



## **Board of Trustees**

MHA is governed by volunteer, unpaid Board of Trustees. The purpose of our Board of Trustees is to ensure execution of MHA's mission and strategic plan. In addition, they provide advice on policy, advocacy, fundraising and public relations. Our board is currently comprised of community representatives and self-advocates from Oklahoma, Ghana and Liberia who have accepted their position based on their personal experience, passion and expertise.



**Dr. Arthur Richardson, Chairman Emeritus.** He received his B.A. degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University, his MBA (High Honors) from Oklahoma City University and doctorate (Old Testament) from the Southern California School of Theology. He has done additional graduate study at Cambridge University (England) Boston University, and at Tianjin University of Finance and Economics (China).

In his early years, Arthur Richardson worked as an announcer in radio broadcasting. Later, he wrote and directed his own weekly television program. He was appointed over time to each of the three largest United Methodist congregations in the South Dakota Annual Conference.

After 6 years in public relations Dr. Richardson accepted a position at Westmar University and became Iowa's youngest of 30 university presidents. He served in that role for 9 years, leading a turnaround of the troubled institution that eliminated both short and long-term debt of \$6million, doubled the enrollment and established a multi-million dollar endowment.

Upon leaving Westmar University, Richardson established his own speaking and consulting practice, IBMI, Inc. (International Business Management Institute) and traveled around the world as a professional speaker. He has traveled extensively in Asia and spoken in 12 countries.

He has been interviewed by *Newsweek*, *The Wall Street Journal*, Reuters News Service, and National Public Radio and has appeared on the *NBC Today Show* and *NBC Sunday Morning News*.

Arthur and his wife, Charlene, have two children: Scott, Washington, DC and Amber, and her husband Ben, of Houston. He enjoys walking, reading, classical and bluegrass music, traveling and learning conversational German and Mandarin.



**Anthony W. Deline, II President.** Devout Christian, Humanitarian and Patriot, Dedicated Public Servant. A graduate of B W Harris Episcopal School. Dip; the University of Liberia BA, management; Admitted into the Order of the Star of Africa, with the rank of Grand Band.

In Government: Deputy Managing Director for Administration with three Managing Directors, Liberia Refining Company (LPRC). Pres. Liberia Mining Company (LIMINCO), now Mital Steel. Earlier, I worked for LAMCO/LIMINCO for ten(10) years serving as Computer Room Supervisor, Goods Receiving Supervisor, Head, Physical Handling and Transportation, and Head, Local Purchasing, receiving training and obtaining Advanced Diplomas in Administration and Supervision, Material Administration/ Physical Handling, Transportation and Purchasing.

In the Church: Formal Principal, BW Harris Episcopal School; (BWHES) Formal President, Board of Trustees (BWHES); Member, Cathedral Chapter, Trinity Cathedral, Episcopal Church of Liberia (ECL); Member, Standing Committee (ECL); Chairman, Board of Education (ECL).

In social life: A Sportsman; played several including, Volleyball, Soccer, and Lawn Tennis. Active member of the Masonic Craft, Grand Lodge of Masons, Republic of Liberia (GLL,RL); Order of the Eastern Star (OES, RL). In the Craft, I served as Jr. Warden and Worshipful Master, St. Paul Lodge no.2; Grand Treasurer, Jr. Grand Warden and currently, Deputy Grand Master, (GLL, RL). In the OES, I served as Worthy Patron, Adah Chapter no.4; General Grand Associate Patron, General Grand Patron and now, Past Grand Patron and Trustee, O E S, RL. A family man with ten (10) children, married twice.



**N. Oswald Tweh Sr., Esq.** *First Vice President.* In October 1999, Mr. Tweh co-founded Pierre, Tweh & Associates, which has become a successful and leading Liberian law firm. He is presently serving as the Managing Partner of Pierre, Tweh & Associates.

He has served in following positions: Managing Partner, Brumskine & Associates, Member, National Board of Bar Examiners, Supreme Court of Liberia, Member, Board of Directors, Liberia Telecommunications Corporation (LTC), Member, Tax Commission of Liberia, Member, Grievance & Ethics Committee, Liberia National Bar Association, Chairman, Board of Directors, Industrial Property Office, Chairman, Provisional Board of Directors, Liberia Telecommunications Corporation, Member, Judicial Inquiry Commission, Supreme Court of Liberia, Co-chairman, Judicial Training Institute Steering Committee, Supreme Court of Liberia, Member, Board of Directors of the Liberian National Oil Company, and, Member, Executive Council of the Liberia Chamber of Commerce.

