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“The ultimate test of practical leadership is the realization of intended, real change that meets people’s enduring needs.” – James MacGregor Burns

Press Release

ULAA IDENTIFIES WITH SACKIE GBOMAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; DONATES 500 DESKS AND BLACK BOARDS

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WASHINGTON, December 5, 2016 – The Union of Liberian Associations in the Americas (ULAA or The Union) identified with the Sackie Gbomah Town Public School in Margibi County, Liberia. The Union donated 500 chairs and 12 chalkboards to the school. The Sackie Gbomah Town Public School is one of many struggling schools in Kakata, Margibi County that has so many students with potential of excelling but needs a good teaching environment for progressive advancement. The school has over 700 students, and these students come from over

20 towns and villages that are part of the political District of Kakata in the County. The school has a little over 400 males and 350 female students. Mrs. Annetta L. Taylor is Principal.

The donation to the school comes as a result of several appeals from schools' administrators seeking assistance from Liberians and their various organizations at home and abroad. "This will be the first of its kind since the founding of ULAA in 1972 to contribute to a worthy cause of education in Liberia," said a concerned citizen in Liberia. "At least under the directions of its able President, Hon. Wilmot W. Kunney, the Union is now committing to playing more positive role in the reconstruction of Liberia's educational system," echoed by a Liberian-American philanthropist.

At its 42nd General Assembly in Buffalo, New York, the Union made education its theme, and members recommended several proposals, including the construction and/or renovations of schools. Mr. Alexander Cummings and Dr. Jallah Barbu attended the program and made contributions in both monetary and strategies to solving the "Messy Education System" in Liberia. As a result, the National Administration, in one of its strategic meetings selected the Sackie Gbomah Public School in Kakata, Margibi County as the first of several schools the Union is going to make donations to. "There can be no true goodness nor true love without the outmost clear-sightedness; for to live according to nature is the good to lead a life regulated by conscience and conformed to virtue and temperance," said Kunney.

It can be recalled that on September 19, 2015, in his campaign message to constituent members of the Union, President Kunney promised to restore ULAA to Liberia prewar status, but with a huge modification of basic social services, including the advancement of education. The Kunney-Fofana campaign then adopted two progressive agendas, one for the Homeland and the other for US Diaspora communities. The message for the campaign was "A ULAA You Can Believe In Again." Then President Kunney said, "no one should see and find Divine in oneself, but to see and find the Divine in everybody, not only to seek one's individual liberation and perfection, but to seek the liberation and perfection of others in the complete commandment of our God."

Meanwhile, the President of the Union of Liberian Association in the Americas, Hon. Wilmot W. Kunney has appointed Mr. Garrison F. Togba, Jr. as ULAA's Executive Director Designate Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Liberia. His appointment takes immediate effect. Mr. Togba will oversee all ULAA physical projects and philanthropic works. Mr. Garrison F. Togba, Jr. is a former President of the Liberian Association of Pennsylvania, a member chapter of the Union. Mr. Togba is a Graduate of Temple University, USA and Booker Washington Institute (BWI), Republic of Liberia. Currently, Mr. Togba enjoys the privileges of the Booker Washington Institute Alumni Association in the Americas and BWI homeland chapter.

The National Administration of ULAA is grateful to the people of Margibi County and proud of its donation to Liberia's developmental growth. For more information, visit us at: www.ulaalib.org or call us at: 202-688-2792

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