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Goodwill Message from BIF Deputy Grand Patron, Chief (Dr) O. R. LongJohn.

It is with great honor and pleasure that I warmly congratulate the Bonny Island Foundation (BIF) of the United States of America and Canada for hosting its 21st year anniversary convention in Grand Bonny, Rivers State, Nigeria.

All Bonny Indigenes at home join me in HAILING you for your homecoming to GRAND BONNY Kingdom having traveled thousands of miles to make this trip.

With the beehive of economic activities, Bonny is being steadily transformed into an ultramodern city by the joint efforts of the Local, State and Federal Governments and the Traditional Council of Se-ALAPU (Chiefs) and their agencies which consists of eminent titled citizens who render selfless and dedicated service to the Community. With gratitude to God, the "dream" of constructing the Bonny-Bodo Road has become a reality with an anticipated completion next year.

The theme of this year's convention "BIF at 21: Our homecoming, celebrating Jonathan Adagogo Green, and outreach to our community" is befitting and remarkable for the numerous achievements of BIF which is driven by its mission statement "to project Ibani cultural heritage, language, and history, and foster unity and progress in the cultural development of Bonny Kingdom".

Notable BIF achievements that come to mind are:

- Organized the First convention of Bonny in diaspora organizations in Ogugumanga, Bonny
- Organized Medical mission in Bonny and donation of medical equipment to the Bonny General Hospital.
- Donated over 1000 masks to all Major Houses in Bonny to mitigate COVID transmission.
- Awarded Scholarships to over 70 students for tertiary education to Bonny indigenes across the 34 Houses of Grand Bonny Kingdom to attend Universities at home.
- Organized successful annual conventions in major cities in the USA.
- Organized the First Bonny Women's cultural dance group (Eremina Ogbo) and Men's traditional Masquerade (Owu) display in the USA.
- Erected a new 17-foot-tall monument over the old one of Nigeria's first professional photographer, Late Jonathan Adagogo Green at the Bonny cemetery.

As you celebrate these remarkable achievements during the 21st year anniversary of your organization, I urge you to continue with your laudable outreach programs that touch many lives, and also "Promote UNITY and PROGRESS" among the Ibani at home and abroad and to engender in the present and future generations (The Youth), a worthy sense of identity and pride for their beloved Father and Mother land - BONNY (Okoloama).

I am confident that this 21st year anniversary convention, being hosted in Grand Bonny will lead to the meeting of the minds, on the best way forward for our great Island-the Grand Bonny Kingdom.

I therefore wish you all Happy and peaceful deliberations. God Bless you all.

SE-ALABO (DR). O. R. LongJohn



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Bonny Island Foundation (BIF) USA and Canada

Thro: The President of the Foundation

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Attention: Our dear Very Respected **Engineer Norman Halliday,**

Re: 2024 Bonny Island Foundation (BIF) Annual Convention: BIF at 21 Years: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

I write to congratulate the entire members of the Executive Council, Board of Trustees and general membership of the Bonny Island Foundation (BIF) USA and Canada, on the occasion of the 21st Anniversary of the Foundation, with the theme, 'BIF at 21: Our Home Coming, Celebrating Jonathan Adagogo Green, and Community Outreach', which is scheduled to take place at the Dolphin Hotels and Industrial Park, Grand Bonny, Grand Bonny Kingdom, Rivers State, Nigeria, December 20 – 23, 2024.

Obviously, the theme of this year's BIF Annual Convention is apt. Firstly, it is exciting that BIF members are all travelling home from the USA and Canada, to Ancient Grand Bonny Kingdom, to have your 21st Anniversary Celebrations. By so doing, in particular, young BIF members in diaspora, would have the opportunity to better know, understand, experience and appreciate their traditional homeland (Ancient Grand Bonny Island Kingdom), along with its very rich cultural heritage and people, as well as the ongoing state of affairs, among other things, in the Kingdom, which is strategically located in the Eastern part of the oil-rich Ancient Niger Delta region.

