



# Cuttington Alumni News Scorpion News

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*Newsletter of the Cuttington University Alumni Association of the Americas*

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## Meet Your New Officers! We're Committed to Service and Legacy



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## Your Reunion in Pictures



The National Reunion held in Albany, NY was a complete success! The reunion was hosted by Region I (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island,



Vermont). They received the call in early 2010 to host the reunion. They were determined and focused and they produced an superb event. Highlights from the reunion include:

- Election of officers
- Formation of the new Region I
- Addition of new members to the association



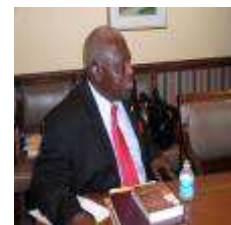
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## **Dr. Wood Admonishes Cuttingtonians to Value the Power of One Several Honored**

By Rupel E. Marshall, Sr., Former National President of CUAAA



**Dr. Cliff L. Wood, President, Suny Rockland Community College, a forty three-year leadership veteran of American community colleges and an admirer of the history, tradition and resilience of Cuttington University served as guest speaker at the 2010 National Reunion of CUAAA held in Albany, New York from July 30 to August 1, 2010. Speaking on the theme *The Power of Education the Power of One*, he called on his captive audience to use their heads to understand an issue, make a plan to address it and follow up that plan with their hearts.**

“This organization, this alumni group, can clearly impact the future of Cuttington – which in turn will impact Liberia and its citizens. The need for education and the role Cuttington University can play in expanding Liberia’s economy and quality of life for its citizens is real”, Dr. Wood advised. He went on to emphasize: “You as an association can be the generation that gives Cuttington the power to move forward as a leader in higher education in Liberia ... The success of Cuttington is a major key to the future economic vitality of Liberia.”

While encouraging the alumni to reaffirm their individual and collective commitments to CUAAA programs, he shared his experience that “special focus” be given to library services at Cuttington “where students have access to and learn to use technology. It is clear that Cuttington can teach skills in mathematics, communication, and critical thinking...If Cuttington can secure a source of electrical power, equipment and staff training with a new and expanded library/learning center, your students – the students of Cuttington – have access to the world. I am confident that world-class colleges in America and in other places will open their windows and doors to give information and knowledge electronically to your students. These efforts merit your most serious attention... A new and expanded library/learning resource center with access to technology is the bread that will feed the future economic growth of Cuttington and Liberia and enhance the quality of education for the students of Cuttington. The quality of student life, food for the soul, will pump blood into the university and into the students’ hearts”. He noted that the road Cuttington and CUAAA have to travel to move Cuttington forward is long and complex but it is compelling that the road be traveled.

During the reunion Dr. Wood and several other persons and entities were certificated by CUAAA in appreciation of their services to Cuttington and Liberia. The others honored were: Dr. Emmett Dennis, alumnus and President of University of Liberia; Kenneth Best, alumnus and renowned journalist; Dr. John Gay, former professor at Cuttington and author of books related to Liberia; Bobby Joe, Susan Givens, James Kamara, Carol A. Morgan, Effua McGowan, Roberta B. Williams, Bishop Gordon P. Scruton, Felicia Kollie-Gambles, Missioner Finley Middleton, Kenyon College Student Social Government Board, The Right Rev. Herbert A. Donovan, Jr., Firestone Natural Rubber Company Donation Cargo Program, Sabre Foundation, Follett Book Company, St. Peter’s Church of Albany, New York; and CUAAA Region V. All of the honorees were recognized as CUAAA partners in telling the “Cuttington Story”, as advised by Dr. Wood in his address to the reunion.

### **Vice President Initiates Partnership**

**Bobby Gbogar Joe**

*The vice president and the former president, Mr. Rupel Marshall, attended the Baltimore Metropolitan Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women 21<sup>st</sup> Annual torchbearer Awards Breakfast. The occasion brought together politicians, church leaders, and other community activists at the Martin West facility in Baltimore, Maryland.*

In her keynote address, Carla A. Harris, Managing Director of Morgan Stanley Investment Management, told the more than 300 participants that their success in whatever they find themselves or any future sphere they wish to ascend depends on their ability to use their resources.

This organization is preparing to send donations to various institutions in Liberia including, Cuttington. Members of Region II and friends will be helping to load the boxes in the container.

### **News from Cuttington**

**James Gono, Dean of Nursing**

The College of Nursing is undertaking a home coming program for all of our nursing graduates from the 60s to the present, from November 27-29, 2010. The purpose of this program is to eventually establish an association of the graduate nurses to be known as C.U.C.O.N.A.A.- Cuttington University College of Nursing Alumni Association. Over the years there has been no link between the College of Nursing and its graduates; people have not felt linked to the institution. We believe that this step will put into motion all College of the University to establish same so that the institution will continue to be lively.



## YOUR ASSOCIATION AT WORK!

### Printer Supplies

In August, we received a request from the university. The school needed printing supplies – toner and paper – to prepare for the start of the new

semester. **AND WE**

**RESPONDED.** Your contributions included **two cases of papers and a tote bag, three ink cartridges and \$300 for supplies.** Thank you, thank you.

