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Daughters of Liberia

The Diaspora

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Dear Daughters of Liberia:

Please permit us to extend to you sincere greetings and best wishes from your brothers and sisters at LIHEDE. LIHEDE is celebrating its 5th Jubilee, scheduled to be held in Greensboro, North Carolina on August 21-22, 2009, under the theme: “Understanding Ourselves and Our History: A Call to Unity & Collective Development in Liberia.” The 5th Jubilee Confab will look at the history, migration patterns, interethnic cooperation, linguistic tongues, and social, political, and legal institutions of the various ethnic groups of Liberia. LIHEDE believes that by institutionalizing our collective history, Liberians will well be on their way to creating the environment that will help Liberians learn more about themselves and cultivate a new sense of nationalism and environmental protection that would propel national developments in Liberia and the world.

Conversely, we have come to you as Nicodemus did to Jesus because no history has ever been made or written without the footprint of a woman, even before the “Word” or “Spirit” was made flesh and proceeded to reside in the person of Jesus Christ, for thousands of years – from the Old Stone Age to the closing of the last goddess temples, around AD 500 – women were at the forefront of all great civilizations. Women always brought love, peace, justice and equality to homes, communities and nations. Hence, if we at LIHEDE were to proclaim that we will storm the Gates of Hades, we need the shoulders of the daughters of Liberia for our overriding desire to write a history about our people that speaks to our oneness.

It is in honor of our history that we beseech you to do all that is within your reach to support “Understanding Ourselves and Our History: A Call to Unity & Collective Development in Liberia by leading the “2009 LIHEDE 5th Jubilee Women Wing” and make a presentation on the “History of Liberian Women” to be published along with other proceedings from the Jubilee Confab.

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

The three-day Conference anticipates to be attended by over 500 persons. We look forward to hearing from you soon. We will make our selves available immediately to meet with you via teleconference to answers your questions.

Respectfully yours,

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Executive Director, LIHEDE

Dr. Joseph Gbaba, Sr.
2009 LIHEDE 5th Jubilee Conference Chairman

