



TeamKakata Association, Inc.

5TH ANNUAL REUNION CELEBRATION

*Aug 1-3
Germantown,
Maryland*

Reunion Theme:
Mat to Mattress

Master of Ceremony:
Mr. Lester Holmes

2025





In early 2020, a group of Liberians living in the United States, originally from Kakata, Margibi County, came together with a shared vision: to uplift and support their hometown in meaningful and lasting ways.

The inspiration to form an organized body emerged during two funerals of fallen Kakata community members, where the need for structured support and community solidarity became clear. What began as a response to grief quickly transformed into a purposeful mission to address broader challenges in education, infrastructure, healthcare, and social welfare.

This shared commitment led to the establishment of the TeamKakata Association (TKA)—a nonprofit charitable organization officially granted 501(c)(3) status in the United States. Since its founding, TKA has remained actively engaged in supporting the people of Kakata. Its initiatives have included donating critical medical supplies to C.H. Rennie Hospital, which was severely damaged by fire; distributing educational materials to some schools in the city; and organizing annual food and clothing distributions for vulnerable families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Most recently, TKA has begun construction on a state-of-the-art Learning Resource Center to further advance educational opportunities for students in Kakata.

Kakata, with a population exceeding 33,945 residents, boasts the second-largest student population in Liberia. The city is home to approximately 5,000 high school students and hosts more than ten high schools, including the renowned Booker T. Washington Institute (BWI). Established in 1929, BWI is Liberia's oldest vocational institution, named in honor of Booker T. Washington, a prominent African American educator and intellectual of the 19th century.

TKA's efforts reflect its strong commitment to improving the lives of Kakata's residents through focused initiatives in education, healthcare, and community welfare. By leveraging its nonprofit status and the dedication of its members, TKA continues to play a vital role in promoting development and enhancing the well-being of both the Kakata community and Margibi County at large.

Mission Statement

Promote and support the needy with dignity.

Vision Statement

Advocate to bring more LIFE to those in need.

Core Values

TKA CARES!

We practice COMPASSION, ACCOUNTABILITY, RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, and SERVICE in our activities.



Gaye D. Sleh, Jr.
Actg. Board Chair, TKA

Madam President Yassah Kortu Dennis and members of your administration, The Senior Advisor, Mr. Fullomeoi Falla, All Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Chairs, the General Assembly, and all well-wishers---

I bring you greetings from the members of the Board of TeamKakata Association, Inc.

As we come together in the State of Maryland for the 5th Annual Reunion of TKA, I am very proud and honored to say that I am among those who have not forgotten where we came from—"Kak City."

Giving back to our people, especially the less fortunate, is one of the greatest things an organization like ours can do. I am grateful to be a part of this noble effort. We began with our signature project—the annual rice distribution—and have since added shoes, clothes, and personal hygiene products. Now, we are taking a bold step by constructing a multipurpose center, particularly for the children of Kakata.

I commend all members of TKA for their participation and generous financial contributions. I encourage our continued involvement and consistent voluntary support.

Our gathering here this weekend illustrates our unflinching commitment and dedication to the work and future of TeamKakata Association.

As we unite and reunite, let us reflect on the past, build on the present, and move forward into the future. Let us all enjoy ourselves even as we conduct the business of this great organization

TOGETHER, WE STRUGGLE FOR A BETTER KAKATA.

GDsleh

*Eminent Gaye D. Sleh, Jr., Supt.
Acting Board Chair, TKA*



**Yassah Kortu Dennis,
President, TKA**

Dear TKA Family,

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, TeamKakata (TKA) remains deeply committed to securing essential services for all. This past year has been a remarkable journey—filled with joy, connection, and transformation, even as we’ve navigated personal losses. Since our founding four years ago, our Annual Rice Distribution Program has significantly impacted the Kakata community. This program is a testament to our collective progress and unwavering spirit of service.

We’ve made great strides in advancing our strategic plan to build a Learning Resource Center (LRC) in Kakata. This state-of-the-art facility, valued at approximately \$100,000, will include a modern library with computers and internet access. I am very proud and grateful to all of you for completing Phase One of the LRC located in Kakata, Margibi County. We’ve also launched a Used Clothes and Items Drive, further expanding our outreach and support to those in need.

None of this would be possible without the compassion and commitment of our TKA team. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our Board, Executives, Sr. Advisor, Committee Chairs and Members, Media Team, the Kakata Team, and everyone of you—our valued members and supporters. Thanks to the Reunion 2024 Committee for organizing last year’s celebration.

