



Liberian Community Association
of the
Washington DC Metropolitan
Area

Annual Report

December 2020 to November 2021

Presented by

Welma Redd

PRESIDENT

November 28, 2021



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

November 28, 2021

My Dear LCA-DC Community,

We have come to the end of our first year since taking over the reins of the Liberian Community Association of the Washington DC Metropolitan Area (LCA-DC) November 7, 2020. Challenges of COVID-19, such as, closure of community centers, and closure of meeting halls, and curtailed visits with our elderly had to be overcome.

The LCA-DC Executive Council, still “gathered” for a Planning Retreat in 2020, two General Assembly meetings, a Black History Month Program and a series of events to mark the 174th Independence of Liberia as a major fundraising program. Our COVID Task Force fed underprivileged youth in Liberia and are planning much more. During this year, the LCA- DC community became stronger as we faced the reality or the times.



The Ways, Means and Finance Committee took the lead in ensuring that payments to our organizations go directly into an LCA-DC bank account, avoiding a need for officers to accept payments personally. The establishment of our associations’ CashApp, PayPal or Zelle accounts has help to increase accountability and transparency in the management of the organization’s finances. The second major step taken by the Finance team is the drafting of Financial Procedures that we expect will be incorporated into our By-Laws. The financial stability of the LCA-DC rests with over \$12,000 in our account today.

LCA-DC was represented at ULAA’s 2021 Convention in Ohio by more than 50 delegates. We participated on a panel advocating against sexual violence organized by HEAL. We visited several Liberian churches in the DMV, we awarded community members who achieved academic and other milestones, we attended funerals of our ascended hero/heroines. We serve on the 2022 Bicentennial Anniversary Committee in the USA to commemorate the landing of the settlers in Monrovia in 1822. We continue to make strides in establishing a Community Center. We plan to do much more. We will deliver winter scarfs, hats and gloves to our elderly in the community. Finally, we partnered with Kimbeline Youth for Jesus Christ, and the Ministry of Health on the fight against COVID in Liberia during which we stumbled on a population of underprivileged youth (Zokos) who live in graveyards in Liberia. Their needs are basic, beyond vaccination—they ask for food, food, food!—so we have helped to feed them before being vaccinated. Together we can do more.

Thank you, Members of our General Assembly, the backbone for keeping LCA-DC STRONG!

Signed: _____

Welma Mashinini Redd

President

OUR TEAM

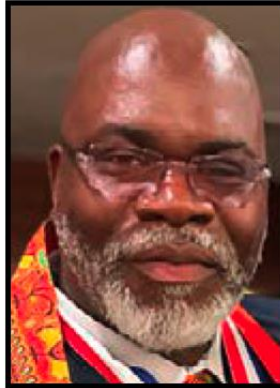
The current leadership of the Liberian Community Association of the Washington DC Metropolitan Area (LCA-DC) won elections in November 2020. The team, led Professor Welma

Redd as President, comprises is versatile group of four females and four males from a range of disciplines and age groups. Members of the leadership team are:

Executive Committee



Mrs. Welma Mashinini Redd
President



Mr. John Pearson
Vice President



Mrs. Love Abdallah Gongar
General Secretary



Mr. Leon Mensah
Treasurer



Mrs. Faith Wilson Wuor
Financial Secretary



Rev. Roland Hoff
Chaplain



Mr. Gbessi Whitney Kemah
ULAA Rep



Ms. Glendy Jane Junius
ULAA Rep

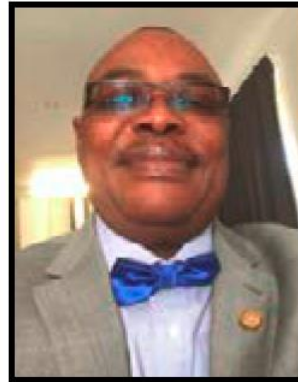


Arthur Weah Doe
Chief of Staff

Board of Directors



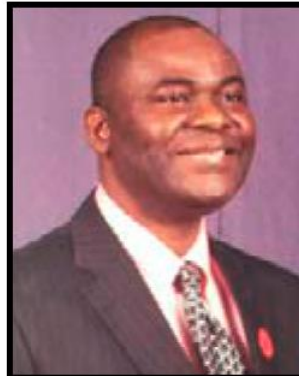
Mr. Isaac Karto
Chairman



Mr. Alex Quermollue
Vice Chair



Mr. Jeremiah Davis
Member



Mr. Sebastian Teclar
Member



Ms. Florence Lymas
Member

Honorary Board of Governors



Mr. Stephen J. Koffa
Chairman



Ms. Rena Smith-Jarrett
Vice Chair



Ms. Hawa Marvie
Coordinator

COMMITTEES CHAIRS AND LEADERS

Rena Jarrett-Smith	LCA-DC Champion of the Year, HBoG Vice Chair, COVID Task Force Vice Chair, member of Planning & Constitution Committees
Emmett Fiawoo	Elections Commission Chair
Irene Fiawoo	Membership Committee Chair
Rev. Oliver Lloyd	COVID-19 Task Force Chair
Dr. Katherine Redd	Community Center Chair, Health and Wellness Committee Chair
Edman Zayzay	Special Projects
John Hammond	Community Center Lead
Jestina Gray	Education & Innovation Committee Chair
Frances Baysah	Immigration Committee Chair

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS/PROJECTS

This Annual Report provides the LCA-DC General Assembly with an overview of activities over the past 12 months, in accordance with Article V, Section 2 (c) of the LCA-DC Constitution, which requires that undertakings of the Association be reported in the months of November, February, May and August. This Annual Report also provides a roadmap of activities for the coming year.

Plan of Action Retreat

Our year began with a PoA Retreat to chart the course of activities for the year. The Retreat broke out into seven groups focused on: Community Center, Education; Health; Programs; Finance; Social Media and Membership. Each group formed committees that drafted activities in their respective areas. The PoA was presented to the General Assembly for approval. Due to COVID-19 pressures, the Executive Council focused on aspects of the PoA that could be implemented under the circumstances.

Black History Month

LCA-DCA hosted a virtual Black History Month themed “Celebrating Liberia’s Role in Black History” on Zoom. The newly elected Executive Council was inducted into office by The Reverend Canon John Harmon. Several speakers graced the occasion including: Ambassador George Patten; Dr. Douglas Layton; ULAA President, Vamba Fofana; BoD Chairman, Isaac Karto; and HBoG Chairman, Steven Koffa; Rania Fawaz sang “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” accompanied by M.P. Weeks, and Hilary Stryker sang “The Lone Star Forever.”

Liberia’s 174th Independence Celebrations: Festival, Zoom Panel, Awards & Ball

The LCA-DC Program Committee hosted and participated in a series of programs marking the 174th Independence of Liberia.

A **Thanksgiving Service** organized by the Association of Liberian Christian Ministers headed by Rev. John Orlando Flahn kicked off the 2021 '26 season. President Redd made remarks at the service attended by the VP John Pearson, Vice HBoG Chair Rena Jarrett Smith, and BoD Chairman, Isaac Karto held at Our Savior Lutheran Church on July 18.

LCA-DC organized the **“One Liberia” Festival**, in partnership with the All Liberian Network, on the grounds of the Liberian Embassy on July 24. Vendors sold food,

jewelry, clothing and country cloth coats. Certificates of Achievements were issued to Liberian high school graduates of 2020 and 2021 who could not celebrate their graduation due to the COVID lockdown. The Ambassador, H.E. George Patten, his wife, Mme. Louise Patten, and the



Figure 1: Isaac Karto, John Pearson, Rena Smith Jarrett & Welma Mashinini Redd



Figure 2 One Liberia Parade on the grounds of the Liberian Embassy in Washington, DC

on the grounds of the Embassy. LCA-DC members, family, friends, and American in the neighborhood joined the parade, enjoyed tasty Liberian cuisine, adorned beautiful Liberian designs and everyone had a good old time.

The program ended with folks dancing into the late hours of the evening.

Conversation on Liberia was co-organized by Faith United Church of Christ, Washington, DC, LCA-DC and Friends of Liberia on Facebook and Zoom. LCA-DC invited the Minister of Health, Dr. Wilhelmina Jallah and Ambassador Patten to speak on the “One Liberia Against Coronavirus” on July 25. The LCA-DC also invited Dr. Patricia Jabbeh Wesley to read two of her poems on Liberia. Sarah Morrison, President of Friends of Liberia addressed the theme. LCA-DC Metro President, Welma Redd, was a



panelist. James Butty, Host of “Daybreak Africa” of the Voice of America (VOA) and

Ms. Ebony Washington, former Peace Corps Volunteer, served as moderators.



