stewardship. It highlights the current status, Administration, Membership, Relationship, Local Young Adult days, Finance, Recommendation, Visitation. Etc.

### **Administrative Staff**

The below listed are officers that were elected to steer the affairs of the Kru Coast District Young Adult Fellowship for the two (2) years.

Bro. D. Derick Doe \_\_\_\_\_ President.  
Sis. Betty Weah \_\_\_\_\_ First VC president  
Bro. Emmanuel S. Koffa \_\_\_\_\_ General Secretary  
Bro. Emmanuel K. Jobo \_\_\_\_\_ Assist. SG.  
Sis. Sayow Togba \_\_\_\_\_ Treasure  
Sis. Janet P. Weah. \_\_\_\_\_ Queen

### **Membership and Visitation**

Relative to membership, efforts have been made to get the actual statistics on our active members, inactive members and backsliding members. The committee on Membership has since developed to get the actual member but as it stands, we can trace 150 members.



There have been vigorous visitations by the visitation committee and the president as well, during the period under review. We were to visit almost all of our members especially during their time of bereavement, birthdays and other life major events.

### **Spiritual growth**

We continue to build the spiritual life of this until on a daily basis. This organization usually conducts mini-bible study at every gathering.

### **Local Young Adult Day**

The Young Adult Day Program is greater towards honoring and recognizing Young Adult who have worked diligently and assiduously over the time for the church and society. This fellowship honored and recognized some personalities locally like Bro. Emmanuel S. Koffa of Mark G. Nmah UMC and Sis. Reta B. Seedee of Samuel N. Toe UMC as Young Adults of the year.

### **Finance**

This administration began her service under a much favorable financial condition as a result of inheriting a balance into our treasury to start up. However, we were able to greatly surmount these challenges thereby putting Kru Coast District YAF in a comfortable position. Having gone through expenditure of the activities for the period under review, I am pleased to acknowledge the conference, that the fellowship is leaving the balance of 10, 00.00 LD and US00.00.

### **Annual Assembly**

The fellowship didn't conduct her Annual Assembly due to poor preparation.

### **Challenges**

Conference and members of the fellowship, with heavy heart but not surprised, let me inform you that the young people Ministry in Kru Coast District is facing serious challenges which we believe that these challenges have roots in young people are not willing to work, migration for school, jobs, attending district calls, and financial constraints facing the fellowship. There's no doubt and we unarguably say that the owners of the United Methodist Church are the young people. The Young people Ministry didn't pay any Assessment and other contributions towards the district activities through the office (s) of the District Superintendent.

### **Recommendation**

There is no doubt and unarguably say that the Young People are the owners of the Church. Therefore, we like to admonish the CUMYAF leadership prioritize the young people in the periphery of the conference. Make follow ups with them; teach them about salvation and importance of service. Encourage and support young people to attend young people activities.

### **Acknowledgement**

I firstly acknowledge God almighty for guiding, sustaining, directing and giving us the wisdom to lead the Kru Coast District YAF. To our entire executive team. I am very grateful for the high level of cooperation combined with the unconditional level respect accorded the office of president. To my entire cabinet members, I have to admit today what they have done for this administration.

May God richly bless all of us, in this New Year

Faithfully Submitted.

Growing in Christ,

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## **Gbarnga District YAF Report**

### **Protocol**

Bro. Emmanuel Kpon Saye, 19<sup>th</sup> National President CUMYAF, Dean of Cabinet, my 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents, Regional Coordinators, other elected and appointed officers, her royal highness, Madam Queen, Visiting Guest, all of my able area President friends, members of this great 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly and 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, fellow YAF in Christ,

### **Greeting**

Great greeting comes to you from the office of the President On behalf of the officers and members of the Gbarnga District Conference Young Adult Fellowship, I greet you all with Love in the name of our soon coming King Jesus Christ. I also want to use this opportunity to again welcome you to this great Assembly which marked the second to the last conference of Serving the young people as a President in Gbarnga District. I hope and pray that your stay here will be fruitful and rewarding.