Ancient Grand Bonny Island Kingdom was founded by its Founding Ancestors and God-given (Natural) Traditional Owners (*Ibanise KoromaTaduapu cum Ibanise YanaTaduapu*), led by its Foremost Founding Patriarchs and Premier Monarchs (*Tari Amanyanapu*) Alagbariye, Opuamakuba and Asimini as well as Ndoli-Okpara, all of whom were Blood-descendants of



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their Blood Ancestor, Ebeni, after whom they named the Kingdom (*Ibanise*). Ebeni hailed from the Isedani 'Aseme' (Royal) Lineage of Okoloba in Kolokuma (also called Kolokuma Okoloba or Kolokuma Okoloama), in Kolokuma-Opokuma LGA of Bayelsa State, Central Niger Delta. The Kingdom was founded before about 1000 AD. Consequently, during the primaeval, primordial or aboriginal era of the Kingdom, which covered from before 1000 AD to before 1740 AD, through the reign of thirteen Monarchs (*Amanyapanu*), the Kingdom became a classic primordial African sovereign state and civilization, as well as a great pride of Ancient Ijaw nation, the entire Primaeval Nigerian Delta region and beyond. From when Bonny Kingdom was founded (before 1000 AD) to present-day, the Kingdom, equipped from onset, with its Welfarist House System of governance, in the frameworks of its identified Three Landmark periods of history, Four Generations of 'Okoloama Ingie KiriFajie' (which means 'Bonny Kingdom, Ibanise, as comprised, constituted or made-up of its Fourteen Units/Wards/Sections/Lineages/Families/Houses), and the reign of Twenty Three Monarchs (*Amanyapanu*), has existed for more than Ten Centuries and Twenty Four Years.

It is commendable that BIF has thought it wise to celebrate Jonathan Adagogo Green, Nigeria's renowned first professional photographer, who is noted for his meticulous photo documentation of the culture and traditions of Ibani people and more, including the affairs of British colonial government in the country. I particularly commend the monument BIF has almost completed, in order to immortalize our country's Premier professional photographer of Ibani stock of Ancient Ijaw ethnic nationality.

Concerning Community Outreach programmes and projects, BIF is one of the outstanding Community-based Organizations of our Ancient Kingdom and Bonny LGA. I therefore greatly applaud the numerous, consistent and continuing Community Outreach programmes and projects of BIF, towards the wellbeing of our people and sustainable community empowerment and development in our Ancient Kingdom.

WELL-DONE BIF! CONGRATULATIONS BIF!! THANK YOU BIF!!!

Welcome and enjoy your stay in Grand Bonny, during your 21st Anniversary Celebrations.

May God Almighty, the God of our Founding Ancestors, Entire People, Houses as well as the Owner and Sovereign of the Entire Universe, continue to abide with you all and bless you most bountifully in return, in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, AMEN.

Aseme-Alabo Professor Edward T. B. A. Bristol-Alagbariya, Esq., Post-Docs, PhD; JP, Ksc

(Dean of Law, Professor of Sustainable Development Law & Multidisciplinary Sustainable Development-Oriented Practices: **Okoloamakoromabo XX**, Kuruama **Amadabo** & Patron BIF)



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WELCOME ADDRESS BY ENGR. NORMAN HALLIDAY PRESIDENT OF BONNY ISLAND FOUNDATION (BIF) USA/CANADA.

Distinguished and special guests, it is with great pleasure, honor, and gratitude for your presence, that as President of BIF, I welcome you all to this occasion of our 21st year anniversary celebration at the Dolphin Hotels, here in Grand Bonny. The theme of this year's convention is BIF at 21: Our homecoming, celebrating Jonathan Adagogo Green, and Outreach to our community.

This year, we celebrate 21 years of our organization's existence. The number 21 represents different things to different people, and in different contexts. To some, it connotes coming of age, and independence; to others, it represents respect and honor. To us as a 21-year-old organization, it represents all these, as well as symbolizing bright new beginnings, partnerships, and the expansion of our organization's horizons.

Today also marks 28 years of the ascension to the throne of our Amanyano, King Edward Asimini William Dappa Pepple, III, Edward I, DSSRS, CON, JP, Perekule XI, doubling as BIF's Grand Patron. We extend our warmest and profound felicitation to His Majesty and wish him many more decades of reign in good health, wisdom, and fruitfulness.

On behalf of BIF, I want to also congratulate the Bonny Local Government Chairman, Dame Hon. Anengi Barasua-Claude Wilcox DSSRS, JP, on her history-making success in the recently concluded Rivers State Local Government Council elections, as the first duly elected female Bonny Local Government Council Chairman. We rejoice with you for this feat and thank you for your tremendous service to our homeland so far; we pray for God's continued guidance, wisdom, and strength, as you discharge your duties to your (our) constituency.