Figure 3: Dr. Patricia Jabbeh Wesley, Liberian Poet

Harvest Intercontinental Church Independence Service with



Figure 4: L-R, Welma Redd, Church Members, Bishop Darlington Johnson, & Jackie Nah, July 25, 2021

Bishop Darlington Johnson Darlington Johnson hosted the LCA-DC and the Liberian Embassy at a special Independence Day Service in Olney, Maryland, USA.

The LCA-DC Independence ('26) Ball crowned the season in an exquisite, formal program held at the Ukrainian Orthodox Hall in Silver Spring, MD. The guest speaker, Mayor Wilmot Collins of Helena, Montana, served as the guest speaker. Ambassador and Mrs. Patten and Liberian Embassy staff graced the Ball. Penny Clarke served as MC and DJ Alvin Hoff organized Liberian DJs to play for free. The President of LCA-DC presented eleven plaques of recognition and/or achievement to Community members.

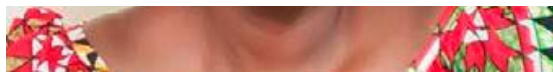


Figure 5: Ambassador George Patten and Mayor Wilmot Collins



Figure 6: Rena Smith Jarrett, LCA-DC Champion of the Year

Rena Jarrett-Smith received the LCA-DC Champion of the Year Award for participating the highest number of units in the organization and attending all meetings on time or with a timely excuse.



Former President, **Lucy Wilson-Kear** and Former HBoG Chair, **Dr. John Wulu**, also received Appreciation of Service plaques.



The late **David Dewee** received an Appreciation of Service Award posthumously.

Recipients of Appreciation of Service Award

Awards were also presented, along with profile videos, to community members who graduated with college degrees during the COVID period of 2020-2021.

Dr. Wilmot Dixon received a plaque for attaining a Doctor of Philosophy degree. **Yata Bazzie** (husband: Alexander Bazzie) and **Romitta Hoff** (parents: Roland and Miatta Hoff) attained Master Degrees. **Arielle Clement** (parents: Kwame and Charlotte Clement); **Albanie Lloyd & Janet Lloyd** (parents: Rev. Edwin Lloyd and Patience Kollie); and **Antoinette Dorzon** (grand-parents: Edwin and Patience Dorzon) were awarded for attaining undergraduate degrees.

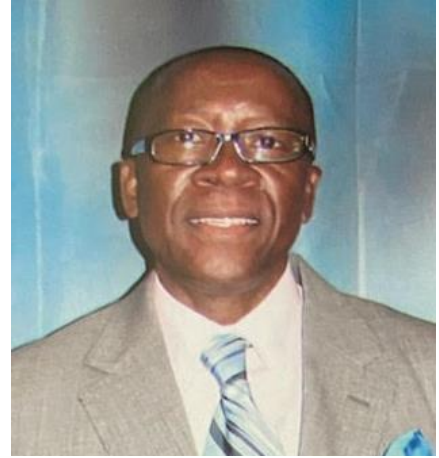


Figure 7: Current President rt & Former President Lucy Wilson-Kear, lft.

Figure 8: Former HBoG President, Dr. John Wulu

Figure 9: The Late David Dewee, Former Treasurer

Honored Graduates



Wilmot Dixon

PhD, Information Assurance & Cyber Security, Capella University, Minnesota, Minneapolis



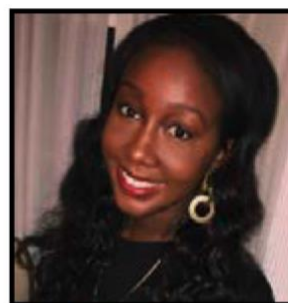
Yata Bazzie

Master of Science, Family Nurse Practitioner
Mountain State University, West Virginia



Romitta Hoff

Master of Social Work
University of Southern California



Arielle Clement

Bachelor of Science in Industrial & Labor Relations, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York



Janet Lloyd

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation
The School of Visual Arts, Manhattan, New York



Albanie Lloyd

Associate of Fine Arts in Illustration
Delaware College of Art & Design,
Wilmington, Delaware



