



2017



Fellow Liberians, Friends, & Well Wishers. . .

Please accept our personal best wishes to you and your family for a very Happy and Prosperous New Year! We hope that the Holiday Season was well spent with loved ones and friends, and that you will remain safe, healthy and well! As we reflect on the past year (2016), there are many things for which we remain grateful and others that we hope we had not experienced. Regardless of our feelings toward the occurrences of 2016, we are indeed grateful to the Almighty and All-Merciful for sparing our lives to see 2017!

The year 2017 marks the end of the Holman-Weeks administration. We extend sincere thanks and appreciation to you for your support and cooperation over the past years. We have weathered the proverbial storm and kept our association afloat despite it all! We made much needed changes to the daily operation of the organization, enhanced community involvement, initiated new programs, instilled pride to our community center, maintained *accountability and transparency*, and encouraged inclusion. These attributes could not have been possible without your continued support, cooperation and participation at all levels. We are grateful and thank you very, very much!

As we near the end of our term, we will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our organization maintains its viability. Before the end of our administration, there are a few projects and activities that we hope to accomplish with your kind assistance and generous contribution:

- 1. Acquisition of the Community Center Occupancy Permit through the City of Detroit**
- 2. Complete renovation of the Ivery Room (fully financed from donations raised in 2015)**
- 3. Repairs of the roof at the Liberian Community Center building**
- 4. Paving the parking lot at the entrance of the Liberian Community Center**
- 5. Complete payoff of mortgage on the Liberian Community Center (present balance is \$10,560.00)**
- 6. Collection of outstanding membership dues (totaling \$26,805.00 for fiscal 2016-17 year).**

These are the most important project activities we intend to undertake at this time, in addition to other minor repairs and maintenance at the LCC. We are asking you to make the commitment to help complete the above-listed things-to-do now. We remain ever confident that with your continued assistance we will complete these projects within the next few months. Some of the projects require your personal/individual commitment for successful and timely completion, such as ANNUAL DUES. Although we have other means of income, our dues remain the major stable source of revenue for the association. If each and every member made the commitment to pay her or his delinquent and current dues, *\$120.00 Regular Membership and \$300.00 Patron Membership*, in full within the next two months, we can guarantee a huge reduction in our mortgage and begin roof repairs. We appeal to you to seriously consider paying your dues in full as soon as possible; we will be calling and/or texting to give you gentle reminders. Additionally, our Treasurer will continue to be vigilant in collecting your dues whenever possible. **You could also pay your dues directly through our bank account at a Bank of America located near your work or home. Make deposits into the LAM – checking account number 00-6680-002-570.** By making the commitment to pay your dues you will truly ensure that we complete the projects identified above. Thanks in advance!

Finally, we are pleased to report that with your help and commitment we raised the amount of \$62,630.00 during calendar year 2016! This amount is from dues, hall rentals and fundraising programs. Thank you so much! We've experienced that "In Union Strong Success is sure...", hence we are confident that together we will complete our pending projects timely. Thank you in advance for your commitment and for keeping our association alive and well.

We pray that throughout 2017 you and your family will remain safe, healthy and connected to one another in *Faith, Service and Commitment*. Best in all your thoughts, actions, words and deeds!!!

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