



## **UNION OF LIBERIAN ASSOCIATIONS IN THE AMERICAS (ULAA)**

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### ***For Immediate Release***

#### **ULAA NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION UNVEILS PROTOCOL FOR INAUGURAL EVENT**

**GAITHERSBURG, MD, December 29, 2015 – The Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas, ULAA, officially announces protocol for its inaugural event. In a communication dispatched to the offices of the National Secretariat, the National Administration says all is set for the inaugural event slated for March 26, 2016. The event will begin with a Joint Board of Directors, National Leadership and National Administration mini-conference to discuss important issues about the future of the Union. According to the communication, the mini-conference will include some key political leaders from the Republic of Liberia, the Diaspora USA, Europe and West Africa.**

**It can be recalled that on November 12, 2015, the National Administration appointed an inaugural committee to provide the most open and accessible inauguration in the history of the Union. The Committee has since then been working with heads of member organizations and relevant stakeholders to ensure the success of the inauguration.**

**The Committee is headed by Mr. Abraham Massalley, former President of the Press Union of Liberia (PUL) and the University of Liberia Students Union (ULSU). In a telephone conversation with Mr. Massalley today, he says, “My Committee intends to deliver on President Kunney’s commitment to organize an inaugural event that will rally all Liberians to fill the capacity of the inaugural hall. Mr. Massalley continues, “At the inaugural ball, the Union will be launching the Liberian Diaspora Development Fund, and I am encouraging all Liberians and our friends to come out to make contributions to the Fund.” Ambassador MacDella Cooper, who is the Chairlady of the Diaspora Fund Advisory Board, will be the chief launcher.**

**The Liberian Diaspora Development Fund is the signature project of the National Administration, and it seeks to raise needed monies to help member organizations and support developmental initiatives in the Republic of Liberia. In a telephone conversation with President Wilmot W. Kunney, he said, “My administration intends to raise over \$100,000.00 in the first year, and there is already a strategy in place to reach that goal.” President Kunney was very enthusiastic about his plan, and call Liberians to grace the inaugural event.**

**Meanwhile, the following are the key dates & times for the Inaugural Event:**

**Friday, March 25, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon - a visit to Philadelphia City Hall**

**Morning Session**

**Saturday, March 26, 2016**

**BREAKFAST**

**8:00 a.m. – 8:45 A.M.**

**First session**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 A.M.**

**Second session**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**LUNCH**

**12:00 Noon – 1:00 P.M.**

**THIRD & Final session**

**12:00 noon – 2:00 P.M.**

**Evening Session**

**Saturday, March 26, 2016 –Arrival, photographing, seating, exchanging greetings, and cultural show**

**6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

**DINNER**

**8:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

**SPEECHES & AWARDS**

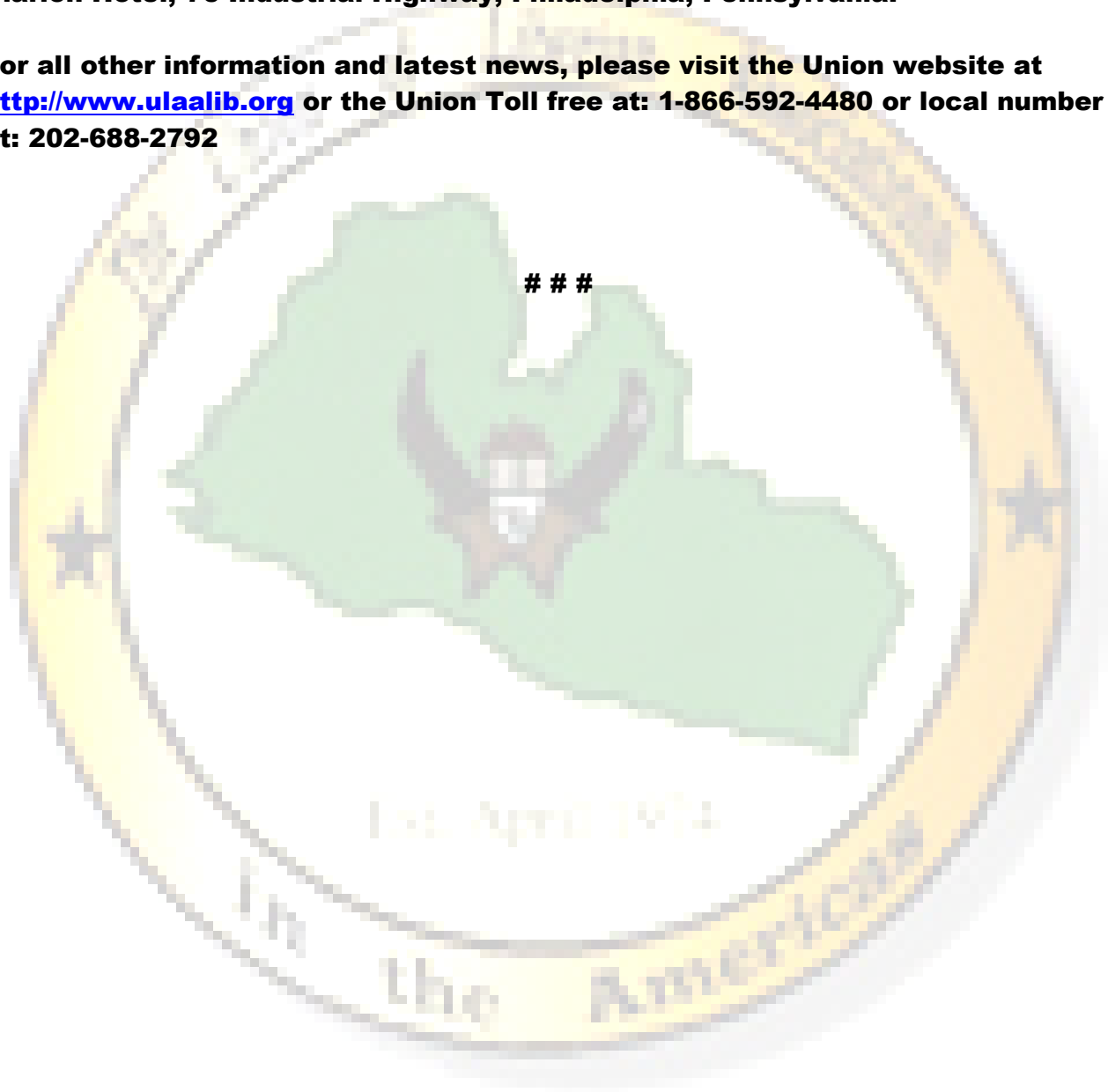
**9:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.**

**GRAND MARCH**

**10:00 P.M. – 2:00 A.M.**

**Please note that both sessions will take place in the Presidential Ball Room at Clarion Hotel, 76 Industrial Highway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.**

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