Antoinette V. Dorzon

Bachelor of Science in Psychology
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

LCA-DC COVID-19 TASK FORCE

After the July events had generated funds, the LCA-DC had to make good its promise to utilize some of the funds raised during the 174th '26 programs on a project to reduce the spread of COVID, which was wreaking havoc in Liberia at the time. In August 2021 the President utilized her personal funds, traveled to Liberia and met with the Minister of Health to find the most useful way



to help bring the spread of COVID to an end. It was determined that getting people to take the vaccinations was the most relevant approach. The President also met with Evangeline Israel King, head of the Kimberline Youth for Jesus Christ who works with underprivileged youths. The President agreed with the COVID Task Force to facilitate the vaccination of so-called Zokos. In September, the Dr. Katherine Redd, member of the Task Force as well as the Health and Wellness Committee visited Liberia, also funding herself, and was escorted into the

graveyard at Thinkers Village near ELWA. A virtual meeting was held with those who she met and they presented the dire needs in their population which is growing into the thousands around Monrovia. The Task Force provided food for two ghetto communities and fed close to 500 persons. The goal is to get them vaccinated after they eat some nourishment and provide them with t-shirts.



LCA-DC plans to raise funds to vaccinate these youth, feed them and facilitate their rehabilitation so that they leave the graveyard and become productive citizens. We will work with



organizations in Liberia to accomplish this.

Figure 10: Kimberline feeding Youth Sponsored by LCA-DC, in Liberia

REPRESENTATION

The LCA-DC is represented on the **Liberia Bicentennial Celebration USA Committee**. The team is charged with preparing the way for Liberians in the USA and Americans to join the celebration of 200th anniversary of the landing of the settlers in Monrovia.

ULAA Convention – A delegation of over 50 LCA-DC members attended the ULAA 2021 Convention in Ohio.

OUTREACH

The LCA-DC President presented on a **HEAL Palava Hut** series titled, “**Rape Culture Then and Now, What has Changed?**”

Church Visits

Funerals: The LCA-DC paid tributes to members and relatives who left us for a heavenly home, including: Renee Mitchell, David Dewee, Keisha Hamilton-King, Jemima Carr, Alan Caulker and William Sharpe.

Honoring, Retirement & Birthday Programs

1. Rev. J. Edwin Lloyd Book Launch and his 80th birthday
2. Dr. Kona-Facia Freeman-Nepay Honoring Program
3. Rev. Genevieve Garnett’s Birthday
4. Morris Buster Retirement
5. VP John Pearson Honoring



Figure 12: Dr. Kona-Facia Freeman-Nepay and Dr. W. Katherine Redd



Figure 13: Rev. Dr. Edwin J. Lloyd, Sr. 80th Birthday, 11/27/2021



Figure 14: Morris Buster, Retiree 11, 2021

The LCA-DC President, Welma Mashinini Redd, graced all of these programs with remarks from the heart.

PARTNERS

1. Embassy of the Republic of Liberia, Washington DC
2. Ministry of Health, Liberia
3. Kimberline Youth for Jesus Christ Foundation in Liberia
4. All Liberian Business Association (ALBA)
5. All Liberia Network
6. Holistic Education for Advocacy in Liberia (HEAL)
7. Embassy of Liberia Bicentenary Anniversary Committee
8. Friends of Liberia
9. Association of Liberian Christian Ministers

FINANCIAL & ASSETS REPORT (November 2020 – October 2021 attached)

Saymenday Lloyd donated four boxes of hand sanitizes to the LCA-DC. The hand sanitizers will be repackaged and added to gift bags to be donated to the elderly.