It is also noteworthy to recognize and congratulate The Honourable Speaker of the Rivers State House of Assembly (RSHA), Rt. Hon. Victor Oko-Jumbo on your history-making ascension to the speakership of the RSHA. We are gladdened by your elevation as the first Speaker of Bonny extraction and wish you a very successful tenure.

As an organization, with God guiding us, we have matured, and have achieved a lot; despite some challenges, we have come out stronger, and more determined in our quest to positively impact on our kingdom, and humanity at large.





Our homecoming to Grand Bonny as a team, was by God's divine grace, and I want to specially thank, and appreciate all BIF members, and friends of BIF some of whom embarked on long journeys to celebrate with us, as well as those who could not be with us today, but have helped in no small measures to make today a reality. Our homecoming is also an opportunity to reunite with our brothers and sisters at home, and to collaborate with you, on how we can create synergies in our quest to advance our people, and Grand Bonny kingdom.

We acknowledge the importance of language as an integral part of one's identity, while also recognizing the threat of our fading language. To this end, and as one of the key goals of this administration, BIF has concluded plans for the deployment of Ibani Language Lecture Series to our Ibani sons and daughters in Diaspora. Our goal is to ensure that all sons and daughters in Diaspora who avail themselves of the opportunity to learn Ibani language can do so, and be fluent in speaking and in writing, in no distant time.

Today is also remarkable as we celebrate the life, and works of a Nigerian icon of Bonny extraction, Jonathan Adagogo Green, Nigeria's first professional photographer. So much has been written about him, yet many have not heard of this great man.

I will try to summarize some of the lessons learned from his life and works as follows:
Jonathan Adagogo Green was a trailblazer, by pioneering photographic artistry; he did not go where the path may lead, instead, he created a path and left a trail.

He lived an ordinary life but did extraordinary things. He took his professional calling seriously, and exemplified Martin Luther King Jr.'s quote "No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity, has dignity and importance, and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence".

He had an impactful career and died at the young age of 32 years (1873-1905). Though he lived a relatively short life, as Dr. Edwards J. Stieglitz posited, 'it is not the years in your life that counts; it is the life in your years'. Pericles also quoted "The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it" Chuck Palahniuk, in corroborating Pericles's position said "We all will eventually die; the goal is not to live physically forever; the goal is to create something that will".

Jonathan Adagogo Green, whose monument we unveiled today, died 119 years ago (1905- date), and his life, and good works live on. May his soul continue to rest in peace, Amen.

Special thanks go to the Chairman of BIF Board of Trustees Dr. Leslie Minaibim Green; it was he, who with an incredible knowledge of Bonny history, brought the late Jonathan Adagogo Green's life and works to the fore. Also to be greatly appreciated are Dr. Peter Hart, during whose presidency the idea of the erection of the new monument was mooted; Warisenibo Atedoghu Denton Banigo (the



immediate past President of BIF) who initiated the Jonathan Adagogo Monument project. With an incredible force of will and unwavering determination, he raised a substantial amount of money for it through BIF, and executed this project successfully, with the immense support of Dr Leslie Green, Wari-Alabo-elect Sotonye Banigo, and Amaopusenibo Dennis (Bob) Ezekiel-Hart. On behalf of BIF also, I want to extend our special thanks to all others who contributed in no small way towards Jonathan Adagogo Green's successful monument project execution. May God richly bless you, and replenish your purses, Amen.

Outreach to our community is a way BIF gives back in support of our brothers, sisters, and community.

Some notable community outreach programs we have carried out over the years include:

- Medical outreach; a health clinic with the distribution of free medical supplies to the needy.
- Donation of an ECG machine to the Bonny General Hospital for the diagnosis of cardiac conditions.
- Donation, and distribution of protective face masks to all major houses in Bonny, during COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.
- The award of over 70 scholarships for tertiary institutions to Bonny indigenes across the 34 houses of Grand Bonny Kingdom, in the areas of Medicine, Engineering, Law, Accounting, Political Science, Education, Mass Communication, Management, etc., about half of whom have successfully completed their programs.

This year, we will be giving away food packages to support widows and the elderly population in Bonny.

As we are gathered for this occasion, I want to urge you all to relax and have fun with the activities lined up for this convention. These activities will include speeches, our scholarship fund-raising drive, masquerade displays, Awards giving ceremony, and cutting of our anniversary cake. Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, at St. Stephen's Cathedral at 9:30AM., and on Monday, there will be an event "Outreach to Our Community" at the Awanta Guest House, Bonny at 10:00AM.