Our 2023 Reunion was a tremendous success, bringing together over 100 members and families, raising vital funds despite financial arrears. We maintain a healthy financial standing with over \$37,000 in reserves, and we continue to grow through member recruitment. The 2023 launch of the TKA Backpack Project marked another major milestone. We’re excited to continue this initiative in December 2025, providing backpacks and school supplies to underprivileged students and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Kakata for the 2026 school year.

As we come together to celebrate our 5th Annual Reunion, it is truly a blessing to uphold this cherished tradition. Let us celebrate with unity, joy, and purpose—remembering that cooperation and community are at the heart of who we are.

Reunion Activities:

- *Friday, August 1 - Meet & Greet*
- *Saturday, August 2 - Elections, General Assembly & Dinner Ball*

I am honored to welcome you all. I appreciate each of you and pray that God continues to keep us united and safe.

With love and gratitude,

Yassah Kortu Dennis

President, TKA

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DAY 1: FRI, SAT, AUG 1-2, 2025

*Arrivals & Registration
(all day)*

*8461 Pine Bluff Road
Frederick, MD 21704*

MEET & GREET / SOCIAL

starts @ 5p

*8461 Pine Bluff Road
Frederick, MD 21704*



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

Phase 1 of the Learning Resource Center is complete— Phase 2 will begin soon. Heartfelt thanks to everyone for your support!



SIGNATURE PROJECTS

Food & clothing distribution - December every

The TKA leadership has collected used clothing and essential supplies for shipment to Liberia for the 2025 distribution event in Kakata.



DECEMBER 2024 DISTRIBUTION & ACTIVITIES



TKA provides clothing and food items to the needy, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and orphans.





PART 1

(Brunch / lunch - 9:30A)

Salvation Army Hall

20021 Aircraft Drive

Germantown, MD 20874

Food Menu

A. General Assembly

*Pepper Kala, Ball Egg/Pepper, Donuts, Cornbread, Chicken Wings
Assorted Fruits, Potato Greens with Rice + GB*

B. Dinner Ball

*Meatballs, Baguette, Rice Bread, Assorted Fruits, Baked Grilled Chicken, Baked Salmon,
Fried Rice, Vegetable Rice, Roasted Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable Medley, Sweet
Pipe Apple Upside Cake, Milk Candy, Kale Salad, and Coconut Tart.
Beverages: Water, Soda & Juices – Enjoy!*

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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| 1. <i>General Assembly Call to Order</i> | <i>Yassah Kortu Dennis, President, TKA</i> |
| 2. <i>Opening prayer</i> | <i>Weedor Jallah, Chaplain, TKA</i> |
| 3. <i>Roll-Call of Officers</i> | <i>Victor Wea, Secretary General</i> |
| 4. <i>Welcome Remarks</i> | <i>Genevie Holmes, Chair, RU2025</i> |
| 5. <i>State of our Union</i> | <i>Yassah Kortu Dennis, President, TKA</i> |
| 6. <i>Board of Directors' Message</i> | <i>Gaye D. Sleh, Jr., Actg. Board Chair</i> |
| 7. <i>2024 Reunion Resolutions</i> | <i>Victor Wea, Secretary General, TKA</i> |
| 8. <i>Financial Report</i> | <i>Joseph P. Gbana, Fin. Secretary, TKA</i> |
| 9. <i>Membership</i> | <i>Genevie Holmes, Chair & VP. TKA</i> |
| 10. <i>Social Welfare</i> | <i>Gaye D. Sleh, Jr., Chair</i> |
| 11. <i>Outreach</i> | <i>Weedor Jallah, Chair & Chaplain, TKA</i> |

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BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE

Distribution of TeamKakata
back-to-school backpack filled with
school supplies

1. Benefiting 25 Schools
2. 200 Backpack
3. \$50 per pack
4. **Total Estimated Cost: \$5000**



Make a Donation: Give a Pack



- 1 Backpack
- Cost: \$50



- 2 Backpacks
- Cost: \$100



- 5 Backpacks
- Cost: \$250



- 10 Backpacks
- Cost: \$500



DAY 2: PART 1 CONT'D

- *Financial Outreach* *Vida Bracewell, Massa Hunder, Tina Kpan & Hellen Miller*
- *Media* *Daniel Kayee, Chair*
- *Elections - New Officers* *Joe Norris & Committee*
- *Dissolution of Election Committee* *The President*

- *Reunion Resolution:* *A. Announcement of venue*
- B. Selection of venue*

- *Adjournment* *Secretary General, TKA*

- *Vote of Thanks & Announcement* *Massa Hunder*

BREAK

11:25A - 11:45A

DAY 2: PART 2

Dinner ball & official program start @ 6p prompt! (see program on page 11)

THE LIBERIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

All hail, Liberia, hail! (All hail!)

