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Press Release

LACC ENDS INTERNATIONAL ANTI- CORRUPTION DAY CELEBRATION IN GBARNGA, BONG COUNTY

Tuesday, December 13, 2016: The Liberia Anti- Corruption Commission (LACC) in collaboration with UNDP and USAID/LPAC project celebrated International Anti – Corruption Day on December 6-9, 2016 with series of activities in Gbarnga, Bong County under the global theme: Corruption an impediment to the sustainable development goals.

The President of the Cuttington University in Suakoko, Bong County, Rev. Dr. Herman Browne who served as guest speaker said, he sees no clear cut victory in the fight against corruption.

Delivering the keynote address at this year’s International Anti-Corruption Day in Gbarnga, he said victory is actually in the continued fight against corruption and the LACC should not expect victory at the end of the journey but said the success of the Commission is in the journey against corruption. He said the work of the LACC is to stop corrupt officials from gaining grounds and keep those officials in a defensive position. He said the LACC should not expect to win the war.

The Episcopal Prelate told the gathering that the celebration is meant to bring to people’s attention how individuals must take note, that their individual action locally has national consequences. He called on the LACC not to feel discourage when there is no sign of progress in the fight against corruption, adding the Commission should keep up the fight.

He added “all stakeholders including marketers, government and other organizations must recognize that we are in this for a long haul. The battle is not easy but worth it and we should not be fooled that we are winning the war against corruption through visibility.”

He said in addition to sensitization and educational programs, additional measures must be put in place to ensure corrupt officials are identified quickly and called on Liberians to mustard, cultivate the kind of level or measure of collective communion to rage against the disease in anyway it manifests itself. Dr. Browne warned that public talk about corruption does not necessarily means those who talk want to see corruption go away. He said corruption exist when individuals exchange integrity for comfort and gain and as a result, citizenry do not trust that the system which should be working for them will indeed work in their favor.

Dr. Browne said “the fight is not only LACC’s business but all of us as Liberians and unless we take up the mantle and fight and realize that the victory is fighting for what is right, we all will lose.”