

**A RECIPROCAL FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
OSLO CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, OSLO, NORWAY
and
GARJAY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SONNIEWEN, LIBERIA**

**Within
The Partnership Agreement between
The United Methodist Church in Liberia
And
The United Methodist Church in Norway Board of Global Ministries**

- 1. The above United Methodist congregations have agreed on having a friendship exchange.**
- 2. The intention of this agreement is to develop a close friendship between the two congregations.**
- 3. This agreement will provide a friendship based on personal contact between people and involve a mutual understanding between the congregations and their local communities.**
- 4. A main purpose of this agreement is to develop the perception that we belong to one universal Christian church and that this one Church unites us as we do indeed belong to the United Methodist Church.**
- 5. The agreement is therefore dealing with an exchange between the following aspects.**
 - Information about the political and social situation in the two countries and communities**
 - An exchange of joyful gospel news concerning the people and the congregations.**
 - Reports of local problems and challenges within the congregations and their local communities. The intention of this exchange of information is to be able to get a deeper mutual understanding of each other's situations.**
 - The congregations will pray for each other and the parish, based on the information exchange. It is important that the intercession takes place regularly during the worship services.**
- 6. To support the aim of developing a real friendship between the two Methodist congregations, mutual exchange visits will be arranged.**
- 7. Oslo Central UMC intends to contribute economical resources to Garjay Memorial UMC in Sonniewen, and to the people living in St. John River District. Such projects will be developed by the parties, and regulated by separate project agreements in accordance with the partnership agreement between The United Methodist Church in**

Liberia and in Norway. All economical contributions will be channeled through The United Methodist Church in Norway to the United Methodist Church in Liberia. The economical transactions will be based on principles of transparency and accountability that relates to such agreements.

Done on this 14th day of January AD 2008 on the ground of Garjay Memorial United Methodist Church of the Liberia Annual Conference in Sonniwen Tubmanville Township Grand Bassa County Republic of Liberia.

GARJAY MEMORIAL UMC

OSLO CENTRAL UMC

Brother Lafayette Z. Johnsen
Church Lay Leader

Reverend Ola Westad
Pastor

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