To conclude, I want to express my profound gratitude to the 2024 Convention Planning Committee Chairman - Dame Joyce Simon-Ogan, Professor Adango Miadonye (Co-Chairman), Chairmen and members of all convention planning sub committees, all members of the Board of Trustees, our Executive team, and BIF general membership for the successful planning, and execution of this convention.

God bless you all.

Engr. Norman Halliday
BIF President)



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**WELCOME ADDRESS BY DAME JOYCE SIMON-OGAN PRESENTED
AT THE OCCASION OF BONNY ISLAND FOUNDATION (BIF) 21ST
ANNUAL CONVENTION HOLDING IN DOLPHIN HOTELS, BONNY
ISLAND, RIVERS STATE, NIGERIA FROM DECEMBER 20-23, 2024**



We thank God Almighty for granting all of us journey mercies from the United States of America (USA), Canada and other parts of the world to Bonny Island, Nigeria.

It is therefore with a heart filled with gratitude and pleasure that I, on behalf of the Bonny Island Foundation (BIF) 2024 Convention Central Planning Committee (CPC), warmly welcome all of you to this great occasion.

The Chairman and all present here today, please permit me to seize this opportunity to congratulate His Excellency, Sir Siminialayi Fubara, GSSRS, the Executive Governor of Rivers State on his second year in office and to thank him for all the good works he is doing in Rivers State.

I also congratulate our Grand Patron and Royal Father, His Majesty, King Edward Asimini William Dappa Pepple III, Edward 1, CON, DSSRS, JP, Perekule XI, Natural Ruler and Amanyababo of ancient Grand Bonny Kingdom, and thank God who has sustained him on the throne of his fathers for these twenty-eight years. We pray that God will continue to uphold and grant him many more years of divine health, increased grace and wisdom.

To our Hon. Dame Anengi Barasua Claude-Wilcox, the Executive Chairman of Bonny Local Government Council, we thank her for all the support she has given us. Congratulations on her election victory. May God grant her good success. We also congratulate the Speaker of Rivers State House of Assembly, Rt Hon Victor Oko-Jumbo, the Member, Degema/Bonny in the Federal House of Representatives, Representative Warisenibo Cyril Godwin Hart, the Leader and Members of the 10th Assembly, Bonny Local Government Legislature and other Government functionaries.

The Chairman and Se-Alapu Bonny Council of Chiefs, our Deputy Grand Patron Se-Alabo Dr. Osobonye Rogers LongJohn, other Patrons, Royal Fathers, Erudite Scholar Professor Emeritus Ebiegberi Joe Alagoa, President and members of The Titled Citizens' Assembly of Grand Bonny Kingdom, Captains of Industries, The Clergy, Family members, Friends, and Special Guests, thank you so much for honoring our invitation to this epochal and momentous event. Our Theme: "BIF at 21: Our homecoming, celebrating Jonathan Adagogo Green, and Outreach to our Community" captures the essence of this year's Convention. In the 21 years of our existence, this is the second time it will be held in Bonny, our homeland, as at other times



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we have held our conventions in the USA and Canada: and so we are happy to be home to celebrate with our kith and kin, to honor a great patriot who lifted the face of his community and stamped it in the history of the world, using his camera to capture memorable photographs. In this Convention, we shall also reach out with welfare packages to the Elderly (Seniors) and Widows in our Community.

The BIF was formed to be a catalyst for change, to promote education, Ibani culture and heritage, to foster unity and progress among Bonny People. As we celebrate, we can only give thanks to God who put this dream in the hearts of our founding Fathers and for upholding us these 21 years. Our annual convention affords us the opportunity to reconnect and socialize.

Highlights of this year's convention includes a courtesy visit to our Grand Patron and Royal Father, the Executive Governor of Rivers State and Executive Chairman of Bonny Local Government Council, and others; the unveiling of the tombstone of, and scholarly discussion on the life and times of J. A. Green; Masquerade (Own) display and cultural dances; Cutting of our Anniversary cake; Fundraising to support the BIF scholarship scheme; Gala night; and Youths panel. We shall give back to our Community through Welfare Packages to the Elderly (seniors) and Widows; visit and tour some memorable places in Bonny Island; and finally round up our programme with a Thanksgiving Service at our Ancient Cathedral of St Stephen's, the first Anglican Church Cathedral in Nigeria and the second Cathedral Church in West Africa, which has the throne of Bishop Ajayi Crowther, the first black African Bishop who established the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in 1864 in Bonny Island.