Summary of financial achievements

The LCA-DC made many strides over the past 12 months, including the following:

1. Developed financial procedures that promote accountability and transparency
2. Opened a bank account that support
3. Provided payment options of CashApp & Zelle and PayPal that deposit funds directly into the LCA-DC bank account
4. Acquired a telephone mainly for financial and other transactions
5. Acquired the registration certification of “Liberian Community Association of the Washington DC Metropolitan Area (The)”
6. Held a successful independence celebration with multiple activities that increased the



Figure 15: Hand Sanitizers Donated by Saymenday Lloyd

PLAN OF ACTION 2022

The primary goal of the LCA-DC PoA is to develop a road map of activities for 2022 and identify budget resources needed to complete them. A detailed PoA is attached as an addendum for consideration by the GA. All Committees representatives will streamline the PoA in a Retreat in January after the GA accepts the broad outline. The objectives set forth are to:

1. Visit the elderly in homes around the DMV and give them winter accessories
2. Organize the 175th Independence Anniversary as a major fundraiser
3. Promote the Bicentennial celebration
4. Organize General Assembly and other meetings as required by the Constitution
5. Execute a major fundraiser for the COVID Task Force, and other targets
6. Increase membership participation and support
7. Make efforts towards a Liberian Center

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Executive Council recommends that this GA achieves the following:

1. Accepts the PoA as a work in progress, while allowing the Executive Council to begin working towards its goals immediately
2. Accepts the budget of \$40,000 with an expectation that most of it will be recuperated during various fundraising events
3. Allow the Executive to make adjustments to the PoA and Budget based on the outcome of the Retreat



Figure 16: Isaac Karto, Alexander Quermorllue, Mrs. Patten, Amb. George Patten, Welma Redd, & John Pearson

FINANCIAL REPORT

Liberian Community Association (LCA) Metro Area
of November 28, 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	12,528
Accounts Receivable	-

TOTAL ASSETS 12,528

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	TOTAL	-
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LIABILITIES -

