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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,

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