According to "The British Museum" and "Niger Delta Insider", the works of J.A. Green are held in a number of collections in the UK, USA and Nigeria. They cover colonial power and local culture. Though he lived for 32 years, his works were both energetically productive and remarkably adroit in serving both indigenous and colonial clienteles. His works spanned through decades and his professional stamp, 'J.A. Green' long concealed his African identity behind a British-sounding name. he is now recognized as Nigeria's first professional photographer. In the cause of our journey in these twenty-one years, we have faced challenges, but we have remained resolute, steadfast, flying our banner higher with each Convention. Though we live abroad, we have not lost sight of our root, hence through various programs - medical outreach, various forms of donations, welfare packages, and scholarships to Bonny students in Tertiary Institutions, we have reached out to our people.

We uphold our culture as is displayed in our various activities, especially during conventions. These include our native foods, Ibani language, Iria (mock) and Masquerade (Owu) and Ereminaogbo dances. We adorn our traditional attires - fashion styles and trends using our native fabrics for our conventions, marriages, as well as "fashion and talent shows"



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championed by BIF Youths. Documentation of our rich history are also ways we are teaching our youths whom we are grooming for future transition.

Bonny (Ibani) Kingdom holds a strong place in history, and even now, which are hinged on leadership, Christianity, and its ability to welcome and accommodate strangers and visitors.

I appreciate the teamwork, commitment, guidance, and prayers of the following: Engr. Norman Halliday, BIF President; Warisenibo Teddy Denton Banigo, BIF Immediate Past President who championed the course of celebrating J.A. Green; the Executive Council Members; Dr. Leslie Green, Chairman BIF Board of Trustees; Prof. Adango Miadonye, Co-Chairman, Secretary and Members and Dr Peter Hart, Advisor of BIF 21st Year Anniversary Convention Planning Committee (CPC); Chairpersons and Members of Sub-Committees; and the entire members of BIF; and my dearest Husband, Prince Kalada Simon-Ogan.

It is my earnest prayer that this celebration will remain indelible in our hearts, spurring us to greater heights to leave our footprints in the sands of time. "In the end we all shall fade away, only to be remembered by what we have done", as noted by Horatius Bonar.

Thank you. God bless you all.

Dame Joyce Tamunoisuoala Simon-Ogan (Nee Hart)

Chairman BIF 21st Year Anniversary Convention Central Planning Committee, 2024.



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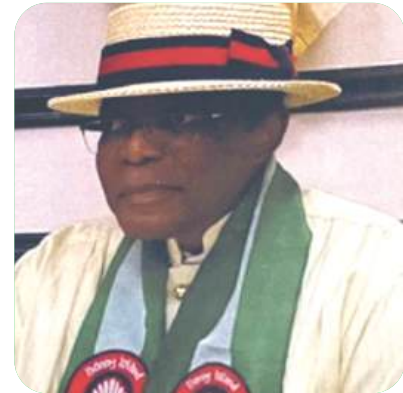
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Address by Chairman BIF Board of Trustees

My fellow compatriots, visitors and friends of Grand Bonny, it is with profound gratitude to God Almighty and ultimate humility that I welcome you all to the 21st year anniversary convention of Bonny Island Foundation holding today at the Dolphin Hotel Bonny.



The BIF was formed on the 4th of July 2003 by Bonny indigenes resident in the USA and Canada as the only registered Bonny organization, to be a catalyst for change, to promote education, Ibani culture and heritage, to foster unity and progress among the Ibani, and to advocate mutual understanding and cooperation between Bonny and all nationalities. The BIF has done an excellent job in keeping to these ideals.

The Bonny Island Foundation (BIF) organized a convention of Bonny organizations on 23rd December 2005 at the Ibanise Town Hall exactly 19 years ago, and we thank God Almighty for enabling us to undertake this second home coming journey the odds notwithstanding. During our last visit to the Island, we noted with dismay and discomfort the poor sanitation on the Island. We note the efforts being made to remedy this unfortunate situation and believe that a lot more still needs to be done, such as the clearing of drainages and construction of adequate storm water canals(drainages) to empty into the sea. The motor bikes on our streets and the attendant hazards they pose to our people is still a sore point. We will humbly appeal to the Local Government council to phase out this mode of transportation and acquire commuter Buses for transportation on the Island. The non-completion of the Bonny ring road and Bonny Bodo Road is worrisome to us and we will like to know why the Bonny ring road has remained a stalled project till date. We complained then of lack of a modern market in Bonny and will like to thank the Local Government council for the modern market we now have in Bonny. We also pointed out the absence of a sea wall or embankment to protect Bonny from coastal erosion. Bonny unfortunately lies below sea level and it is imperative that groynes, a sea wall and boardwalk must be built to preserve our Hometown from being washed away eventually. God forbid. The Rivers State Government should as a matter of urgency be engaged to fund the building of this wall. This wall will not be as costly as the Billion-naira projects being carried out in other communities that do not contribute anything near what Bonny contributes to the State and federal coffers.

