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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**ULAA HOLDS GENERAL ASSEMBLY; PRESIDENT KUNNEY APPOINTS GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND UNVEILS PROTOCOL**

**WASHINGTON, AUGUST 11, 2016 – The President of the Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas, ULAA, H. E. Wilmot W. Kunney appoints ULAA 42<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (GA) planning committee.**

**The Union GA is held every year, and this year the Liberian Association of Buffalo will host the GA from Friday, September 23 – Sunday September 25, 2016. Unlike previous GAs where chapters make reports at morning deliberations, this year the National Administration, in consultations with the National Board of Directors and National Leadership Council resolved for**

chapters to make annual presentations on Friday, September 23, 2016, beginning at noon. The theme for this year's GA is: "Liberia's Messy Educational System: How Can We Fix It?"

Other highlights at this year's GA on Saturday (September 24, 2016) morning will include discussion on women empowerment issues, civil liberties, and Liberia's 2017 general and presidential elections. Presenters include representatives from Liberia's Civil Society, Inter-Faith, students' organizations, national and international awards winners, Government of Liberia, Local Government of Buffalo, New York, Women groups, Association of Liberian Journalists in the Americas (ALJA), the Press Union of Liberia (PUL), US Diaspora county organizations, stakeholders and partners from the US Diaspora for Profit-and Not-For Profit organizations.

The GA will climax with a festive Dinner Ball and a Queen Contest with queens representing member chapters of the Union for the Annual Miss ULAA Crown. The Union conducts a Queen Contest every once two years, and member chapters compete for the Highest Majesty title. This year, the National Administration plans to award the Winner an undisclosed purse, and she will be entitled to all benefits of the Union, including an arranged trip to Liberia to launch the Union's Educational projects.

Meanwhile, the President of the Union, Hon. Kunney appoints the following individuals to the GA Planning Committee. Those appointed are:

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| 1. Mr. Dao Kamara, 2nd Vice Chairman, ULAA Board | National Chairman    |
| 2. Ms. Mimie Soh Sawyer Buffalo                  | National Co-Chairman |
| 3. Mrs. Tarlow Miller LCSNJ                      | Member               |
| 4. Mr. Peco Conway Liberian Association of PA    | Member               |
| 5. Mr. Flomo Freeman President, LCA of CT        | Member               |
| 6. Mr. Elsea Chea President, New York county     | Member               |
| 7. Mr. Morris Momo President, LCA NJ             | Member               |
| 8. Mr. Lincoln Ward President, Pittsburgh        | Member               |
| 9. Mrs. Jennifer Gray Brumskine SILCA            | Member               |

<b>10. Mr. Frank Carter</b>	<b>FOLAO</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>11. Mr . Alexander Bazzie</b>	<b>ULAA Treasurer</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>12. Mr. Patrick Weah</b>	<b>LCA -South Jersey</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>13. Mr. Abraham C. Tucker</b>	<b>President - SILCA</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>14. Mr. Nelson Nagbe</b>	<b>President-Buffalo</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>15. Mr. Christopher Selekpoh</b>	<b>President – LAP</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>16. Ms. Nee Allison</b>	<b>President – LCA-DC</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>17. Ms. Yahsyndi Kpeyei</b>	<b>President – LAMA</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>18. Mr. Martin Freeman</b>	<b>Financial Secretary-ULAA</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>19. Mr. Erasmus Williams</b>	<b>Chairman – OLM</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>20. Dr. Artemus Gaye</b>	<b>President – OLiCI</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>21. Ms. Hazel Yedey</b>	<b>President – AcFLi</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>22. Mr. Sam Hoff</b>	<b>President – LAALA</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>23. Mr. Aaron Dinukar</b>	<b>President – ULAND</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>24. Mr. Phillip Tellewoyan</b>	<b>President – MASSA</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>25. Ms. Mimie Soh Sawyer-</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>26. Mr. Abu B. Musa-</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>27. Mrs. Theresa Saysay-</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>28. Mr. Moses Kabah</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>29. Pastor Elizabeth Toe</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>30. Ms. Cynthia Gbalea</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>31. Mrs. Charlottee Kamara Lah</b>	<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>32. Hon. Vamba Fofana, National Executive Vice President</b>		<b>Ex-Officio</b>
<b>33. Rev. Phillip Blamo, Eastern Region Vice President</b>		<b>Advisor</b>

**34. Hon. Arthur Weah Doe, National General Secretary** **Member**

**38. Hon. Alexander Arku Bazzie, National Treasurer** **Member**

**39. Martin Freeman, National Financial Secretary** **Member**

**In a related development, the National Administration is pleased to release the below protocol of the General Assembly activities.**

**Thursday, September 22, 2016 – Member chapters and guests arrive in Buffalo, New York**

**Friday, September 23, 2016 - beginning 12:00 noon – Chapters leaders reports and Financial reports at the Pratt Willert Community Center, 422 Pratt Street, Buffalo, NY 14204**

**LUNCH**

**12 noon- 1:00 PM**

**Financial Report**

**1:00 noon – 2:00 P.M.**

**Chapters Leaders Report**

**2:00P.M.-5:00 PM**

**MEET & GREET**

**5:00 P.M. – 11 Midnight**

**Saturday, September 24, 2016 – Arrival, seating of Chapters' Leaders and Guests  
General Assembly, Pratt Willert Community Center, 422 Pratt Street, Buffalo, NY  
14204**

**BREAKFAST**

**7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

**GA DELIBERATIONS**

**8:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**EVENING PROGRAM**

**Arrival, photographing, seating, exchanging greetings, and cultural show, St.  
John Ukrainian Catholic Church, 3275 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14217**

**5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.**

**DINNER**  
**7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

**SPEECHES & AWARDS**  
**8:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

**Queen Contest**  
**9:00 PM-10:00 P.M.**

**GRAND MARCH**  
**10:00 P.M. – 2:00 A.M.**

**Sunday, September 25, 2016**  
**Worship Service**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**Buffalo Temple of God in Christ Church of Nazarene**  
**25 Calumet Place, Buffalo, NY 14207**

**For all other information and latest news, please contact Dao Kamara, Chairman, National Planning Committee at 716-352-6513 or email at [daokamara@ymail.com](mailto:daokamara@ymail.com) or visit the Union website at: <http://www.ulaalib.org> or call the Union Toll free number at: 1-866-592-4480 or local number at: 202-688-2792**

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