He is also affiliates with several social organizations: Master Mason and a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Past Master of Oriental Lodge #1, A.F. & A.M., Past Patron of Martha Chapter #10, Order of Eastern Star, and District Deputy General Grand Patron, Sinoe District, General Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Republic of Liberia, and a member of the Rotary Club of Monrovia.

He earned a B.Sc. from the Cuttington University College (now Cuttington University), Suacoco, Bong County, Liberia and received his law degree from the Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law, University of Liberia, Monrovia, Liberia, in 1986; both with high honors. In 1988, he was awarded the LL.M. degree from the Harvard Law School.

He is a member of the Liberian National Bar Association, Counsellor-At-Law of the Supreme Court of Liberia, and member of the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

He is an active member in his church, S. Trowen Nagbe United Methodist Church, Monrovia, Liberia and has also held many leadership position. He is married and have four children.



**Burke Major**, *Second Vice President.* Burke is a team member at United Airlines. He serves as a Service Director, where he is focused on leading and developing the skills of front-line co-workers with the goal of delivering consistent and excellent customer service and delivering a quality product in accordance with his Company's guidelines.

His passion is Aviation Management. He served as a Commercial Pilot for Air Liberia - Liberia National Airlines for several years. He has worked in many capacities in and around aircrafts in Liberia and the USA.

He is a humanitarian and enjoys travelling around the world with his family. He is married with four adult children and four grandchildren.



**Eden Charles Reeves II** *Secretary*. has over twenty-five (25) years' experience in program and systems development & operations within the finance, banking and IT Sectors in areas of financial, operation, integrated and technology (IT) audits, Project/Program Management, Systems Development, Banking – Investment, Financial, Treasury Operations, Human Capital Management, Information Management, Management Consultancy, IT Forensics,

Small business (private sector) development and start-up. He is a 1988 graduate with dual major in Finance/Marketing from Adelphi University, Garden City, New York - BA Business Administration.

His objective is to work in a management capacity on programmes that promote sustainable development at the national, sector and community levels, with a special interest in targeting the use of information and communication technologies as a tool and enabler in the processes. Through work experiences and training, he has acquired the following skill sets that support his objective: management abilities, building and managing teams; contract/vendor management; leading medium to large sized teams; determining and managing budgets; excellent organizational, interpersonal skills, and project management.

He has worked in several capacities including: Chief Information Technology Officer, Ministry of Finance (MoF), Monrovia, Liberia, Chairman of Cable Consortium of Liberia; Chief Executive Officer, REDEN Consulting, Monrovia, Liberia; Senior Project Manager, SoftTribe, Accra, Ghana; Information Technology Manager, International Bank (IB) Liberia, Monrovia, Liberia; Global IT Audit Manager, Vice President, Goldman Sachs, New York, New York, Information Security Officer, Asst. Vice President, Alliance Capital Management; New York, New York; Senior EDP Auditor, Citibank, New York, New York.



**Suzie Drake**, *Treasurer-USA*. Suzie is a proud, lifelong Oklahoman and United Methodist Church member. She was raised in Jenks, Oklahoma and graduated as Valedictorian of Jenks High School in 1966. She received a scholarship from Phillips Petroleum Company and attended Northeastern State College, The University of Tulsa, and Memphis State University before receiving her Bachelor of Business Administration, Cum Laude, from Langston University through the University Center at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Suzie has enjoyed a thirty-five year career as an accountant in the Oil & Gas Industry and as a member of the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies.

For thirty years, Suzie served on numerous boards and committees at the Jenks United Methodist Church and is now an active member of Church of the Servant, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She has two daughters and four grandchildren.



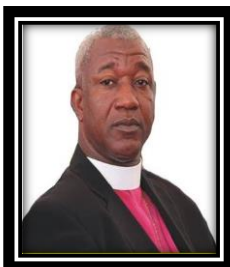
**Borkai Sirleaf**, *Treasurer-Liberia*. Borkai is Deputy Director General/Operations with General Services Agency (Government of Liberia). He earned his B.Sc. in Zoology from Howard University in Washington D. C. in 1978, and his M. Sc. in Soil Science from the Prairie View A. M. University in Prairie View, in 1982. He is co-owner in a number of business ventures in Liberia. He has travelled a lot. He is active in community organizations and member of several social and athletic clubs. He is married with six children



**Karl R. Smith, *Trustee.*** He is a Partner and Chief Technology Officer of MWETANA Consulting & Technology Group Inc. He leads MWETANA's engineering teams to deliver innovative, excellent and quality products and services within the market. In this position as CTO, Karl's responsibilities include developing, maintaining and advancing the company's rapid growing clients base, as well as leveraging his expertise to expand capabilities and services that have broad market value.

