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A Vision of a New Socio-Economic Agenda for FIDUO:

An address delivered at the 2013 FIDUO Convention held in Orlando, Florida on Saturday, August 17, 2013.

By Dr. Gabriel S. Bomide

President of FIDUO

Distinguished Guests, Fellow FIDUO members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

With profound gratitude to God Almighty, great humility, and a full sense of responsibility, I'm proud to address this august occasion as your newly elected President of our great organization, FIDUO.

First, I want to thank the Convention Planning Committee members, under the able Chairmanship of Mr. Adesola Dada, for their extraordinary sacrifices, hard work, and commitment towards the success of this year's convention. Clearly, the Florida branch of FIDUO has set a very high standard in convention hosting that will be difficult to match. May the Lord reward you mightily for your labor of love!

Second, I want to thank the entire members of FIDUO for the absolute confidence reposed in the abilities and integrity of the newly elected FIDUO Executive Council members. By this unanimous gesture, we pledge to uphold the tenets of this association and serve you with diligence and a full sense of responsibility.

While the new FIDUO Executive Council recognizes the enormous task ahead, we're confident that with God and your support, we shall take FIDUO to the next higher level to better serve Ikun-Ekiti community.

As outlined in my vision for FIDUO after yesterday's General Election (see text below), the two cardinal goals of my administration shall be: (1) To promote rapid socio-economic growth and development of FIDUO and Ikun-Ekiti, and (2) To foster the unity of FIDUO and Ikun-Ekiti community.

Once again, I thank you all for your support. God bless you, God bless FIDUO and God bless Ikun-Ekiti.

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2013 FIDUO CONVENTION HELD AUGUST 16-18, 2013 IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, USA.

Press Release/Communiqué

The 2013 FIDUO Convention was an historic event, when FIDUO members from across the world gathered in Orlando, Florida to celebrate the past achievements of the organization and to chart a new course towards rapid development of FIDUO and Ikun-Ekiti. This year's convention was a radical departure from the past as we shifted the focus from just "talking" to "action time." We decided it is time to take FIDUO to the next higher level to better serve Ikun-Ekiti community.

In attendance at the convention are FIDUO delegates from five regional areas: Florida, New York, Maryland, Wisconsin, and Canada, as well as invited guests and friends of FIDUO.

The first day of the convention, Friday, August 16, 2013, featured three main events – a FIDUO family lunch, the election of new executive officers, and a strategic socio-economic discussion forum. The following individuals were unanimously elected to the FIDUO Executive Council:

1. Dr. Gabriel S. Bomide (U.S.A.) – President
2. Mrs. Rose Awoyemi (U.K.) – Vice President
3. Mr. Kunle Fasanu (Canada) – Executive Secretary
4. Mr. Dipo Oyeleye (U.S.A.) – Assistant Executive Secretary
5. Mr. Samuel Aborisade (U.S.A.) – Treasurer
6. Mr. Ademola Ajiboye (U.S.A.) – Financial Secretary
7. Mrs. Olayemi Yusuf (U.S.A.) – Membership Development & Welfare Officer
8. Mr. Aremu Fashanu (U.S.A.) – Project Coordination Officer
9. Rev. Femi Olajide (Canada) – Public Relations Officer

The President-elect, Dr. Gabriel S. Bomide thanked FIDUO members on behalf of the new Executive Council for the opportunity given the team to serve. He gave kudos to the Convention Planning Committee, chaired by Mr. Adesola Dada for a job well done!

In addition, the President-elect unfolded the new socio-economic agenda for FIDUO which comprises of four main components, namely: stimulating economic growth, improving community health care system, strengthening community educational system, and strengthening ties and unifying Ikun-Ekiti citizens across the world.

The second day of the convention, Saturday, August 17, 2013, featured several events including a church service at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Altamonte Springs; a successful fundraising dinner dance; FIDUO outgoing officer's award; an address by the new FIDUO President, Dr. Gabriel S. Bomide; and a goodwill message by His Royal Highness, Oba A.A. Awojobi, Onikun of Ikun-Ekiti. In his address, Dr. Bomide highlighted the four cardinal goals of his administration and solicited the support and cooperation of all FIDUO members to actualize these goals. In his message read by Rev. (Dr.) Akinjide Awojobi, the Paramount Ruler of Ikun-Ekiti, Oba A.A. Awojobi underscored the importance of unity, personal sacrifice, and community service in our collective effort to build a better Ikun-Ekiti community.

The third and last day of the convention featured departures of delegates to their respective destinations. We give glory to God for a very successful, productive and fun-filled convention, as well as the safe arrival of all FIDUO delegates, invited guests, and friends of FIDUO at their destinations.

In order for FIDUO to successfully actualize its new vision for the overall development of its members and Ikun-Ekiti, we hereby seek the maximum support and cooperation of the entire Ikun-Ekiti community. To this end, we are using this medium to reach out to all Ikun-Ekiti

indigenes particularly those in Diaspora to join forces with FIDUO in our collective effort to build a better Ikun-Ekiti community.

We appreciate the efforts of those that contributed to the success of the convention, especially the Florida branch of FIDUO, who hosted the convention without any costs to FIDUO. May God bless you all.

Long live FIDUO. Long Live Ikun-Ekiti!

Sincerely,

Rev. Femi Olajide
FIDUO Public Relations Officer
Toronto, Canada

September 1, 2013

December 2013

FIDUO-GPI PARTNERSHIP

Pursuant to FIDUO strategic developmental plan for 2013/2014, the organization has signed a strategic partnership agreement with the Grace Project International (GPI), a U.S based humanitarian health organization, to better serve the health care needs of Ikun-Ekiti community. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was jointly signed on November 19, 2013 by FIDUO President, Dr. Gabriel S. Bomide and GPI Board Chairman, Mr. Dapo Oriola.

Under this agreement:

1. FIDUO shall make a minimum donation of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) annually to GPI to support its medical mission of providing free healthcare to the needy in remote places in Africa in general and Ikun-Ekiti, Nigeria in particular.
2. GPI shall authorize FIDUO to use records and images of its mission field services for promotional purposes.
3. GPI shall serve in an advisory capacity to FIDUO in health promotions to its target community of Ikun-Ekiti, Nigeria.
4. GPI shall recognize FIDUO in its yearly report.
5. GPI shall accord FIDUO a high privilege of being notified of any program or progress within the GPI organization.
6. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall take effect from the date jointly executed by FIDUO and GPI.

We look forward to a lasting and mutually beneficial relationship with GPI.

Long live FIDUO. Long Live Ikun-Ekiti!

Sincerely,

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