



Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA, Inc.

*Motto: Unity * Vision * Service*

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COMMUNIQUE FROM THE INAUGURAL CONVENTION Held on June 24-26, 2016 in Tyler, Texas

Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA, Inc. (MNI USA INC) is a non-profit 501c3 organization of select indigenes of Ibibio tribe of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria residing in the United States of America, who solemnly and firmly resolve to live in peace, unity and harmony as members of Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA, Inc. for the promotion of unity, love, service and progress among the entire Ibibio people.

- ❖ Whereas, the inaugural national convention of Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA INC was held on June 24-26, 2016 at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Tyler, Texas, the City of Roses (Love).
- ❖ Whereas, all the chapters were fully represented at the convention including Atlanta, Houston, Michigan, Philadelphia, Tyler, Washington, DC.
- ❖ Whereas, this was the inaugural convention, after the settlement of the court case and the change of our organization's name and structure in April 2016, the entire membership and chapters are still intact, and they overwhelmingly support the leadership of Mboho Ndito Ibibio, USA Inc. in their decision to resolve the court case, in order to independently and freely voice our concerns for the safety and welfare of Ibibio people worldwide and concentrate our resources for the development of our Ibibio youth through our scholarship program and to support other programs/projects.
- ❖ Whereas, the organization has adopted a new logo, motto (above), a new uniform, with royal blue basic color for the wrapper, and members shall be address as Uko-anwan for women and Uko-Iden for men.
- ❖ Whereas, this convention was well-attended by majority of our members, with a good presence of our youth and young adults, and it was jam-packed with various activities and programs, including the traditional Ibibio-style reception, business meeting, gala night with youth performances, fundraising and cultural displays.
- ❖ Whereas, the young adult members, who are professionals in various fields, officially launched their Akwa Ibom Mentoring Initiative to assist college students and recent college graduates with networking, career and professional development and self-improvement.
- ❖ Whereas, the general assembly unanimously agreed to continue with the membership life insurance and scholarship programs, as well as our major project of building a national secretariat of Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA, Inc. and community center in Houston, Texas.
- ❖ Whereas, the Saturday Gala Night program was graced by Obong (Barrister) Udo C.J. George, the President of Esop Ndito Isong Esien Ibibio in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria, who enlightened us with the current state of affairs in Ibibio land.

National Executive Officers – Sylvanus Okon, President, **Dr. Philip Udo-Inyang**, Vice President; **Joseph Ibokette**, Secretary; **Isong Ekpenyong**, Assistant Secretary; **Dr. Mac Ukpong**, Treasurer; **Emayak Etim**, Financial Secretary; **Ibok Esema**, Public Relations Officer; **Michael Nsuk**, Welfare Officer; **Gloria Udoh**; Women Leader; **Obong Effiong Mbaba**, Provost; **Eme Nsuk**, Chair BOT.

- ❖ Whereas, the Gala Night attendees witnessed the inaugural commencement of new members into Mboho Ndito Ibibio USA, Inc. in grand Ibibio traditional style.
- ❖ Whereas, Tyler Chapter executives and members showed great commitment and sacrifice in successfully hosting this inaugural convention, including the "all day and all night hospitality", within a short-time of organizational re-structuring. We express our gratitude to them.
- ❖ Whereas, MNI USA INC affirmed that we are not against any government in Akwa Ibom State, but MNI USA INC will always be the voice for any Ibibio son or daughter who is unjustly humiliated, tortured, kidnapped and/or killed.
- ❖ Whereas, MNI general assembly resolved to hold the next National Council Meeting in Washington DC on March 4th, 2017 and the National Convention in Houston, Texas on June 23rd-25th, 2017.

Now therefore, be it resolved that since MNI USA INC. is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, fully registered and autonomous entity, it must adhere to the laws of United States of America, conducting honest and humanitarian activities. MNI USA INC is a strong organization with viable chapters in various cities and states with many members, focused on our goals and objectives, and we encourage all the good people of Ibibio tribe with integrity, resident in the United States, to join us in the service to our people. Membership in MNI USA INC, is only open to Ibibio people, who are strong-minded, committed, disciplined and selfless individuals, and members are provided with the privileges and benefits of MNI USA INC, including life insurance coverage. Also, we invite all our members, friends and well-wishers to our 2nd Annual National Convention on June 23-25, 2017. For more information about our organization, please visit <http://www.mbohonditoibibiousa.org>.

Uko-Iden Joseph Ibokette
National Secretary, MNI USA INC.

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