### **Introduction**

This report will give detail information on activities of the following programs below:

- Administration, Membership, Program, Activities, Visitation, Special Project, Progress, Challenges, Necrology, Finances, Commendation, & Conclusion.

### **Administration**

Fellow young Adult, the young adult fellowship of the Gbarnga District conference is headed by inspired young Christian brothers and Sister who were elected and inducted by you in office on March 13, 2022 at the St John United Methodist Church and they are as follow:

- ❖ Sis. Naomi Sackie ... ..... Treasurer
- ❖ Bro. Jeremiah Harris ... ..... Financial Secretary
- ❖ Bro. John D. Cammue .... ..... Assistant General Secretary
- ❖ Bro. Brother Joseph Walawulu Jr.. ..... General Secretary
- ❖ Bro. Timothy Genegbayan ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- ❖ Sis. Joshua Bokai ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- ❖ Bro. Winston S.K. Varwulu Sr. ....12<sup>th</sup> District President

With our strong coordinator in person of **Rev. Amos B. Sackie**

### **Membership**

Fellow conferees, the membership of the Gbarnga District Conference Youth Adult Fellowship stands at 191 persons. Below is the breakdown of our membership:

| Category | Active | inactive | total |
|----------|--------|----------|-------|
| Females  | 92     | 21       | 113   |
| Males    | 61     | 17       | 78    |
| Total    | 153    | 38       | 191   |

### **Program/ Activities**

During the period under review, we were able to observe almost all of our program/activities, except for the young women gathering which was not observed due to some inconveniences on the part of the Young women Coordinator. We want be

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specific that we celebrated our annual assembly at the Gwilly-Ta UMC from the November 16-18, 2022 under the Them: 'COME LET'S REASON TOGETHER' with Text taken from Isiah 1:16-18.

During the period under review, our leadership represented in all of CUMYAF's actives including:

- ▶ National Planning and induction program of the President (CUMYAF)
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> EXCO (CUMYAF)
- ▶ We fully participated in burial ceremony of the fallen General Secretary (Bro. N. Abraham T. Mulbah) of the Jorquelleh District Conference Young Adult Fellowship.

### **Visitation**

Based on financial inadequacy, we could not visit all of the local Churches within the district. However, we visited a little over 85% of the fifty local churches within the district. To name few, we visited the St John UMC, Gwillay-ta UMC, Voloblai UMC Gbatala UMC, First Church Suakoko UMC, Ma-tete UMC, Barkon UMC, David-ta UMC, Menwunai UMC and Taylor-ta UMC among others. we conducted meetings during these visitations and also continue the visitation in the charge conferences.

### **Special Project**

Our leadership is pleased to inform members of this Assembly that the District Young Adult Center Project remains our paramount concern and the status is now at roof level.

### **Challenges**

Conference, we want to inform you that one of our major problems during the period under review has been low attendance at our programs. This has not only affected the successful hosting of our programs but it has affected our income or finances.

### **Necrology**

We want to extend our deepest condolence to all of you, who lost your relatives, friends, love ones etc.

During the period under review, we lost two members of our fellowship namely:

1. Sis Mary Sackie Gokai UMC
2. Sis Annie Kollie Sayahquelleh UMC.

May their souls and all other faithful departed souls rest in Peace.

### **Commendation and Conclusion**

We want to be thankful to God for his countless blessings upon us. The YAF leadership of the Gbarnga District Conference is pleased to extend thanks to every individual and group who have been working with, and supporting our administration to be successful. Special thanks go to the following individuals for the success of this leadership:

Cllr. Enoch Galawolu, Mr. Eugene K.M. Kollie and Mr. Orlando K. Zarwolo

Growing in Christ.

Faithfully Submitted,

Signed: Winston S. K. Varwulu

Bro. Winston S. K. Varwulu, Sr.

President

Gbarnga District YAF

Approved: Amos K. Sackie

Rev. Amos K. Sackie

Coordinator

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