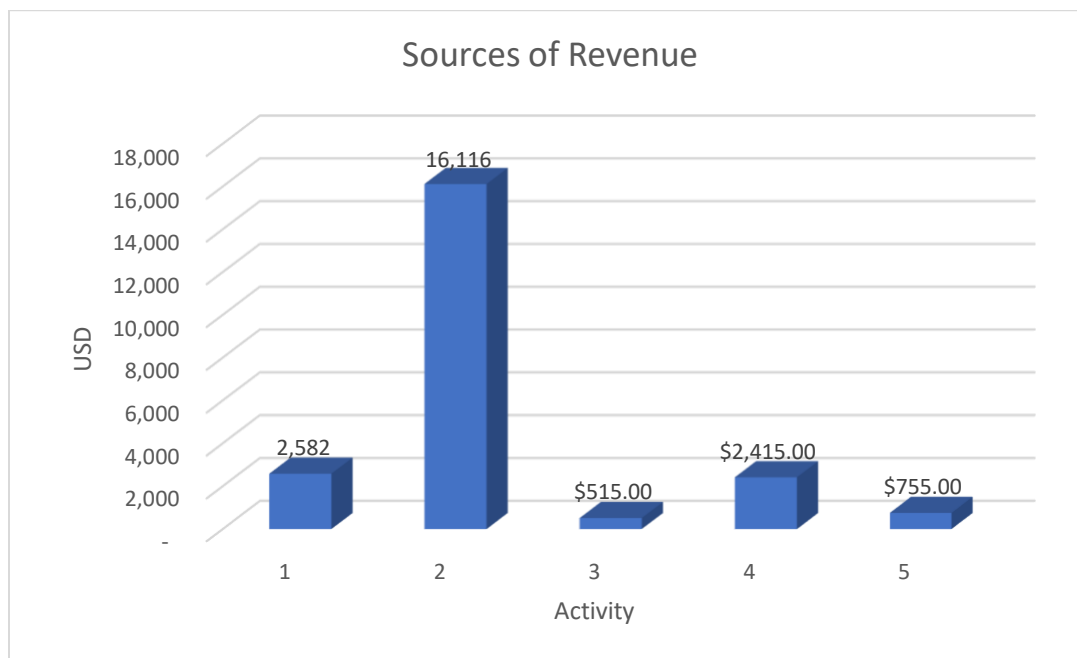
NET ASSETS 12,528

TRANSACTIONS

ITEM	Amount (USD)	DATE	Bank Balance (USD)
Lucy Kear administration – Amount from David Kemah	826	Dec-2020	0
Opening Balance Bank	5,120	Feb 2021	5,120
Funds received from elections commission	5,120		5,120
July 26 Embassy Activity			
Revenue from Embassy Festival	2,582	Jul 28 - 2020	
Expenses Embassy – Paid	(3,529)		
Net Profit from Embassy	(947)		
July 26 Ball Activity			
Revenue from Ball	16,116		
Expenses Ball - Paid	(10,134)		
<i>Net Profit from Ball</i>	5,982		
Thinkers Village Donations	515		
Dues Payment	2,415		
Donations	755		
Expense			
Register Agent	(100)		
BRA-25	(130)		
GN-R	(80)		
Gavel	(32)		
Thinkers Village	(310)		
ULAA Chapter Dues	(300)		
ULAA Convention - Hotel	(757)		
LCA Cell Phone	(69)		
Alan Caulker - Home going	(150)		
Organization Reinstatement fees	(210)		
	(1,828)		
Balance per Bank			12,612
Total Cash Receipts	12,528		12,612

TRANSACTIONS (cont'd)

1.Embassy	2,582.00
2. Ball	16,116.00
3. Thinkers Village	515.00
4. 2021 Dues	2,415.00
5. Misc Donations	755.00
TOTAL	22,383.00



MEMBERSHIP DUES

NAME of MEMBER	AMOUNT RECEIVED USD	DATE	PURPOSE
Gayah Fahnbulleh	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
Gbessi Kemah	70	1-Apr	2021 & 20222 Dues
Harvey Diggs	35	15 Sep	Annual Dues
Henry Greenfield	35	30-Aug	Annual Dues
Ilene Samah Bazzie	35	15-Sep	Annual Dues
Irene Fiawoo	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
Jacqueline T Nah	35	15-Sep	Annual Dues
Jeremiah Davis & Wife	70	31-Jul	Annual Dues
Jesse M Korkpan	35	24-Aug	Annual Dues
Jessie Korkpan	35	15-Sep	Annual Dues
Jestina Gray	35	22-Nov	Annual Dues
Joel Williamson	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
John P Hammond	35	28-Nov	Annual Dues
John Pearson	70	1-Apr	2021 & 20222 Dues
Joseph Morris	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
Josephine Knuckles	35	24-Aug	Annual Dues
Keabeh G Korkpan	35	24-Aug	Annual Dues
Kebah Kamara	35	5-Sep	Annual Dues
Kollie Bazzie	35	15-Sep	Annual Dues
Kollie Korkpna	35	15-Sep	Annual Dues
Lee Caulcrick	35	15-Sep	Annual Dues
Lovo Mulbah	35	6-Sep	Annual Dues
Lucy T. Wilson-Kear	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
Magdalene Greenfield	35	15-Sep	Annual Dues
Mary Kormasah Etheridge	35	5-Sep	Annual Dues
Mary Kormasah Etheridge	35	5-Sep	Annual Dues
Monsio Seedee	35	15-Sep	Annual Dues
Naanco Woewiyu	35	28-Nov	Annual Dues
Rebecca Cooper	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
Rena Smith-Jarrett	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
Roberta P Davies-Rashid	35	28-Aug	Annual Dues
Roland B. Hoff	35	23-Nov	Annual Dues
Salamatu Massaquoi	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
Samuel J. Joe	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
Semera Fahnbulleh	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
Taneh Morris	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
Tarnue K. Sawo	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues

Thomas McGill	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
Victor Golanyon	35	15-Sep	Annual Dues
Welma Redd	70	1-Apr	2021 & 2022 Dues
Wilfred Grant Jr	35	15-Sep	Annual Dues
Yancy Roberts	35	6-Sep	Annual Dues
Yata H. Bazzie	35	6-Sep	Annual Dues
Zaizay Jomah	35	7-Sep	Annual Dues
TOTAL	2,415.00		

DONATIONS

NAME of MEMBER	Amount Received USD	DATE	PURPOSE
Roberta Rashid	25	29-Oct	Thinkers Village
Quentina Stewart	25	29-Oct	Thinkers Village
John Pearson	50	26-Oct	Thinkers Village
Rena Jarrett	25	26-Oct	Thinkers Village
Jestina Gray	40	26-Oct	Thinkers Village
Sebastian Teclar	100	10-Nov	Thinkers Village
Womi Neal	50	9-Nov	Thinkers Village
Jualo Edwin Lloyd	50	29-Oct	Thinkers Village
Gledy Wareibi	50	27-Oct	Thinkers Village
Christian A Peabody	100		Thinkers Village
Emmanuel Roy Smith	20	11-Sept	Bereavement Fund
Total	515		