



***EPISCOPAL ELEMENTARY & HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI
CHAIRMAN'S REMARK AT 20TH CONVENTION 2018
LAWRENCEVILL-ATLANTA GA-USA***

My fellow Alumni

It is with great pride and honor that I welcome you to our 20th Annual Reunion convention in Lawrenceville, Atlanta, Georgia.

I am happy and commend all of you for taken time off your busy schedules and many who traveled far distances to be here for this event.

As we gather to discuss ways we can help to find solutions to some of the many existing issues at our Alma mater, I urge you to keep focus on our goal and mission to Rebuild and Restore our institutions. It is imperative and with concerted efforts, we can take the charge ensuring that means are provided for the proper education of the students and improving the quality of life for them, the instructors and support staff.

Let us all remain engaged and focused. Step by Step we will succeed.

Now let us join the Southeastern Region, especially our host state of Georgia in welcoming you all and hope your stay will be rewarding. Let us deliberate sincerely and heartedly during this convention for meaningful support to the Episcopal Elementary and High Schools in Liberia

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Let me inform you in this public manner that the resolutions approve in convention in the 19th convention 2107 in Minnesota were implemented as follows:

1. The National Convention committee is authorized to plan and execute convention in Collaboration with the Chapter select. “achieved”
2. 2. The 60/40 Teachers Salary pay arrangement will continue for another business year. “achieved”
3. 3. The \$1000.00 Project contribution by Region will remain in force to be reviewed at Convention 2018.”to be reviewed today”
4. 4. The MOU of August 2016 by and between LIB and The US is binding and subject to chain only by agreement from both sides. “ no change”
5. 5. A USA delegation to Visit Liberia for survey and audit of Projects and status of institutions in Robertsport. “achieved”

We will attempt to elaborate on the success of count 5 of the resolution with our personal observation by giving you a situation report on the campuses and what we encountered during our last visit in May 2018. We now solicit your undivided attention as my remarks will be followed by short pictorial display followed by interactive discussion.

A. We visited the Schools along with a team of LIB members and father Kpehe give us a inspiring tour of the Elementary and High Schools in session. The Girls are dominant in number and academic performance in classes . They were happy to see us and I had the opportunity to be interviewed by a aspiring journalist in the Senior class(girl-someone who I think deserves a scholarship assistance). I was promised an excerpt of the interview and was told that it would be played on the local radio too. Unfortunately that is not yet forthcoming.

The Libraries in both institutions in dying need of attention(books and book shelves)

- 1. Brunot Hall being Renovated(courtesy of the Jones Family)**
- 2. Bathroom and Septic tank addition to the Bowen Cottage**
- 3. Technology center not furnished and ceiling being attacked by termites and there was a plan for fumugation from Principal Kpehe**
- 4. Electricity is a must to run the center**
- 5. Source of Drinking water**
- 6. Roof + ceiling of the high school deplorable and need urgent repairs (estimate \$25K)**

B. We met Bishop Hart on Tuesday May 29, 2018 and received great information on the present situation of the ECL. Support and performance:

- **LIB diocese**
- **Government of LIB**
- **EC-USA – 815 office NY**
- **Relationship and communication with LIB Branch ESEHS Alumni**

C. We met a LIB Alumni organization in the process of a leadership change, functional but in disarray and several disgruntle members with respect to the function and accountability of the officers. The 4th Thursday of every month is scheduled monthly meeting and I had the opportunity to attend the May 2018 meeting. Productive but lack of clarity in financial reporting was an issue of concerned for members attending. Highlight of the discussion was a confession that they were delinquent and have not been able to meet their 40 of the 60/40 teachers' salary commitment in the 2016 MOU.

They were urged to communicate better and have elections asap an appoint a Bishop's communication committee (foster information sharing with Bishop, Principal Kpehe and LIB Alumni Association)

D. We made a historic visit to the famous 815(Office of the Episcopal Church USA and met with Margareth Crosnier de Bellaistre DIRECTOR, INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT and BANKING Finance | The Episcopal Church | 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017 | margarethcdeb@dfms.org | Telephone: 212-922-5293 | Fax: 212-867-0395 | Cell 917-544-9832

Tom discuss any trust fund for the institutions in Robertsport.

We learned of Trust Fund as follows for the LIB Diocese:

- **Episcopal church of Liberia**
- **Cuttington College**
- **House of Bethany**
- **St. John's**

Withdrawal from the Trusts Fund require a two step process:

- 1. Submitted Resolution from the Board of Trustee of the Episcopal Church of Liberia after approval by the Bishop.**
- 2. Upon receipt of that Resolution, the Investment management Office will refine it and present it to the Executive Council(of Trustee) for approval. Once the Executive Council approval is secured, then the funds can be disbursed in the manner requested.**

Summary

My fellow Alumni this is encouraging and vital information that we now need to use to work with the Bishop of Liberia so that the joint appreciation from these (2) Trust funds –House of Bethany and St. Johns can be tapped into to assist with our ongoing rebuilding and giving back initiatives to these institution.

Bishop Hart promised to solicit visibility as to total amount appreciated in both fund.

It is my hope that working with the project committee we can proposed a project for the EHS building roof and ceiling renovation estimated @ \$25k. We will keep you inform as we progress in this process.

Meanwhile it is our appeal to you to continue your financial support to this Association for our short and long term goals.

Insert Slideshow and any Questions???????????

JFK ITL. AIRPORT BAR

Breakfast before
boarding and going to
eat Liberian dishes later



ARRIVAL -RIA LIB

**Greetings in LIB with
Club Beer**



LAKE PISO ISLAND ON THE WAY TO ROBERTSPORT

**This could be the
location for a future
LIB STATUE of Liberty**



EHS BUILDING ON ST. JOHN'S CAMPUS

Looking great from
outside but ceiling
and roof in terrible
condition



EHS LIBRARY

Fr. Kpehe standing concerned with the condition of books and shelves in the Library



VISITING TEAM WITH FR. KPEHE BEFORE THE SCIENCE LAB

Sorry for taking off my shirt but
the heat was a bit tough for me
At this stage hope to catch on
later



CEILING DAMAGE IN AN EHS CLASSROOM

**Status is the same in
multiple class rooms
within the EHS building**



BRUNOT HALL
AND BOYS
DORM ST.
JOHN'S
CAMPUS

Brunot Hall 2016



BRUNOT HALL

**Brunot Hall May 2018 after
start of renovation-Donation
from the Jones Family**



BRUNOT HALL

**Another view of Brunot
hall during renovation
July 2018**



BRUNOT HALL

Is it not amazing and strange to see Brunot Hall with ceiling, windows and doors? It is true people and we are grateful to the Jones Family!



TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

**Attack of termites in the
Technology Building St.
John's Campus**



STANDING RUINS OLD HOUSE OF BETHANY

Fellow Alumni it will be long before this face of the famous House of Bethany can change. Put on your thinking hats and let's explore together. "with God all things are possible"



RENOVATION PLAGUE EES BUILDING

Renovation donor Rev.
Philip College through
Rev. Abeoseh Flemnister.



CLASS IN SESSION EES

Lively and anxious to learn students in class at the EES school



THE FAMOUS 815 OFFICE BUILDING N.Y

**FEWEH AND SAM AT THE
FRONT DOOR OF THIS
FAMOUS 815 BUILDING
AFTER MEETING WITH THE
FINANCE TEAM.**



LADY LIBERTY

View of Lady Liberty on the way to and from the 815 Building NY.

You remember the Island on the way to Robertsport where LIB's own Lady Liberty could stand one day. Think about it!