It is my belief that on the issue of insecurity on our land, there are a few things we can do to bring about peace and tranquility among our people and discomfiture among our foes. Perhaps one of those will be the establishment within the ambit of the law, of a well-organized and well-funded vigilante system in Bonny Town and adjoining villages.

I pray for God's divine blessings on our King and Grand Patron of BIF King Dr. Edward Asimini Wiliam Dappa Pepple as he celebrates 28 years on the throne of his fathers, on our Deputy



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Grand Patron Se Alabo Dr. O R LongJohn for attaining the enviable age of 90years and on our Patron Se Alabo Professor Edward Bristol Alagbariya on becoming the first Bonny Professor of Law.

I on behalf of the Bonny Island Foundation felicitates with Hon Victor Oko Jumbo on his election as the first speaker of the Rivers State House of assembly of Bonny extraction. We note with pride the steps he is taking to support our amiable Governor in ensuring good Governance in the State. We as an organization also rejoice with you, Dame Hon. Alabota Anengi Barasua Claude Wilcox on your recent election victory as the first female Chairperson of the Bonny Local Government Council. You have made noticeable strides in the areas of infrastructure development, capacity building, poverty alleviation, provision of security on our land and water ways to name a few. Madam Chairperson the BIF is proud of you. We are ready, able and willing to partner with you in the task of moving our dear Homeland Bonny to enviable heights.

The BIF will unveil the new monument of Jonathan Adagogo Green at the Bonny cemetery as part of activities marking its home coming convention. JAG was not just a Patriot; he promoted the image of Bonny at home and abroad in a way no one else has done. The BIF decided to honor this Giant of his time to remind all of us that no matter our station or position in life, that we can all leave a good legacy behind if we make the effort. We are grateful to God Almighty for giving us the ability to carry out this project. We also thank all those who in one way or the other contributed to the completion of this project.

There will be a fund raiser to support the BIF scholarship scheme during this convention. We encourage you to support this effort that is geared towards the educational advancement of our undergraduates.

At the end of this gathering, we should rededicate ourselves, to the long and difficult but beautiful struggle for a new Bonny, our sunny beautiful island paradise on the Atlantic Seaboard. This is our duty as the descendants and inheritors of the Ibani Heritage. We owe Bonny a huge debt and the Ibani nation is eagerly waiting on us to redeem this debt.

I thank our President Eng. Norman Labonimigha Halliday and members of his executive council, members of the BIF Board of Trustees, Chairperson of the convention planning committee, Dame Mrs. Joyce Simon Ogan and co-chair Prof. Adango Mieadonye, members of the convention planning committee and sub committees, general membership and friends of BIF and Bonny for making this convention a success. May God Almighty bless the Land and People of Okoloama. Amen.

Dr. Leslie Minaibim Green.

Chairman, BIF Board of Trustees.



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The Chairman
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,



GOODWILL MESSAGE ON THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF BONNY ISLAND FOUNDATION, USA AND CANADA

It is a thing of great joy to know that you, our brothers and sisters, have remained together under the umbrella of Bonny Island Foundation, USA and Canada, for 21 years and counting.

The Titled Citizens' Assembly (TCA) shares in the delightful occasion of your homecoming for the celebrations and annual convention. It is our hope that the deliberations during your convention will be unifying, fruitful and supportive to the efforts of the Amanyanabo-in-Council, TCA, Bonny Kingdom Development Committee (BKDC), Bonny Women Forum and other patriotic groups in advancing the interests, development and wellbeing of the Kingdom generally.

While assuring you of our best wishes for a successful convention and pleasant homecoming, we hope that you will find time to enjoy our time-honored cultural activities in the season also.

Welcome home! Óbómá!

Yours faithfully,

FOR: TITLED CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY OF GRAND BONNY KINGD

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