### Lab Equipment

Your help is needed again. The Science College needs the following items for instruction: Human Male Torso, Human Female Torso, Human Regional Brain, Deneyer-Geppert The Heart of America, Human Digestive System, Somso Human Kidney and Adrenal Gland, Human Eye in Orbit, Human Ear, Human Skin, Human Rod-supported skeleton, Human Rod-supported skeleton, Human Skull, Vertebral Column, Stages of Fertilization, Animal Mitosis Set, Animal Meiosis Set, DNA structure and Function kit, Human male and female urogenital systems, Human Eye in orbit, Somso® Human Ear, Protein synthesis manipulative kit, Buffers, pH and Salt Hydrolysis kit, Molybdenum fat model kit, 3B Human Head section, Human miniature Torso, Somso Human Heart, Experimental enzymology kit, Digital electronic Blood Pressure Kit, Urine examination Bio. Kit, Eldonsticks, Wright stain sol. Kit, Poritera collection, Common Jellyfish (Aurelia), Platyhelminthes (planaria), and Terebratella.

### Dues – Get your receipt in time for the 2010 tax season (before December 31, 2010)

Please begin paying your dues to the organization. Amount due is \$100 for the year 2011. Submit your payment to:

Cyril A. Tarphe  
221 Meadowbrook Ct  
West Haven, CT 06516

Nyekeh Forkpa  
22 Famigliette Dr,  
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**First National  
Teleconference will be held  
on Sunday, October 17, 2010  
at 6 p.m. CST. The Dial-in  
Number: 712-432-0180  
Code: 560785**

## LIBERIAN EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY (LECUSA)

By The Rev. Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II

The Liberian Episcopal Community in the United States of America (LECUSA), which is comprised of both clergy and lay members, has as its Mission the desire to strengthen relationship among Liberian Episcopalians in the United States; render pastoral care to each other in times of joy and sadness; pool our individual and collective resources for the benefit of the Episcopal Diocese of Liberia; with the blessing of the Bishop of Liberia serve as a liaison of the Diocese in the United States; and partner and network with appropriate agencies in achieving these objectives.

It was with this in mind that Cuttington University Alumni Association in the Americas (CUAAA) and LECUSA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Albany, New York during the 2010 Reunion.

We are aware that there are many Liberian Episcopalians living in the United States who do not worship in Episcopal Churches, but still would like to have the Liberian Episcopal connection. We are seeking to reach out to individuals such as these to join us in carrying out our Mission. I want to use this opportunity to invite anyone interested to visit our website at [www.liberianepiscopalianscommunity.org](http://www.liberianepiscopalianscommunity.org) to learn more about who we are and what we have done and are doing.

## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS



### Region 1

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont

Rev. Dee Bright is interested in organizing this region and Nyekeh Forkpa has agreed to host the first meeting. There are many enthusiastic persons in this region, including Dr. Steven Kaifa, former President of CUAAA and former Dean of Academic Affairs at Cuttington.. Good things will come out of Region I after the awesome reunion they put together. For contact send an email to [nyek33@yahoo.com](mailto:nyek33@yahoo.com) or [afi83@earthlink.net](mailto:afi83@earthlink.net).



### Region II

Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Esther Neah volunteered at the Executive Conference to organize the region. A meeting is being organized For more information please contact Esther at [eblamoc@yahoo.com](mailto:eblamoc@yahoo.com) or Dr. William Hare at [magdalahare@hotmail.com](mailto:magdalahare@hotmail.com).



## Region III

Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, (Caribbean, Central and South America)

Musue Passawe has volunteered to act as Region Head until elections. The first general meeting was held via teleconference 08/22/2010 Ms. Paasewe spearheaded the meeting and put in place a team of supporters to aid her carry the torch of leadership in getting the ball rolling. Position yet to be filled are - Vice President and Treasurer

Key-points were raised reflecting on. They are Membership drive, Organization and Leaders. Identifying members is being emphasized as the primary focus.

The support of all who wished to identify with Cuttington University to support REGION III in its strive to unite, promote and organize ourselves for a worthy cause is the foundation upon which this chapter stands.

Please feel free to contact any official of this chapter (Region III) with contact information of alumni, former student, friends, associates and well wishers of Cuttington University who wished to identify with us.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2010. Contact Musu at [Passewem@bellsouth.net](mailto:Passewem@bellsouth.net).



## Region IV

Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota (and Canada.)

This region is poised to exhibit greatness. Rupel Marshall, former President of CUAAA, visited Doug and Susan Givens in Michigan. Along the way he met with alumni members who expressed the need to organize.

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## Region V

Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana (and Mexico).

Region V was elected to host the 2011 Reunion. Plans are already on the way.

Region Head, Huzani Sesay, chaired a meeting in August to discuss the reunion and set a timeline for implementation. Contact Huzani at 832-567-7818 for more information.



## Region VI

California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska

Pei Fendor, former Financial Secretary of CUAAA has agreed to contact alumni in the area with the aim of reorganizing the region. Alumni are in contact with each other and are excited about getting involved. Pei's address is [pfendor@msn.com](mailto:pfendor@msn.com)

## Calendar Of Events

Oct.

First Newsletter

Update of website begins\*\*

10 - **Executive team teleconference**

15 - Region III teleconference

17 - **National teleconference.**

Nov.

20 Liberia-Cuttington Group (Texas) Benefit Dinner

21 Begin phone survey to update information

21 - **Executive team teleconference**

Homecoming at CU

22 **Holiday Fundraiser – 2011 Calendar Sale**

Dec.

5. **National teleconference.**

5. Second Newsletter goes out.

**Holiday Fundraiser – 2011 Calendar Sale continues**

Jan.

1. Payment of Dues begins

**Executive team teleconference**

Unveiling of the new website face.