Karl is a multi-skilled ICT professional with over 8 years in top executive roles in both the public and private sector with speciality in (wired/wireless) network infrastructures, deployment of all web and mobile applications using Microsoft's .Net and Open Source. Karl has served as a technology lecturer in several ICT institutions in Liberia and Ghana respectively. He is a founding member of the Information Communication and Technology Professional of Liberia (ICTAL).

Karl holds a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration and an Associate Degree in Computer Science with (honor).



**Bishop George D. Harris, *Trustee.*** He is not a stranger to the body of Christ. He was born in the city of Monrovia where he also grew up. In 1976, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Since then he has been following Jesus.

He is a 1988 graduate of the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary with a Bachelor Degree in Theology.

Bishop Harris is the senior Pastor of the sanctuary of praise, Philadelphia Central Church and the presiding Bishop of Philadelphia Church International Inc. The Ministry has about twenty churches (20) three (3) churches in the United States of America and seventeen (17) in Liberia.

Bishop Harris has been in Christian Ministry for over thirty (30) years now. He is a pastor to pastors. His position is in line with bringing victory and fulfillment to all he comes in contact with through the message of Jesus Christ. He is a friend to the friendless. He is the past president of the Liberia Fellowship of Full Gospel Ministers and the vice chairman of the council of the Bible society of Liberia and member of the Advisory Council of the Pentecostal Union of Liberia, President and Founder of Victory restoration Ministries International Inc. Bishop Harris is one of the few Liberia Ministers who the lord has raised in his generation with an unique Anointing. He has an apostolic grace upon his life. His Radio and Television programs "Hour of Destiny" are being used to touch the lives of many in Liberia.

Bishop Harris travels extensively in Africa and America Preaching uncompromising Gospel of Jesus Christ in power of the Holy Spirit. He also conducts and speaks at revivals, leadership and church workers conferences.

In 1985 he got married to Rev. Mth. Musu M. Harris and this union is blessed with four (4) beautiful daughters. Georgette, Georgia, Georglynn and Georgina.

### **Advisory Board**

The Advisory Board serves as a valuable complement to the Board of Directors by providing expertise, support and direction on a specific targeted area of concern to MHA.





**James E. Pierre, Trustee.** Education: B.A., Cuttington University College, Liberia 1968; M.A., Boston University Graduate School, Boston, Massachusetts, 1971; J.D., Howard University Law School, Washington D.C., 1974.

Professional Qualifications: Counsellor-At-Law - Supreme Court of Liberia/Supreme Court, New York State, U.S.A.

Professional Association: Member - Liberia National Bar Association; New York State Bar Association; American Bar Association.

Specialized Experience: Taxation; Contracts; Forestry Concession Agreements; Litigation; Arbitration and Conflict Resolution.

Career History: Assistant Professor of Law, Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law, University of Liberia, 1974-1980; Adjunct Professor of Media Law, Mass Communications Department, University of Liberia, 1983-1988. Founding Member LIPCORE \* (Liberia Initiative for Peace Building and Conflict Resolution), 1994.

\* A Carter Center/Emory University Sponsored Conflict Resolution Group.



**Emmanuel Dei-Tumi, Trustee.** He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Ghana and a Masters in Leadership and Governance from Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), Diploma in Insurance from the Chartered Institute of Insurance, UK, Diploma in Youth Development from the University of Ghana.

He is the founding President and Chief Executive Officer of the Future Leaders Group comprising Foundation for Future Leaders International, Future Leaders Investment Micro Finance Ltd, Future Leaders Cooperative Credit Union, Future Leaders Investment Club and Wisdom Centre International, a national organization providing training for corporate institutions as well coaching and mentoring, intellectual assistance, and fund-raising opportunities for youth-focused institutions and faith based organizations.

Headquartered in Accra, Ghana, the Future Leaders Group also assist other youth and community based organizations and socially-concerned investors in accessing business and investment opportunities in yet untapped neighborhoods and improving individuals, through collaboration with community-focused religious institutions.

His singular mission is to develop the potential of the next generation of national and indeed world class leaders and build on their unique strengths, and resources to help create and sustain thriving neighborhood and communities.

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