This glorious land of liberty

Shall long be ours.

Though new her name,

Green be her fame,

And mighty be her powers,

And mighty be her powers,

In joy and gladness

With our hearts united,

We'll shout the freedom

Of a race benighted.

Long live Liberia, happy land!

A home of glorious liberty,

By God's command!

All hail, Liberia, hail! (All hail!)

In union strong success is sure

We cannot fail!

With God above

Our rights to prove

We will o'er all prevail,

We will o'er all prevail,

With heart and hand

Our country's cause defending

We'll meet the foe

With valor unpretending.

Long live Liberia, happy land!

A home of glorious liberty,

By God's command!



PLEASE SUPPORT TEAMKAKATA RICE AND CLOTHING PROJECT 2025

Donations Received to Date

TeamKakata Association (TKA) is pleased to acknowledge and extend heartfelt thanks to the following individuals for their generous contributions toward the 2025 Food and Clothing Distribution and Learning Resource Center.

Ms. Viola Lloyd Kortu

Mr. Fullomeoi Falla

Ms. Precious Kortu

Mr. Victor Wea

Ms. Wedia Kortu

Ms. Sayan Jallah

Ms. Genevevie Holmes

Ms. Harriet Johnson

Mr. Tellewoyan Kortu

Ms. Yassah Kortu Dennis

Ms. Tina Kpan

Mr. and Dr. Eric Newkirk

Mr. Benjamin Boamah



DAY 2 PART 2

Official Program and Dinner Ball

Hors d'oeuvres Served

1. *Opening prayer / Blessing of the Food: The Chaplain, TKA*
2. *Welcome Remark / Recognition of Guests: The President, TKA*
3. *Remarks / Installation of New Officers:
Joe Norris / Ad hoc Elections Commission*
4. *SPECIAL SELECTION: Ms. Amanda Carr Lawrence*
5. *DINNER SERVED,,,, (interlude of music)*
6. *Introduction of the Guest Speaker: The Secretary General, TKA*
7. *The Guest Speaker: Dr. Peter E. Tarlow
Tourism & Mor, Inc.*

8. FUNDRAISING

- A. *The Learning Resource Center:
Ms. Vida Bracewell, Ms. Massa Hunder & Ms. Tina Kpan & Helen Miller*
- B. *Backpack project: Mr. Lester Holmes*
- C. *Bidding - Fundraising Team*

9. REMARKS:

- A. *Gaye D. Sleh, Jr., Actg. Board Chair, TKA*
- B.
10. *Vote of Thanks: Dr. Samuel Garwon, Board Member, TKA*
11. *Closing prayer: Aaron Kollie, Member, TKA*
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12. *THE GRAND MARCH & DANCE: Led by Mr. Kolleh Barclay*



TEAMKAKATA ASSOCIATION - LEADERSHIP TEAM



Mr. Gaye D. Sleh, Jr.
Board Member & Chair, Social Welfare Committee;
BSc & MSc in Criminal Justice, Counselor/Program
Manager, Thornton Township Substance Abuse
Dept., Chicago, IL



Ms. Nyenephon Snoh Cooper
Board Member
BBA Management & Public Administration



Dr. Samuel Garwon
Board Member
Doctorate of Business Administration, MBA with
concentration in Management,
M.P.A. in Public Administration & MBA in Marketing



Ms. Massa K. Hunder
Board Member



Pastor Aletha Pratt-Weatherall
Board Member
Candidate: Master's in Theology
BBA Accounting & Economics
Certified Public Accountant



Mr. Fullmonie Falla
Senior Advisor



Ms. Yassah Kortu Dennis
President
B.S. in Nursing, B.B.A. in Accounting, Clinical
Manager at Fresenius Kidney Care, Bethesda,
MD



Ms. Genevieve Holmes
Vice President & Chair Membership Committee
Attended the Montgomery College,
Germantown, MD Attended the University of
Liberia, West Africa Educator at Georgetown
Hill Elementary School



Mr. Victor KS Wea
Secretary General
MBA, BBA & AA
Supply Chain Management & Logistic Systems,
Management & Secretarial Science



Daniel S. Kayea Chair, Media Committee
Ordained Minister/US Based 15 Years
Experience in Journalism Former Liberian
Broadcast Journalist (LBS)
Leadership/Evangelism World of Faith Bible
Institute Attended PII



Mr. Joseph P. Gbana
Financial Secretary
MBA in Finance MSAC in Accounting



Ms. Weedor Jallah
Chaplain

TKA QUEEN



Lucillia MF Falla



TKA REFLECTIONS





TKA RETROSPECTION

2024



2023



2022



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OF OUR REUNION
CELEBRATION!

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